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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

with love and caring for these helpless, homeless people, leaders like Mayor Kitty Piercy and Police Chief John Lehner would like to increase the police force so they can "clean up the city," meaning getting the street people out of downtown Eugene. Well, the big problem here is that these people don't have any place to go, and it's a waste of time and money.

By the way, if you file a complaint against the police and are not happy with the result, which is normal, it is worthless to go to the mayor or council. Unlike other cities where the police chief reports to the mayor and council, in Eugene the chief reports to the city manager. This might explain the EPD's poor reputation.

*Wayne Pierce
Eugene*

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

School's out for summer, and it will be out forever at Hillside come Wednesday. We have had our last ever Harvest Festival, World's Fair, Outdoor School at SKY Camp. Tomorrow it's Washington Park for the last time.

After the closure was decided, I think most of the community has forgotten that Hillside was the first casualty in this round of closures. It's time to remind Eugene that there's a wonderful group of kids coming from Hillside into various schools throughout 4J. They come from diverse backgrounds with a variety of talents and strengths they're bringing to wherever

they start next year. Please make a point to welcome our kids and families into your schools.

We had a goodbye party, a closure celebration with current and former students, staff and community members. The questions that we have wrestled with: *Did we fight hard enough? Was there something else we could do? Why did they string us along? What now?* We are done asking them and moving on. We hope the process of any other school closures is a bit more concise and has a lot more clarity for the sake of everyone involved.

For now, we are celebrating the amazing community Hillside has been for families over the last 32 years and the success the school has had with our children. Thanks to everyone along the way, teachers, parents, volunteers, who have made Hillside what it has been — a treasure in our community.

*Lynn Dixon
Eugene*

FEELIN' IMPEACHY

Recently, Dennis Kucinich read 35 articles of impeachment against George W. Bush into the Congressional Record. His four-hour speech was on C-Span. Tuesday, it was read again by the clerk. Wednesday, the house voted to send the motion to the Judiciary Committee. Naturally, I expected this to be the lead story in the *Eugene Weekly* on Thursday. I was surprised that it wasn't even mentioned.

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