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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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This is in marked contrast to the Connor/Woolley procedure downtown, where no community-oriented provisions have been made and no input sought. Once plans for the downtown development are submitted there will be little opportunity for public input unless zoning changes are requested, and even then the scope of discussion will be limited.

Connor and Woolley can easily invite public input before these plans hit the planning director's desk. Many residents have offered ideas in letters to the editor in the *R-G* and *EW*. A Feb. 19 *R-G* article outlines excellent ideas presented by UO's Urban Design Studio students for the Whole Foods/parking garage — let's see what they can offer for the eight-block downtown area.

Enable us to participate in planning, facilitate public dialogue before it's a done deal, and we could turn out to be a supportive and inspired community, enjoying the flavor of a downtown we helped to create — not to mention shopping and spending in this environment.

Alternatively, if some developers are unwilling to listen to community ideas, maybe it's time to legislate regulations to require this.

*Mora Dewey
Cottage Grove*

GOAL OF PEACE

I am a recovering violent person, and I see a lot of similarity between personal recovery and what could be called "cultural recovery."

Our culture, our unexamined assumptions and rules for behavior, tells us that our life is constantly in danger, that violent struggle is necessary to resolve conflict, and that wars are inevitable. I question those ideas and suggest that the Department of Peace and Nonviolence legislation currently in Congress (HR 3760 and S 1756) could release us from the prison of fear that we are in. Because of fear-mongering in our culture, it's all too easy to adopt a victim stance, a fortified-bunker mentality that supports the inevitability of war, which becomes a self-fulfilling prophesy. It refuses to consider the possibility of peace as a goal, or even the intermediate steps towards that goal. We have to ask, is fear squeezing the life out of our nation? Will we literally die of fright?

The heart of America is diseased by a culture of violence that we created, and we can create anew a culture of nonviolence when we understand what nonviolence really is. Simply put, it is cooperation instead of competition. Nonviolence is not just refusing violence; it is also a courageous commitment to resolve conflict through open, honest, and compassionate communication.

Peter DeFazio has co-sponsored the house bill. Gordon Smith and Ron Wyden have not signed on. Call them, write them. We, the people, can give them the opportunity to bend history in a new direction.

*David Hazen
Eugene*

IMAGINE

Imagine where the War on Terrorism would be now if we had, as suggested by one of our founding fathers, a Department of Peace (DOP). Imagine how many fewer killed and injured Americans, Iraqis and allies there would be today if the DOP had been able to consider and explain the cultural differences of an attack on Iraq.

Imagine how much less money would have been borrowed from other nations and

future generations to finance a failed military mission if the president, secretary of defense and secretary of state had consulted the DOP. Imagine how much more international respect and power the U.S. would have if the DOP had outlined options and consequences before the "Mission" had been initiated. Imagine the state of our economy if the DOP had been able to estimate the cost of an inevitable extended military engagement.

It is not too late to do more than protest. Imagine the political impact of millions of U.S. citizens calling for cost-effective, non-violent interventions and a Department of Peace. Demand that Sens. Smith and Wyden and Rep. DeFazio act now to create a Department of Peace before the unimaginable happens. More information is available at: DOPcampaign.org.

*Jim Petit &
nine others
Eugene*

UNREINVENTED

!?!@!!? In my letter to the editor (3/23), you misquoted me. You turned a sentence of mine upside-down.

You printed: "No matter how much the bosses (themselves *reinvented* and static)." I wrote: "No matter how much the bosses, themselves *unreinvented* and static ..."

I believe my own words to be truer than the words you mistakenly printed.

Correction called for!

*Marcia Sandhu
Eugene*

EDITOR'S NOTE: Our apologies. Most likely a typist error transcribing a hand-written letter. Nice penmanship, by the way.

LEAD ESTABLISHMENT

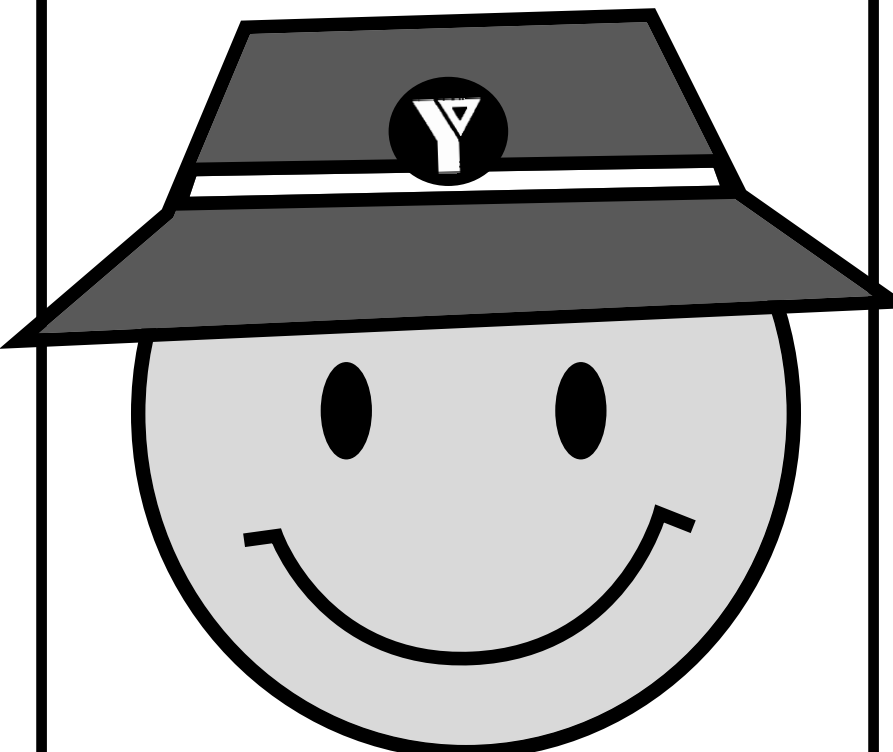
I read with interest the article "Trees for Teens" (2/23), about the efforts of LEAD — a non-profit organization for low-income teens. LEAD is an outstanding organization that continues to positively influence and serve its teen members. It does, indeed, provide Leadership, Education, Adventure and Direction. However, the claim that it began in 1998 as a partnership with the city of Eugene is incorrect.

In fact, LEAD was initially started in early 1996 as a leadership group for youth living in Public Housing owned and managed by the Housing and Community Services Agency of Lane County (HACSA) — the local Public Housing Authority. I was present at the weekly evening meeting when the actual name "LEAD" (as an acronym for the different activities) was developed in a brainstorming session by the Public Housing teens themselves. In late 1996, HACSA contracted with the Willamalane Teen Center in Springfield to help with the organization and implementation of planned activities, and in 1998 HACSA began contracting with the City of Eugene's Outdoor Program.

In light of the very positive effect LEAD has had on the lives of low-income teens, it is a disservice to the Public Housing adults and teens (who volunteered countless hours in creating, naming, organizing, recruiting members for and publicizing their own LEAD Teen Club) not to give them credit for their efforts in a public article like this. I hope the adults directing LEAD will continue to assist low-income teens in committing to school and to their "life assignments" while giving credit where credit is due.

*Charles D. Hawk
Resident Services Director, HACSA
Springfield*

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