

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

such crises reveal that the only strangers are those neighbors we haven't met.

Promoted as the ultimate in communication, even as little companions, electronic devices festooning the hands and ears of the latest generation virtually guarantee that their users are absent without leaving, strangers in a strange land.

Turn off, tune out, drop in.

Robert Emmons
Fall Creek

KEEP PAPERS ALIVE

Both my parents worked for newspapers all their lives, so it is natural for me to pay close attention to the local newsprint. Although they were not from Eugene, I'm sure they would have appreciated both papers in town for good and different reasons.

Eugene has two locally owned newspapers — two intelligent papers, as small towns go. Every day I read well-written stories by various hardworking local writers with both pride and a stake in this community. There is no large corporate chain here, no Murdoch giving me my viewpoint from afar.

And when I see the ad of a local individual or business that excites me, I'm as smart and quick in spending as my income allows.

The need to constantly reinvent themselves is challenging the existence of newspapers all across America — corporate giants and small locals alike. In Eugene, many hardworking newspaper people have been laid off. I am afraid of what will happen

to Eugene if one or both of our papers are forced to close. I think we citizens will be taken unfair advantage of without at least two strong, solvent papers in town. I've seen it happen elsewhere. That's one of the reasons I'm here.

I encourage everyone to spend more time reading, supporting and responding to your two local newspapers. And I strongly encourage all local businesses to consider a little extra advertising in our local newspapers and their websites this holiday season to come.

Scott Landfield
Tsunami Books
Eugene

BOTH SIDES OF THE COIN

The raucous, divisive arguments about health care insurance in Congress attest to the fact that it is unlikely that meaningful reforms will be adopted this year.

Everyone knows there must be a change in the present system — it is failing to take care of a significant portion of our population!

The best answer is a single-payer system! I believe by adopting this system money will be saved immediately, both to buy the individual and the government. Every citizen should have coverage for basic care, and medical costs should not drive a family into bankruptcy. This wealthy country should provide this basic need. Moral principles demand it!

Glenn M. Gordon, M.D.
Eugene

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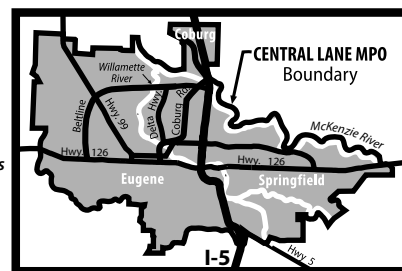
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November 15, 2009

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