

this appear in our regular media is horrible.

There needs to be zero tolerance for racist attitudes here in Eugene, for all groups, not just the ones that *EW* deems "PC." Many people have commented that they get an uncomfortable feeling of anti-Semitism in the *EW* hidden under a thin veneer of "political correctness." This time it is out in the open.

The Jewish community of Eugene deserves a genuine apology from *EW* and a promise that you'll be more sensitive, and show true respect in the future whenever mentioning this minority ethnic group.

Lee Warner
Eugene

RELOCATE O'HARA

As an alternative to the PeaceHealth Clinic site for a new McKenzie-Willamette hospital, Eugene and Triad should consider the location of Jefferson Memorial Park and O'Hara School locations on West 18th.

As opposed to the myriad of problems for the downtown site, not the least of which are timing, cost and what to do with the clinic until RiverBend is completed, acquiring the sites near O'Hara would involve only the relocation of the school and a few older houses along 18th. The sites contain plenty of open space, are located across Amazon Creek near the Fairgrounds (for future expansion possibilities), are larger than the four blocks presently being considered, are located along one of Eugene's major bike paths (for alternative transportation) and could have easy road access from 13th, 18th, Jefferson and the 105 ramps. In addition, Amazon Creek provides an opportunity for enhanced landscaping possibilities throughout the site.

As an alternative for O'Hara, the city owns plenty of park space near Kid Sports (in Westmoreland Park) that could be devoted to a new O'Hara School with fields shared by Kid Sports, O'Hara and Jefferson Middle School. This location would allow O'Hara's entrance to move off of busy 18th Avenue, would eliminate land acquisition costs to the city and allow Triad's land purchase dollars be spent on a new O'Hara school.

Mark Sixel
Eugene

MISSED STORY

Seldom have I ever seen *EW* shy away from a local political controversy such as the rumor surrounding Eugene School District 4-J's attempt to confiscate public property to fatten the coffers of 4-J.

As *EW* has already been advised, District 4-J has reportedly made a "deal" with the Santa Clara Grange to share in the financial gain of selling the historic building and adjoining property to a private developer instead of retaining the publicly owned property as public property designed to benefit the

community of Santa Clara.

The question in the minds of many Santa Clara taxpayers' minds focus upon the organization. Is it legal to share 8 percent of public funds with the Santa Clara Grange? Has *EW* missed something in their reporting of local news?

John Fluent
Eugene

AS WE SINK

I just read a copy of the proposed Iraqi constitution. It's obvious that freedom and democracy is on the march. It has marched out of America. The Iraqi constitution bans all forms of torture, mental and physical. Here in America, President Bush has threatened to use his fist veto to kill a torture ban. The Iraqi constitution also calls for free health care and education for all of its citizens. Sixty-five percent of Americans think Bush is doing a bad job. I have my doubts about the remaining 35 percent, since 20 percent of Americans think the sun revolves around the Earth.

It's time to educate those still supporting Bush before we sink into the Dark Ages.

Michael T. Hinojosa
Drain

HEALTHY LUNCHES

This is National School Lunch Week, proclaimed by President Kennedy in 1963 to raise public awareness of child nutrition. More than 28 million children in 100,000 schools and childcare facilities participate in U.S. Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program.

Unfortunately, the lunch fare is made up largely of USDA's surplus meat, milk, and cheese commodities, which contain excess protein, saturated fats, and cholesterol and account for the epidemic of obesity, diabetes, and heart disease afflicting our children. Moreover, most nutrition education materials are provided to schools by the meat, dairy, and junk food industries.

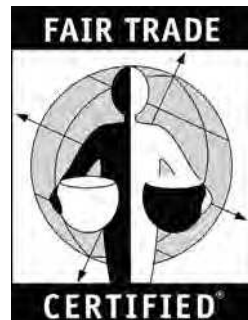
According to USDA's own surveys, 90 percent of our children consume excessive amounts of fat and only 15 percent eat the minimum daily recommended servings of fruits and vegetables. These early dietary flaws become lifelong addictions, contributing to an escalating public health crisis.

Not surprisingly, 5.3 million American children are overweight, 25 percent have high cholesterol and blood pressure, and 30,000 suffer from type 2 diabetes, once limited to adults.

But change is on the way. Hawaii, California, and New York legislatures passed resolutions asking schools to offer a daily vegan or vegetarian option to every child. National health advocacy organizations and local parents groups have mobilized to improve school food quality.



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