



Still Growing Like Crazy After All These Years

by Leslie Scott, General Manager

How do we deal with it, this thing called growth? Too much planning—too much bureaucracy and too little spontaneity. Too little planning—too much waste, too little fun.

How can we be true to who we are and where we've come from in the midst of so much change and growth on the inside; in the face of so many health and safety rules and regs on the outside?

We must hold the feet of action to the fire of vision; you cannot separate the dancer from the dance. The county wants more temporary booths at the Fair? Let's show them how incredible and beautiful

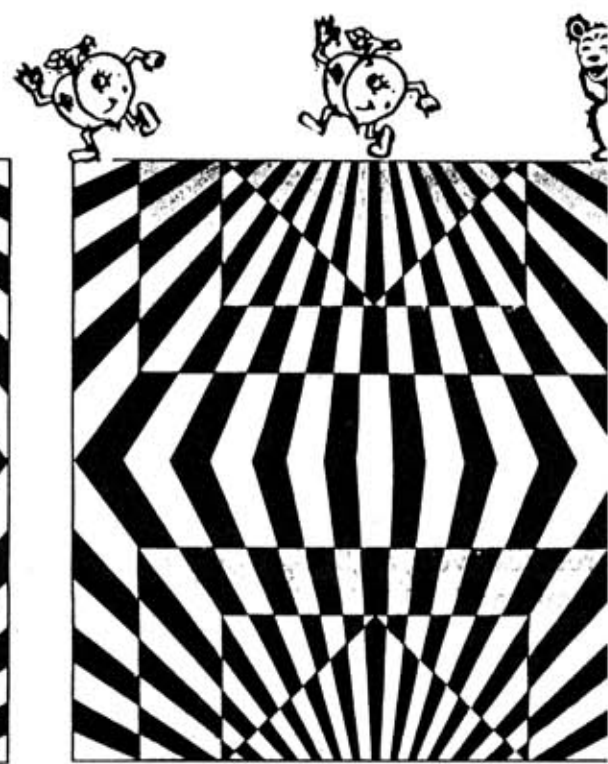
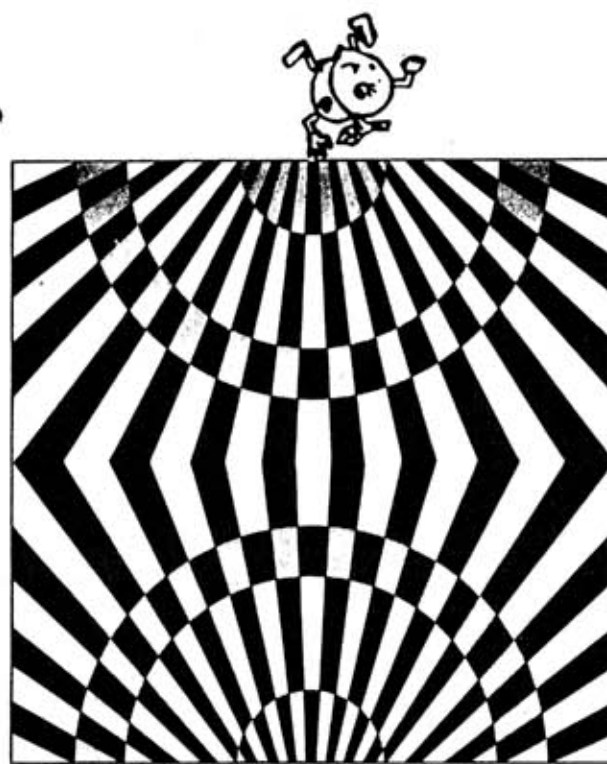
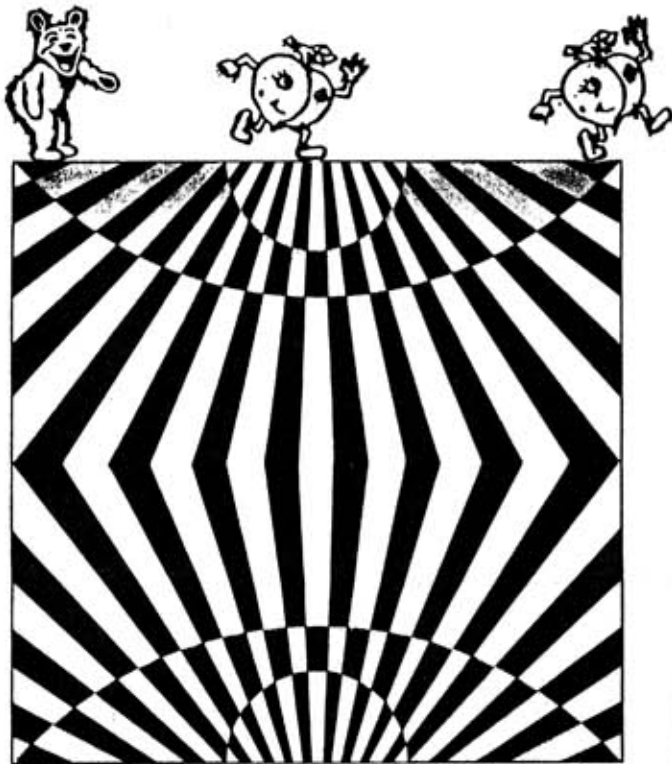
temporary can be! Our current loop figuration is too crowded? Let's show world that we can spread without spr that less density equals MORE green

