

As a matter of fact, the lady was told to go out and check them out. There's real protection for our tax money!

Am I misunderstanding something about needs and priorities here? Is ticketing the old lady a sure way to some extra income for the PD, but checking out a strange car in someone's driveway in the middle of the night an unlikely source of income?

Is this how we build up trust to work together?

*Ilse Kolbuszowski
Eugene*

COMMON SENSE

If you're Jeffrey Luers, you get 22 years for setting fire to some SUVs. If you try to blow up LAX, you get 22 years. Makes sense to me.

*Brian Wilson
Eugene*

HOORAY FOR HODGERT

Eugene taxpayers are extremely fortunate to have high school physics teacher Mike Hodgert working for them. I met Mr. Hodgert at the end of July in John Day at a race of small electric vehicles built by his high school students. The teamwork and variety of skills involved in making these cars provide lifelong skills to Eugene students. Mr. Hodgert's enthusiasm and teaching skills for the Electrathon project are truly amazing. I could see many benefits of having all students take his course.

*Steve Hicks
White Sulphur Springs, Mont.*

HELP ANTHONY

In all of Eugene, one of the folks who for the past 10 years quietly served as a community member to emulate, has been our friend Anthony Vanderford — a fine sculptor, tie-dye artist, father, husband, friend. Busy with his life, Anthony chose to also be an active member of the community, working with at-risk kids, mentoring budding young artists in projects such as school murals, panels and face masks.

Today, Anthony, 34, is fighting cancer of the liver. Please celebrate his life, give thanks for all of his service to Eugene, and support Anthony and his family by buying raffle tickets (\$5 each, 5 for \$20 — great prizes!) for a drawing Aug. 27. Tickets are at the Lane Arts Council, Saturday Market, Morning Glory Café, or by direct donation to the Anthony Cancer Fund #380101 at the Oregon Community Credit Union.

*Justine Cooper
Eugene*

PO'D AT THE PO

I just wanted to ask, why do we have such a horrible customer service at the Post Office? Not only that you have to stay in a

line, sometimes over half an hour, watching Post Office workers moving so slowly with bored faces; then, there is never enough parking space at the downtown office. And I don't know why they don't have a small corner with some toys for customers with kids, so, for example, my twins will not run around and make the Post Office lady get frustrated, because she can't understand they are 3-year-old toddlers, and running and laughing are normal things for that age.

*Tetyana Beede
Eugene*

LINE IN THE SAND

In a ditch along a gravel road near Crawford, Texas, a grieving mother clutching a picture of her son is gallantly doing something that should have been done years ago. Cindy Sheehan has vowed not to end her vigil until President Bush can tell her face to face: What was the noble cause her son Casey, sacrificed his life for in Iraq?

Meanwhile, out of fear or shame, the news media would rather talk about a teenager who has been missing for more than two months in Aruba.

A line has been finally drawn in the sand. This war must stop until we have a reason just and noble enough to send young American soldiers to their death.

*Michael T. Hinojosa
Drain*

BE PREDICTABLE

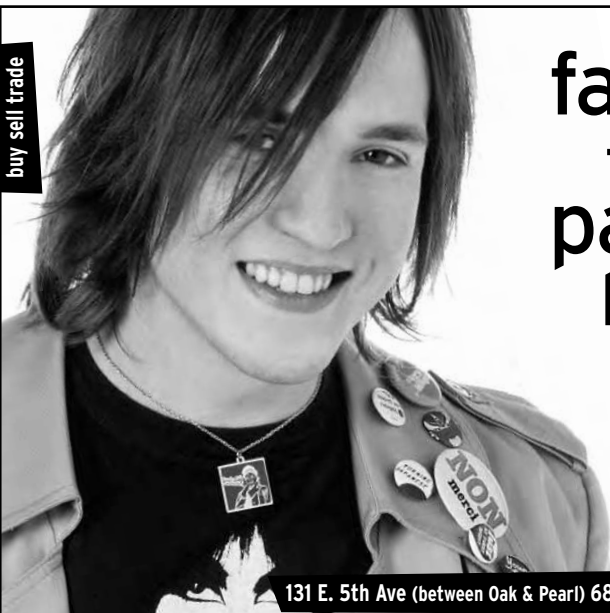
To all automobile drivers in Eugene: How wonderful it is that you want to help me out as I wait to push my infant son around downtown Eugene. May I suggest that when you see me with the pram, waiting at an uncontrolled intersection, devoid of crossing signal or pedestrian crossing that, instead of slowing down or stopping in the middle of the street, you continue to drive your car in a regular, controlled and predictable fashion. For those of you wishing to show support, a simple wave and a thumbs-up as you drive by would be great.

I know when you slow down, you mean to be helpful; but every time this happens I wonder several things: A) is that driver lost? B) is that driver waiting for me to step into the street so they can speed up? and, C) is that driver going to get rear-ended by the driver behind them?

It's great that chivalry is not dead in Eugene, but as it's been more than 10 years since my last CPR class, I'm afraid if you keep this sort of driving up it soon will be.

*John Burrridge
Eugene*

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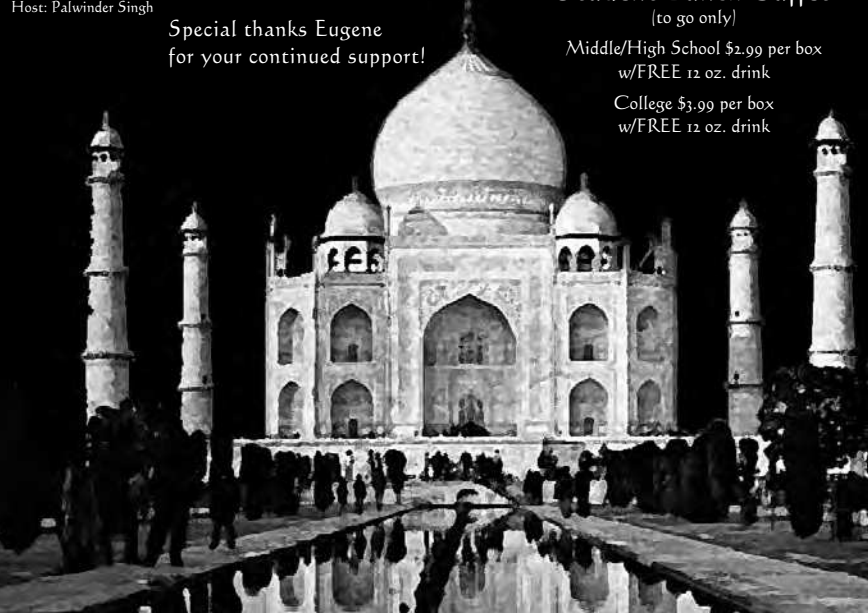
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