

Bush has shown by his actions that he's profoundly unqualified to occupy the White House. His meager vision is belligerent, narrow-minded and divisive. Contrary to his promises, his actions will leave huge international relations, fiscal and environmental messes that all of us will have to work hard to clean up.

In striking contrast, on July 20 I heard Dennis Kucinich speak. He's one of the lesser known Democratic presidential candidates. He understands the importance of cooperating with the world community to solve global problems. He understands that huge military budgets drain the funds sorely needed for domestic programs. He understands that we need to preserve the environment to have a sustainable base for an economy. He understands we need to start now to move beyond fossil fuels to renewable energy sources. He understands the need for a positive vision to rally people to create the great nation that we have the potential and the responsibility to become. He deserves your attention.

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THOUGHT FOR FOOD

With the recent bad PR swirling around FOOD for Lane County (FFLC), I feel compelled to personally applaud all of the dedicated staff and volunteers at FFLC who work really hard to feed thousands of hungry people. Sensational R-G front-page coverage of such a fine organization's dirty laundry seems more fitting for a tabloid.

That being said, let me also give my two cents:

FFLC does need to trim the fat. The large corporations I have worked for in the past spend way too much money on office supplies, employee meals, travel, management perks, and CEO's salaries. Could FFLC be guilty of the same? Bravo, Joachim, for starting the debate (sorry you had to quit your job to do it).

However, slashing self-sufficiency programs is a bad idea. Remember the old saying, "Give a man a fish and feed him for a day; teach him to fish and feed him for a lifetime"?

Bravo, Caroline, for standing behind the Grassroots Garden, the Youth Farm, the Churchill Community Garden, Healthy Futures, and the Gleaning program. Food distribution alone puts a Band-Aid on a gaping wound. It might help for a minute, but it ain't gonna stop the bleeding.

And if FFLC is hemorrhaging money, why not try reorganizing as a cooperative? I believe there is an abundance of wealth in our world, in our country, and even in the FFLC coffers. The money just needs to be more evenly distributed.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Ms. Songchild is a former receptionist at FFLC laid off due to budget cuts.

THINK ABOUT 9/11

Occasionally, I still see a T-shirt approaching that says: "9/11/2001: We will never forget." Yes, we must remember, but more importantly *think*, to ask the right questions about our government's lack of response that day.

To get the facts, I read the best account of

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