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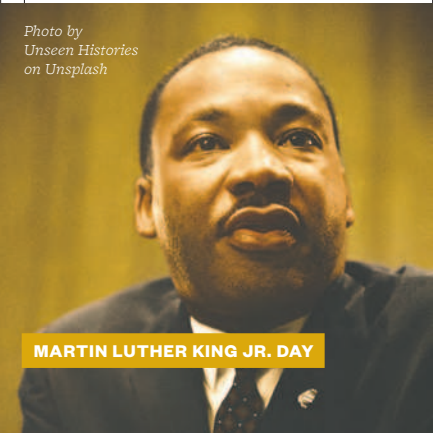
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OPINION

letters

Helping hippies, health care and homelessness

A 'Best of Eugene' Experience

A week or two ago, I received a “to occupant” letter from Eugene Springfield Fire and opened it trepidatiously to find out quickly that they would like to come by, in person, to help a single old hippie in a 100-year-old home who seemed a match to a profile established by two recent fire deaths in low-ceiling old shacks that had fireplaces/woodstoves that leaked carbon monoxide and killed the occupants.

I instantly recognized the danger if I pursued my course of restoring the ability to use wood heat in winter and fully agreed with their assessment. Rather than warn me of a future code violation, he came in and swiftly installed in my bedroom, in the best possible place, a new smoke alarm, free. I had not heard of the tragedies before, but all my experience told me his account was spot-on real. They had surveyed aerial photos of Bethel, found my place fit the profile, and acted in a timely fashion without drama. For me, a true “Best of Eugene” experience!

Rick Valley
Eugene

The Homeless are Us

A veteran who spent 10 years unhoused on the streets once told us, “No one wants to be out here on the streets.” Lane County statistics on homelessness back up that claim: 82 percent of unhoused persons in Lane County lost their housing here, according to county officials. They were not attracted to this area by services — 82 percent had housing but lost it here.

There are as many reasons for becoming unhoused as there are people — job loss, divorce, illness and staggering bills, a wage that cannot keep pace with rising costs, catastrophic events. Some of the kindest, most caring, talented and intelligent people you would ever meet are unhoused. They deserve our help, not our harassment. Sweeps solve nothing. Since when does heaping trauma on top of trauma ever help or solve anything? Sweeps only make it more difficult for people to retain their health and find ways out of homelessness. As for so-called crime reduction, study after study show sweeps do nothing to reduce crime, just as harassing any arbitrarily selected or stereotyped group of people would not reduce crime in a given area.

Across the U.S. homelessness is up 30 percent over the past 24 months and is at an all-time high. The unhoused are not “outsiders” or “the other,” they are us. Who’s next?

Martha and Peter Dragovich
Eugene

A Simple ‘Thank You’

I know that the decision by PeaceHealth to close the University District hospital was met with anger, disappointment and sadness by many in our community.

I want to share a positive experience with PeaceHealth. I am low income, have a chronic health condition and have OHP [Oregon Health Plan]. I often have tests, procedures and other medical needs requested by my PCP that are not covered by OHP. PeaceHealth has a “bridge program” that can cover up to 100 percent of out-of-pocket expenses for low income patients. I have accessed this program for almost two years now. I am so grateful to PeaceHealth for offering me financial assistance so I can focus on my health, not how to pay for it.

A suggestion: If you use this program, how about calling the administration and saying, “thank you.” We are often so quick to complain about problems, and yet forget to say thank you.

Wendy Harris
Eugene

Adding to a Good Point

Dan Bryant has a good point for solving homelessness (EW, 1/2). The only thing missing is how do you build these housing units in quantity? Relying on local and state alliances will always have limitations!

A better solution is to include, on the West Coast, all the states and recommend economical green natural disaster resistant manufactured modular units that can be stacked three stories high and placed in areas not being used, like railway and interstate highway right of ways.

The modular must fit standard rail and truck transportation dimensions for quick delivery. The social and management services would be all the same in each state, hopefully reducing homelessness migration!

Don Strout
Eugene

A Path to a Sustainable Future

The fires in Los Angeles are a great tragedy, but as we mourn for those who lost their lives and belongings, along with the innocent animals, we must not be complacent. What happened in L.A. could happen here, despite the current “atmospheric river.”

Does Eugene have a shared vision for a sustainable future? Don’t we need stronger brush and limb clearing laws, stricter water management and recycling, more community gardens (such as Atlanta’s urban forest), new green building codes (including grey water and underground power lines), fewer single-family homes and more mixed-use urban development, restrictions on living in the woods and building on the rivers. What about more efficient and convenient mass transit and safer bike paths, more community-wide solar and wind energy generation, a better climate change curriculum in the public schools, not to mention certain individual lifestyle changes, such as eating less meat, using far less plastic and walking more?

Jack Cooper
Eugene