

garages when the Broadway Place has 729 spaces which are 80 percent empty and downtown has a total of 15,254 parking spaces (*EW*, 3/2). We need a mass transit system that provides free bus/shuttle service within the downtown area, more frequent service, service to outlying areas and extended late night service, especially from Thursday through Saturday evenings.

Ecological cities rely on renewable energy sources that are independent. They are compact, built for pedestrians and bicycles and zoned for a diverse number of uses in a small area so that residents can walk or take public transit. Ecological cities can also leave space for gardens where resi-

dents can grow some of their own food.

Elected officials in our community have an ethical responsibility to all citizens and to future generations. This must come first. Let's move forward with improving our existing transportation needs and work together for quality of life in Eugene.

*Planet Glassberg
Eugene*

PEACEFUL DOESN'T WORK

The argument that peaceful protest is the only way to effect change proves to be false, just as the assertion that property damage is the only tactic bound to elicit violent reactions by the increasingly milita-

rized police. Any resistance perceived as potentially effective, including large gatherings in some cities, is met with brute force, sending the clear message that if you attempt to alter the status quo, you'll be teargassed, shot with rubber bullets or live ammunition, imprisoned, perhaps killed.

It's fashionable to attend protest rallies, wave signs in front of government buildings, pass out leaflets encouraging people to contact their elected representatives demanding legislation, march in the streets with a police escort — after procuring a legal permit to stage the march, of course.

Mostly, these activities don't threaten anyone and leave participants feeling satis-

fied they accomplished something; they got the word out.

Law enforcement, aka "public safety," exists to protect property. While people feel safe because their possessions are secure, they ignore injustices permeating their existence, thus fooling themselves. Eventually the pressure will become too much, and their values will change. When Americans realize that their special place in the world is nothing more than an ephemeral sedative while the elite and powerful achieve their dreams of world dominance, they may choose to revolt. But for now, they speak out when it's convenient, choosing methodologies that achieve nothing.

As for voting, the definition of insanity comes to mind: Repeating the same action and each time expecting different results.

*Bess Seta
Eugene*

HOLY WHAT?

While visiting your fair city last week, I concluded that the people here are very kind and friendly. Much like where I am from. While here visiting our first grandchild for the first time and reading through the local publications such as yours, I noticed you had some very good articles like the \$100 laptop project led by a couple of OSU students. I noticed an ad on page 19 of your March 29 issue listing a group called Holy F__ [sic] that will be performing for an audience of all ages. WHAT?

Are you aware of how damaging this word you feel free to print has become to society? I realize that this sounds old fashioned, and you must think that I am an uncultured hillbilly, so be it. The fact remains that the use of the F word is evil, always has been, always will be. As nice as your city is, it saddens me to think that my grandson could end up growing up in a place that tolerates your bad judgment. I hope and pray that you will be more sensitive to the good people of this city by keeping this kind of negativity out of print.

*Bill Sprafke
Bismarck, Ark.*

WHITEAKER BUTT PICKERS

My name is Buddy L. Thomas, a local to Eugene. Recently, some friends and I came together at Scobert Park to give thanks for Earth Day. We celebrated by spending much of the morning and afternoon cleaning up garbage in the park and surrounding areas of Whiteaker. Wow, what a noticeable difference this made. I want to thank all the kind people who took part in the cleaning up of the Whiteaker area this Earth Day. It is much appreciated. This effort was only the first step in cleaning up Eugene.

Also, special thanks to the core crew of individuals who have helped to make this idea of peace into a living and learning experience.

*Buddy L. Thomas
Eugene*

OXYJERK?

In regard to our profoundly dim-witted president, is the phrase "The honorable, trustworthy, fair and just George W. Bush," an oxymoron, oxyimbecile, oxyidiot, or all of the above?

*Terry Heintz
Eugene*

**It's time to decide...
...what kind of county we want.**

Here are the services Lane County can afford without federal funds or the passage of this measure:

Collect & Distribute Property Taxes * Property Tax Assessment * County Public Records * Concealed Handgun Licenses * Marriage Licenses * Family Law (Child support orders for more than 5,000 families) * Emergency Management (Disaster assistance & resources) * Traffic Safety Team * Contract Services (Law enforcement to Creswell, Veneta, dunes, marine & aviation) * Elections & Voter Registration * Felony Person Crimes * Juvenile Intake & Supervision * Jail Book-In & Segregation: 12 Beds * Juvenile Detention: 32 Beds * Jail South Annex: 112 Beds * Youth Services Management * Juvenile DA * Misdemeanor Person Crimes * High-Risk Infants (Maternal & child health for infants at risk of abuse & neglect) * Psychiatric Hospitalization Crisis Team * Rural Law Enforcement * Abuse Investigations for Adults With Developmental Disabilities * Non-Person Prosecution (Most serious cases – arson, burglary, car theft, forgery, etc.) * Jail 2nd Half of 3rd Flr: 48 Beds * Transport/Court Security * Jail North Annex: 84 beds * Support Services

All Total - Over \$18 Million Dollars

Here are the services Lane County will have to severely cut or eliminate without federal funds or the passage of this measure:

Violent Crimes Detectives * Parole & Probation – Domestic Violence * Jail 1st Half of 3rd Flr: 48 Beds * Search & Rescue * Mandated Treatment for Adult Sex Offenders * Services for Children with Developmental Disabilities * Services to Person with Severe Mental Illness * Psychiatric Care to Severely Emotionally Disturbed Children * Contracted Services for Family Violence, Abuse and Neglect * WIC (Health & nutrition for over 8,000 women, infants and children) * Early Prevention Programs * Pathways (Juvenile boys drug & alcohol treatment) * Community Health Centers * Civil Process * Community Corrections Cntr: 83 Beds * Contracted Drug Detoxification and Outpatient Services * Services for Adults with Developmental Disabilities * Lane County Animal Regulation – Enforcement and Abuse Investigation * Contracted Services for Homeless and At-Risk Youth * Methadone Services * Jail Intake Holding 2nd Flr: 35 Beds * Jail Close 2nd Flr Dorms: 53 Beds * Community Correction Cntr: additional 36 Beds * Contracted Meal Delivery to Elderly & Disabled * Contracted Prevention Services for Latino Families * Community Service Program (Alternative to incarceration) * Board of Property Tax Appeals * Forest Work Camp & Comm Crews: 65 Beds * Electronic Surveillance Program (Alternative to incarceration) * Forest Work Camp Housing: 35 Beds * Jail Intake Holding: 35 Beds * Federal Forest Inmate Work Crew * LCARA Kennel/Cattery * Forestland Law Emergency Services * Human Rights Committee Support * Advocacy & Support for Veterans & their Families * Lane County Extension Services * Metro Television * Psychiatric Hospitalization Crisis Team – Staff Reduction * Juvenile Forest Work Crews * Juvenile Intake, Supervision & YS Management Reduction * Dunes Patrol / Search & Rescue * Information Services * Lane County Parks

All Total - Over \$27 Million Dollars

Solving this puzzle is up to all of us...



We will decide today what our county will look like for our children tomorrow. Many county services and thousands of people who depend on them will be affected by your vote. They're counting on you. Please remember to vote by May 15.

YES
on **20-129**
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