

eugenemutualaidociety.org and learn more about forming or joining a mutual aid society among your own friends and family, in your neighborhood or together with those who share a common interest, hobby or club. Each one of us can help us all be less dependent on government and the capitalist economic system that owns it. It's fun, it's free and empowers us all. Mutual aid societies build and strengthen communities in a way that makes us all more than just voters and consumers.

All it takes is one meeting face-to-face the first week of each month to discuss what you can all do to be more self-sufficient, what your needs are and what resources you have to offer other groups. Your group then picks a representative to meet with those from other groups around you the following week. Such community groups are unlike other neighborhood associations in that they are open to everyone, not just homeowners, and are small enough — less than 30 people is ideal — to where meetings can be quiet, friendly occasions (maybe followed with a potluck or party!) and all decisions made by consensus.

Mutual aid societies can also help us grow more local commerce and cottage industry and home business opportunities; they can be skills-sharing centers to learn or teach self-sufficiency and money-saving skills such as sewing, canning, brewing and fermenting, beekeeping and gardening. Please join us!

Warren Weisman
Eugene

AWARENESS IS A START

In response to the Jan. 5 cover story about young people in action, highlighting Perry Graham, I wholeheartedly agree that this generation of young people (age 18 to 25) have forgotten they can make a difference. In the article the readers learn that Graham was the “brains behind the Occupy Eugene’s Expression Center” and was also arrested while protesting. Graham is a reminder of how very few of today’s young people get involved in politics, even

when it comes to local issues.

As one of the young people myself, I believe we can disprove our current title of “apathetic” simply by being aware of what is going on outside of our own little worlds. How many young people were aware of Occupy Eugene? How many young people have voted since turning 18? Perhaps the core of this issue is that it is less common for young people in these times to be passionate about things they have become desensitized to.

Celene Eldritch
Eugene

CIRCUMVENTING RIGHTS

There is a fundamental understanding in America that “we the people” are born with inalienable rights that the government cannot violate. Yet all of these rights are now on hold while the government attempts to fight this modern threat known as “terrorism.” With the newly signed National Defense Authorization Act, the government now claims the ability to have the military arrest American citizens, hold them indefinitely, without a trial, on the accusation that they may be terrorists.

Over the last decade, an authoritarian police state has been erected not only to fight “terror,” but now to pepper spray peaceful protesters demanding that our financial system not be run like a giant casino. The tools to fight terrorism were never to fight shadowy foreigners, they are aimed at us who demand equal protection under the law.

Government continues to use 9/11 as justification of the elimination of our rights and, until we know the whole story about 9/11, they will continue to do so.

Sean Smiley
Springfield

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Cage the Elephant: Live From the Vic in Chicago
This concert is a full 2 hours and has the whole 2nd album and about 1/2 of the first. Plus, they have two covers from Talking Heads and Pavement in there which was cool. You'll enjoy this concert!

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Leonard Cohen: Old Ideas
These are songs that nobody knows and everyone will treasure. From master singer-songwriter, Leonard Cohen, here are ten new songs that mine the heart, shake the body and break the boundaries.

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Ani DiFranco: Which Side Are You On
This newly recorded version is a funk-fueled epic, incorporating not just Ani's band, but Pete Seeger himself on banjo and vocals alongside The Rivertown Kids, a Hudson Valley-based children's chorus.

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Firebird: Self-titled
Ever wonder what became of Bill Steer, guitarist extraordinaire of the now-deceased CARCASS? Well, the man has returned to the Rock world with a new band and a shocking new sound!

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First Aid Kit: Lion's Roar
The record sees the band exploring a bigger sound and more instrumentation than on their debut album "The Big Black and the Blue", but maintains the signature storytelling and harmonies they have become renowned for.

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Internet: Purple Naked Ladies
2012 release from this Hip Hop duo, an Odd Future (OPWGKTA) side project featuring Syd Tha Kyd and Matt Martians.

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One Model Nation: Totalwerks 1: 1969-1977
From Courtney Taylor-Taylor (The Dandy Warhols) comes ONE MODEL NATION - the band. Germany, 1977 - the economic miracle is at hand. An entire generation that has grown up with the shame of World War II embraces western culture as capitalism begins to take root.

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Martin Sexton: Fall Like Rain
Martin continues to call for unity in "One Voice Together" and adds: "In a world of warfare, peace is bad for business." A timely cover of Buffalo Springfield's "For What It's Worth" reminds us it's time to "stop, hey, what's that sound."

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