

witnesses on the war's illegality and his duty to refuse, then manipulating the proceedings into a mistrial to avoid even Watada's own testimony.

The Army is now attempting to re-try him while the defense asserts that this is impermissible under the double jeopardy clause of the 5th Amendment. A preliminary injunction halting the retrial was recently issued by a U.S. District Court with statements that the trial judge had abused his discretion and that Watada "is likely to succeed on the merits."

As Lt. Watada has said, illegal wars will end when soldiers refuse to fight them. We might also consider prosecuting the leaders who wage them.

*Jack Dresser
Springfield*

GREEN DEVELOPMENT

Greetings! As an Earth dweller, I am angered to hear that the Galapagos preserve is being ravaged by whale hunters, that Japanese whalers are rabidly killing whale after whale in the Antarctic seas, that Chinese shark-fin hunters killed more than 20 million sharks last year. Obviously, Greenpeace and Sea Shepherd need more contributions, more ships patrolling and intervening, stopping the slaughter.

Locally, *The Register-Guard's* reporting on the Mayors' Climate Change conference meeting in Seattle last week left out the fact that our mayor, Kitty Piercy, attended the conference and that our city council has adopted every single conference recommendation, including the Green Development recommendations that have become reality in many U.S. cities.

The resulting downtown economic booms these cities are experiencing present another strong argument for green urban renewal. Eugene will benefit from its green urban renewal.

Also, Kemper of KGW stated last week that he thinks he may just build four stories of condos across from our library, blocking the library's grand windows as well as ignoring the council's recommendation and citizen desires for a park across from our library. Let us re-educate Mr. Kemper.

Honey in our hearts, fire in our spirits!
*Charles F. Thielman
Eugene*

PASSING JUDGEMENT

Homeless folks, drug dealers or "punk teenagers" — how many labels could you fit into a sentence or even an article? How much more of a cop-out do we need than these previous accusations?

We start to forget that these "punk teenagers" are children who need us. They fall under our labels to survive, and they stay there because there is no helping hand. These children only want to be given the choices and opportunities of any other teen. Our picture-perfect society doesn't like the ideal of homeless youth, as if they shouldn't exist.

People don't want to acknowledge that there are simply not enough resources for the majority of homeless youth to survive. It's easy to look at a middle-aged man who is homeless and pass judgment, but how can you pass judgment on a homeless youth who has no family, no opportunity and in most cases can't legally work? We expect them to go to school and do their homework, but they aren't worried about getting to math class on time. The homeless youth in our community are more concerned with surviving day to day.

As a 16-year-old, I am working on a documentary with CEY (Communities Empowering Youth) and Looking Glass. I am outraged that people in Eugene are so insensitive to the less fortunate. We shouldn't be viewing our homeless youth as a disease infecting our city but as human beings who

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