

More Letters

Host families needed for exchange students

To the Editor:

Have you even thought about making a difference in the world, but were just not sure what direction you should take to accomplish this? I am part of an organization that can give you that opportunity.

Council Exchanges places international high school exchange students, and I am writing to appeal to your sense of community and to ask for your assistance.

Every year, we have students from all over the world that want to come to the United States to become a part of an American family and attend high school. Our dilemma comes when we reach out to the communities to ask fami-

lies to volunteer and host one of these students.

Many times, we get the response that this is a great cause and it just sounds so wonderful, but... There are many excuses for not taking a student, but the benefits far outweigh any of them.

The students all speak English, have their own spending money and have complete medical coverage. A host family would provide a bed, meals and a loving family environment. The students are due to arrive in August and will return home in mid-June. This may seem like a long time, but look how fast this year has zoomed

by. Ten months is a short time when compared to the rest of your life. This is such a wonderful opportunity to impact the life of a teenager. We like to think of this as a ten-month community service project that benefits the family, as well as the student.

If you have a family in the area that would like to host or would like more information on hosting, please call me at 503-357-9610, or call Sue Bailey in Buxton at 503-324-1803.

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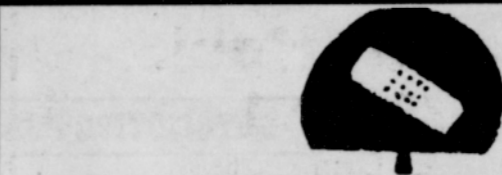
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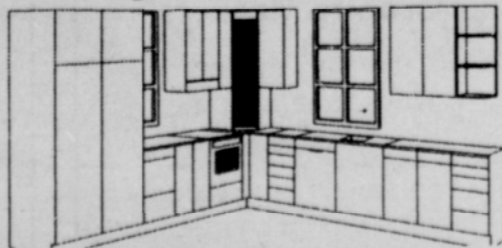
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