Veneta needs a new age effluent discharge tem and we need r campingspace? Let's s land and help restore floodplain and clean river in the process!

Elsewhere in this n

letter there are articles and annou ments explaining some of the steps b taken to involve Fair Family in both c sioning and planning for the future not only invite, we URGE your partic tion. LET'S BE THE CHANGE WE W. TO SEE.

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New Loop Being Planned

by Sallie Edmunds, Project Manager

Just when you thought you could find your way around the entire Fair with your eyes closed, including the Left Bank, here comes something new! And *you* can be a part of helping to define what the next phase of the Left Bank will be! Yes, we have a very exciting summer ahead of us designing a wonderful addition to the 1997 Fair and beyond.

The purpose of this new path is to continue the process of relocating booths that are on the eroding banks of the Long Tom River. As most of you who have seen the results of the floods in person or in photographs in the *FFN* or on our web site know, the Long Tom River creates major changes in the landscape every year and we must adapt to those changes.

Achieving a final design that will meet our many needs requires careful planning. We need a path that is functional and attractive for the public, for the vendors, and for our crews that must deliver services. We need a path that will not cause erosion of our river banks or disturbance of other environmentally sensitive areas. We need a path that can be considered in the larger context of what we want the Fair

to look like in the future.

How many booths should we plan to relocate?

A number of booth were destroyed in the 1996 flood and must find a new home. Lane County has asked us to be sure that we have fire breaks inside the Fair which means relocating some booths, especially from East 13th. Should we relocate some booths to reduce congestion?

What services are necessary or desirable?

There are essentials such as water, toilets and recycling, but what else does the Fair need, or need more of? Child care? Medical? Information? Communications? Something especially for our volunteers?

What should this new path showcase?

The Dragon entrance leading into the Left Bank and Jill's Crossing were delightful additions to our Fair back in 1991; Abby Rode changed the face of the River Loop in 1987.

What activities would serve as a magnet to draw people into the loop?

Do we need another stage, another educational area? What about a demonstration area that would change each year?



What are your creative answers to these questions? There are a number of ways for you to express them:

Let's discuss the possibilities on:

- Saturday, June 29, 1996, 2 p.m. at the Youth Stage
- Sunday, July 13, 1996, 9 a.m. at the Youth Stage

Look for an announcement/display area in Main Camp beginning Saturday, June 22. There will be maps and lists of options for review and opportunities for people to share their good ideas in a less formal way. Additional meeting dates for specific aspects of the project will also be posted there.

Stop by and talk with me in Main Camp any weekend day before the Fair and weekdays by appointment (please call me c/o OCF at 343-4298). You may also submit your ideas to me in writing c/o OCF by July 20.

We plan to reach a final decision after the Fair so please take time before and during this year's Fair to participate in this process and contribute your ideas. Let's create a part of our future together.