

money on political bribes than on donating to homelessness prevention are simply selfish rich assholes without a clue to what decency really means. There are plenty of unoccupied homes. Occupy them.

*Bob Saxton  
Eugene*

**MAJOR THREAT**

The Keystone XL pipeline threatens our entire planet.

To harvest tar sands oil in Northern Alberta, oil companies clear-cut entire forests. Then, to process the oil, they suck up an astounding 600 billion liters of water each year, all of which is left behind as poison. Dumped into holding tanks so hazardous, birds that land on them die instantly. What does not go into the tanks is dumped into toxic lakes that can be seen from space. Since 2005, the tar sands' carbon emissions have increased by 62 megatonnes — warming our planet and damaging our atmosphere.

Downstream, local communities are finding cancer clusters in 4-year-olds. Alberta's government claims it is all a coincidence and refuses to shut down the operation.

And while things look grim in Canada, we in the U.S. are faced with an opportunity to help change course. The Obama administration is currently evaluating the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, which will carry tar sands oil from Canada to Texas. Rejection of this pipeline will severely cripple tar sands expansion and lay the groundwork for a clean-energy economy. The decision to deny this pipeline is that of Obama alone without any interference from Congress.

For this reason, it is essential that Obama withhold approval for this pipeline, and follow through on his promise that his election "was the moment when the rise of the oceans began to slow and our planet began to heal."

*Manny Garcia  
Eugene*

**WHY OUTSOURCE DESIGN?**

Your profile of the UO's next edifice complex ("New Plans for Old Dealership," 7/14) did not mention that the Lorig company (which will design it) is the genius behind Broadway Pepper Spray Place, a development that has never had full commercial occupancy. Has *EW* lost its institutional memory?

Why is You Owe ignoring talent they allegedly have in the School of Architecture? Is it a message that aspiring architects should move to Seattle to work for a Big Shot firm there if they want to design condos in Eugene?

It is inappropriate for You Owe to outsource architecture work when the taxpayers of Oregon funded an institution there to teach architecture.

Lane County didn't shift to the right, the true state of affairs is merely clear now. Disillusionment means removal of illusions, which is a good thing.

Did anything shift when the liberals allegedly controlled the County Commission majority? Ideology is not the same as courage to look at structure.

Entrenched bureaucracies run city, county, state and federal governments. No one

should be disappointed with Biden and that other guy. As CIA director Allen Dulles said, "that Kennedy, he thinks he's president!"

I'm glad it's Mayor Piercy praising the police auditor for sabotaging outside investigations of police abuses. Perhaps Eugene liberals would be more upset if it was a Republican giving this guy a hundred thousand public dollars a year to thwart accountability. Thank you sir, may I have another. Good cop, bad cop. Lucy's football.

*Mark Robinowitz  
Eugene*

**RIVER HAZARDS**

With the welcome progress on the I-5 Willamut Crossing bridge I would hope that some thought might be considered toward improving water safety as within the scope of the project. For many years the manmade low head dam and riprap just upstream from the I-5 bridge have posed a significant public safety hazard for both experienced and recreational boaters floating down the river. It seems this major bridge project with its environmental sensitivities might also devote a small fraction of effort to mitigate some minor but significant improvement around and through these hazardous barriers on the river. It would seem to be a shame to make such noble improvements for public transportation, bike paths and the environment and yet neglect a clear opportunity to reduce the nearby river hazard as well.

*Mark Murphy  
Creswell*

**GOT GAME?**

Four years ago, we moved here for a job in the game industry, choosing Eugene as the place to put down roots for our family. We were drawn by its independent spirit, natural beauty and warm faces. This is a town full of people doing what they love, making their own way. That encouraged us to follow a dream of living sustainably by doing what we're passionate about: making video games! Now we're on our own, and we'd love to get your help in keeping it that way.

The project is a game called Ninja Baseball. It's fun and quirky, taking its artistic cues from cartoons, neon '80s colors and rubber ninjas. We aren't going to investors to get it funded, but to our community, both here and across the internet. Using a "crowdfunding" campaign on a website called Kickstarter, we have 30 days to reach our funding goal. If we fail, folks who contributed get their money back, and we'll have to brush ourselves off and try again.

Please take some time to check out the site. If you think it sounds awesome, you can back the project, but if you are just as broke as we are, just sharing it with your friends is a huge boost to us. We'd rather feed our chickens than eat them!

*Ted & Heathir Brown  
Eugene*

**BEYOND AESTHETICS**

I am a student at the UO studying interior architecture and urban planning. I have dedicated six years of my life to the study of design and the implications it has on our society and world as a whole. This

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