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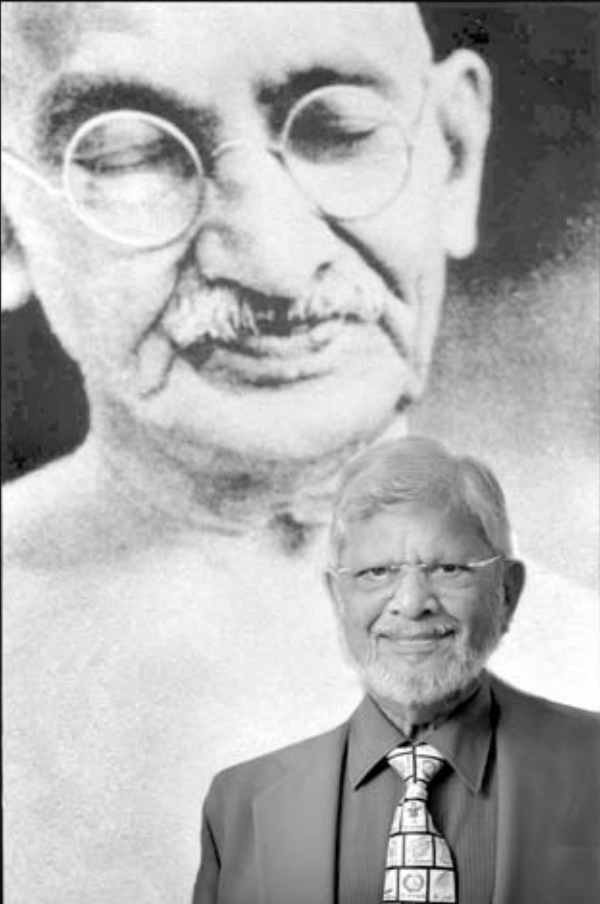
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Dr. Arun Gandhi
"Lessons From My Grandfather"
Thursday, February 21, 2013 • 7pm
This event is FREE and open to the public
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LETTERS

reduce, programs like CAHOOTS, Fire Station #2, etc., because we are mad at the government?

I support "radical" change to create a more fair and equitable society. Ultimately, I don't believe real answers to our problems can be found in government or corporate solutions. But if a tax is necessary to preserve services that benefit those who are suffering most, then I'll put my anti-government sentiment aside to support taxes to save such services.

Pat Coogan
Eugene

FEES NEEDED

There's widespread frustration with the prospect of City Council adding new fees to pay for public services. That's understandable: Eugene is constantly faced with new budget crises, which our leaders don't seem creative or innovative enough to fix or improve. And it seems politicians are doing better than ever as vital services face major cuts and growing numbers face economic woes.

Despite this, in the absence of immediate solutions, I support the fees. Some of the services that would lose funds, such as the library or fire department, serve a broad section of the community. Others, such as Buckley House or CAHOOTS, have more specific clientele, which includes some of the worst-off in our community (mostly homeless and mentally ill). Additionally, Buckley and CAHOOTS staff are not city or county employees; they don't receive PERS benefits; they receive meager wages

for what is a labor of love: serving those who are suffering.

Aside from alleviating suffering, Buckley and CAHOOTS are relatively low-cost programs that actually save the public money. In the absence of CAHOOTS, most of their "business" would go to much more expensive police and paramedics. In the absence of Buckley, many of their clients would go to jail or the hospital, further burdening those costly resources.

These new fees would help preserve badly needed services. Our local leaders deserve criticism for their many failings, but rejecting the proposed fees will mainly hurt service providers and their clients, not overpaid government bureaucrats.

Thomas James
Eugene

STAYING ALIVE

Regarding Lynn Porter's letter of Feb. 7: We are lucky to live in Eugene, where at least there are laws for drivers and pedestrians. Try walking in many other cities.

I walk. I ride a bike. I rode motorcycles. In all cases I was aware that cars were bigger and stronger than I was. Quit walking offensively and try defensively.

Fred McCord
Eugene

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featuring Woody Tasch

Tuesday, February 19, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
Great Room, Global Scholars Hall, 15th and Moss

Woody Tasch is founder and president of Slow Money and author of *Inquiries into the Nature of Slow Money: Investing As If Food, Farms and Fertility Mattered*. Slow Money is a network of people who are concerned about where their food comes from and where their money goes.

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