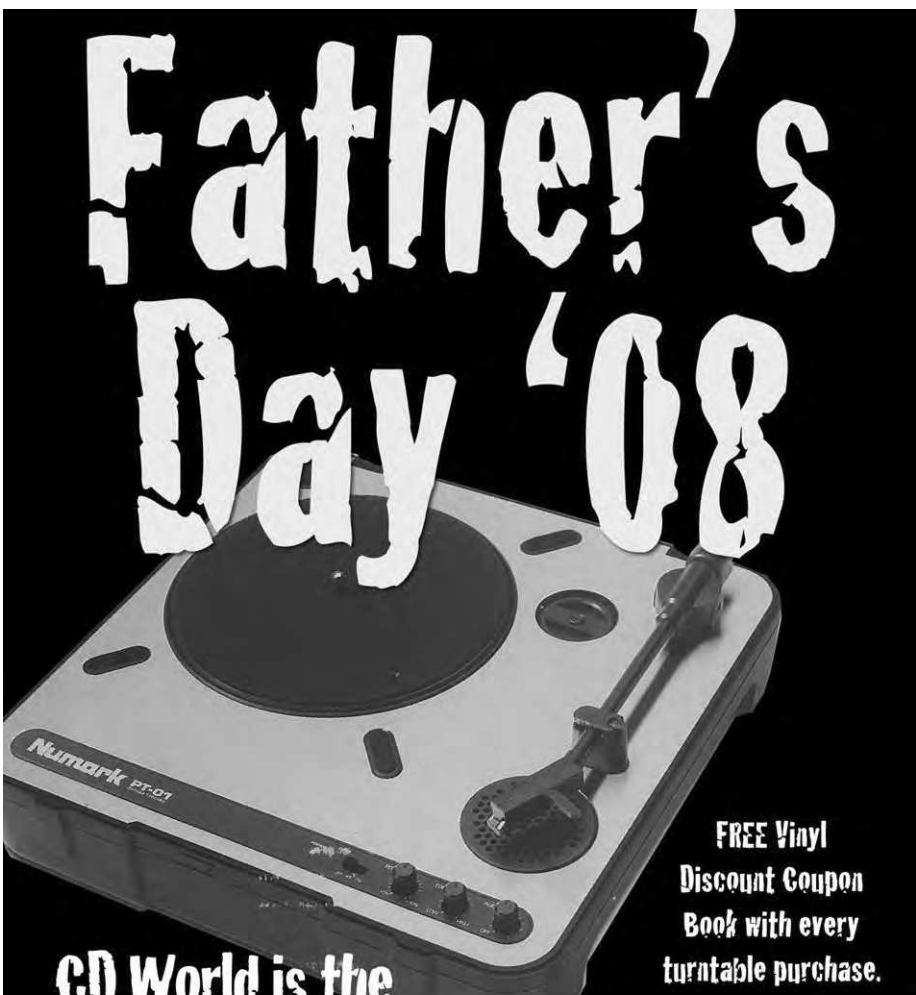


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



REFORMAT CALENDAR

As someone who for 30 years read the comparable Santa Cruz *Good Times* weekly, I grew accustomed to a certain ease in negotiating the listed entertainment options. Now, as a Eugene resident, repeatedly I find your calendar of events irritatingly difficult to navigate.

Here are some suggestions.

Bother to write the address, time, phone number and cost of events at each mention of said event. Your modus operandi is to refer readers to some other section/page to get the relevant data. Each time you do this, I feel like using you as fire starter.

Another problem is that very few of your club listings tell what genre the band plays. This is so incredibly irritating. Can't you insist that if groups want to be listed their main genre statement be a "required field"?

Your club listing is so minimal. Why? Do you or don't you have a stake in keeping as many clubs open as possible? The Santa Cruz *Good Times* graphs all the club offerings for the week on a two-page spread so that everything is obvious at a glance. For any given day you see every club, the name of the groups, the styles of music, the cover charges, the phone number, location and start time.

In your weekly a person has to go several steps on several pages before determining that the dive in question is out of town.

I go out almost every night. Just remembering my bad experiences with your rag causes my jaw to tighten.

You owe me more than an apology. You owe me reform.

And by the way, your art reviews. Well, I'll let that slide; I don't know your audience. All I know about them is that they insist on scruffy beards and old-timey symphony programs. Sigh.

Patricia Burkart
Eugene

PERMANENT PARK

The WOPR & Beyond and Climate Change & Peak Oil Coalitions — consisting of 25 locally-based organizations — insist it's a priority for the city of Eugene to save

the Amazon Headwaters forest from being paved for upscale housing developments. One of the Willamette Valley's last flagships of biodiversity, this 70-acre native forest should be made a permanent part of the public commons as Eugene parkland.

One of the qualities that makes Eugene a national model of urban livability is its forested South Hills, crossed by the popular Ridgeline and Spencer Butte trails, which the Amazon Headwaters Forest borders. These threatened parcels of forest are particularly valuable because they are so easily accessible by bus or bike. In light of the ongoing rise of petroleum prices, the local recreational and educational values of this forest will continue to increase.

Given that forests are important carbon sinks and buffers against climate change that retain water and soil, the value of this threatened forest soars ever higher, especially balanced against the landslide risk at this highly unstable site if development were to occur.

In 2004, during the Torrey regime, the City refused to buy what is now the Greene parcel for \$326,000, less than one tenth of the current offer. Our coalitions support the recent efforts by Mayor Kitty Piercy and the City Council to find additional external funding to preserve the Amazon Headwaters forest in perpetuity for all Eugene.

Samantha Chirillo,
Coalitions Facilitator
Eugene

WORLD WAR III

The Bush administration rhetoric on Iran is chillingly familiar. We just issued severe new sanctions, supposedly to force Iran to halt uranium enrichment. However, the IAEA already concluded there is no evidence of an active nuclear weapons program. When mercenaries smuggle weapons to Iraqi insurgents, we blame the Iranian military. Some neo-conservatives are even talking about regime change.

Last time, Bush sold us the Iraq War using the justification that Saddam Hussein had massive WMDs and was somehow connected to al Qaeda. We were promised