

those public officials who are responsible show few signs that they intend to change course. Tens of thousands of animals have been killed by LCARA in the past dozen years. LCARA kills 70 to 74 percent of all cats received. How can anyone of conscience defend this horrific reality?

Far more people need to make it clear to Lane County government and to LCARA that they will no longer tolerate our public shelter being run without humane and progressive written guidelines and programs. LCARA needs to hear the message loudly and clearly that it is repugnant for them to be killing adoptable animals and that the agency must establish a sound, online record system for every single animal that enters its doors. There should be some sort of third-party or independent oversight of this policy to ensure that it is faithfully followed by shelter personnel.

If you care about dogs and cats, please make it clear to the Lane County Board of Commissioners that you find it highly objectionable that the animals at LCARA have been relegated to the very lowest position of importance on Lane County's list of department concerns.

*Susan McDonald
Eugene*

SET THE DATE

The president's continuation of a failed policy — to simply increase his efforts to succeed when the facts indicate that terrorist attacks are on the rise — is similar to the behavior of an alcoholic who believes that just one more drink will cure his hangover. There is no polite, rational way to convince him otherwise. The president must be allowed to experience the full anguish of his failure to win the war, to win the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people and to win the support of the American people.

The U.S. may not be able to stop the violence in Iraq, but the president has an obligation to listen to the American people's demand for a change in course. Diplomacy, political processes and international cooperation might help end the violence and establish a process that could end the civil war. Without these steps the U.S. will remain part of the

problem, rather than part of the solution.

Setting a date for withdrawal publicly will create the best chance of bringing all parties to the violent conflict in Iraq to the bargaining table. Many of the groups fighting the government are genuine nationalists who would be willing to lay down their arms and enter the political process when it includes Syria and Iran in planning and implementing a successful U.S. withdrawal and the stabilization and reconstruction of Iraq with the supervision of an international agency.

*David Hazen
Eugene*

IMPEACH BUSH NOW

George W. Bush and Lyndon Johnson proved that the U.S. is guilty of massive bipartisan criminal warfare. We need to set a fresh course for peace and decency by impeaching the Bush administration and ending the Iraq war soon. If the rest of the world does not gain respect for the U.S. through truth-telling, then the U.S. is doomed to mediocrity and decay.

*Bob Saxton
Eugene*

ECOLOGICAL EUGENE?

In response to Randy Kolb's (4/5) letter: First, I happen to be a woman. The solution is not to move out of Eugene but to work with our community, city council, city planners, developers, small business owners and residents to determine what alternatives and options are viable. One of the essential questions to ask is whether a "critical mass" approach will preserve ecological integreties and downtown's historic character while enlivening cultural diversity in our community.

Rapidly accelerating climate change, which is caused by greenhouse gas, is now fueling dangerous environmental events. Data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration illustrate that builders are responsible for almost half (48 percent) of annual emissions. Immediate action in the building sector is essential (U.N. News Centre, 3/29 and World Changing, 4/3).

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