

fortress is not a joy, but a dread of possible deadly confrontation with a drug-crazed addict.

I only hope that our leaders realize that the real war against its citizens is not thousands of miles away or crossing our borders.

The war is here, innocent citizens being terrorized by unrehabilitated meth addicts released time after time into the sanctity of our homes.

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KILLING CONTINUES

Speaking of liberal and blue-state supporters seeing red — alleged Democrats DeFazio and Wyden continue to vote to fund the war and try to defend their votes as “supporting the troops.” With this type of skewed reasoning, we would continue to send people to kill and be killed forever. Beyond the obvious common sense factor that sending more troops to the bloody mess in Iraq is as far away from any notion of supporting them as can be, the entire U.S. presence in Iraq is illegal.



Damn it Lee, Johnny Winter is a true legend, and he proved it Monday night at Taboo.

If in fact we were there to take out a brutal dictator, our work there is done. Let’s face it — there is no rebuilding going on in Iraq. It is in a state of civil war. The only building effort is installing 14 U.S. permanent military facilities. I’d love to hear DeFazio and Wyden explain and justify the prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Let’s review the big picture of why the U.S. feels the need or justification to take prisoners halfway across the world to a makeshift prison, declare them non-prisoners, and hold them captive for years at a time with no due process.

The U.S. is in violation of a long list of international laws, and our progressive, Democratic politicians are doing nothing about it. I, for one, refuse to give future votes to these alleged Democrats, who occasionally do something right, but more often fail to represent the people on such serious matters.

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FOREST SACRIFICE

Nothing better demonstrates the need to end commercial logging on our public lands than the U.S. Forest Service’s recent decision to open up Oregon’s last roadless forests to clearcut logging. This sacrilege proves that unless we keep our national forests completely off limits to taxpayer-subsidized corporate extraction, the timber barons will find a loophole large enough to drive their logging trucks through.

Clearly none of the current protections are enough when the largest unprotected roadless area remaining in Oregon (bordering the Kalmiopsis Wilderness in the Biscuit Fire area) is on the chopping block, and one of the last healthy salmon runs in the Coast Range, Indigo Creek, is threatened with landslides and massive siltation.

Gov. Kulongoski has already sent a letter to the USFS opposing these roadless area sales (albeit without any media.) Yet Sen. Wyden and Congressman DeFazio — both of

whom claim to be pro-environment — have yet to do the same, despite assurances from their staffs that a letter has already been written, just not sent. Meanwhile, it’s been two months since that promise, and the June auction date of these sales is rapidly approaching.

Please urge supposedly “green” Wyden and DeFazio to keep their promises and send out the letters immediately! Also remind them that the only effective way to get any real protection for our public lands is to end the taxpayer subsidized corporate destruction of our forests!

Contact them in Eugene: Wyden at 431-0229; Defazio at 465-6732

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UNBELIEVABLE

Although it’s remarkable, I am not surprised that in a city full of wanna-be “hippies” (will somebody PLEASE tell these people that the funeral for the hippie was held in Haight-Ashbury in 1969 already), a true legend from the ‘60s and beyond, Johnny Winter, receives no mention in this posturing rag you call a newspaper. Unbelievable.

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EDITOR’S NOTE: Johnny Winter’s photo and venue listing were in our Night Life section last week. We did not receive advance promotional material.

ENOUGH ENVIROS

Eighty percent of the American public claim to be “environmentalists.” So why are we trembling on the brink of ecological devastation?

Perhaps what we need aren’t more environmentalists but more *involved citizens* taking active roles advocating for change. If a tree is cut on your public lands and you quietly disagree from your living room couch, does anyone hear you?

Understandably, most people just want to relax after a hard day’s work. What if businesses donated an hour a week of their employees’ time to a local nonprofit? A business could repay the community for its financial support, while enhancing its public image.

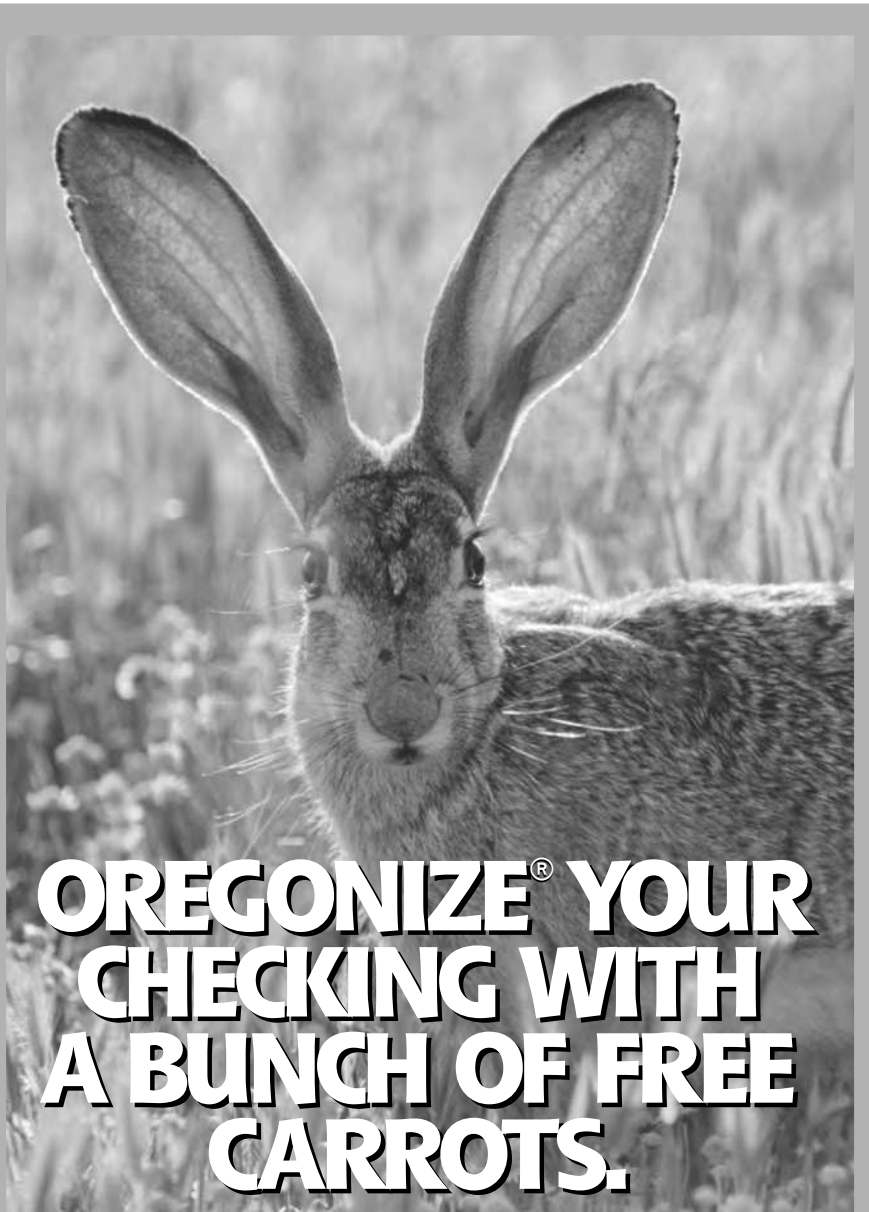
What if people combined some of their socializing with advocacy? At a neighborhood potluck, what if everyone spent 10 minutes writing a letter condemning logging in their drinking water supply? Instead of spoiling the party, this sort of group effort would only strengthen the bonds between people.

Of course, no one wants to be serious all the time. What’s the point of living if you can’t take the time to enjoy it? But the reason we are afforded the luxuries of being able to say what we want, hold whatever beliefs we want, and associate with whomever we want, is because countless people have given their blood, sweat and tears — even their lives! — to ensure that we have those liberties.

Do we not owe the same to our children’s children? Don’t they deserve the same freedoms and opportunities that we all too often take for granted?

If we do not act now, future generations will curse our names. And would they not be justified in doing so?

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