

ever gone postal on anyone. Well-meaning, rabid recycling diatribes don't count. SSRIs are even building up in the water supply, abetting a full transformation into "Prozac Nation." The world is full of meaning, just very few safe rites of passage into the mystery. Let's not let our kids fall through the cracks. We can build a vision of the path beyond SSRIs together.

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WISHFUL THINKING

Obama's meteoric rise to front-runner status is partially due to the psychology of projection — wishful thinking that he supports ideals that a majority wants after the countless abuses of the past seven years (and past seven decades). But there's a Grand Canyon-sized gap between the rhetoric and the reality.

Obama's first act as a senator was to endorse the racist disenfranchisement of African-American voters in Ohio. On Jan. 6, 2005, only one senator, Barbara Boxer of California, voted against seating the fraudulent electors from Ohio — which gave Bush and Cheney a second stolen term.

Obama says he wants to stop global warming (as if that goal is physically possible at this late date) and also supports an increase in coal mining.

Obama has voted repeatedly to fund the war on Iraq. Obama's chief foreign policy advisor is Zbigniew Brzezinski, who crafted previous plans for the peak oil wars when he helped design the Rapid Deployment Force in the late 1970s (now called Central Command, the military command that attacked Iraq). Brzezinski's 1997 book *The Grand Chessboard* helped lay the foundation for the current imperial atrocities, predicting that "as America becomes an increasingly multicultural society, it may find it more difficult to fashion a consensus on foreign policy issues, except in the circumstance of a truly massive and widely perceived direct external threat."

I will write in Dennis Kucinich in the primary and vote for Cynthia McKinney in November.

Mark Robinowitz
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SAVE THE STADIUM

Just because the Ems have apparently been lured away from Civic Stadium by

the promise of a well-dressed hussy doesn't mean the stadium itself is doomed. It just needs some new tenants and new ownership that appreciates its unique value to the community.

Obviously, Eugene School District 4J never has. I suggest LCC. It would give LCC a much more visible presence downtown and give the Titans a great place to play.

How many people attend baseball games at LCC? What facilities do they have? How many would attend if the games were played at Civic?

All of the high schools of Lane County have baseball teams. Players on these teams that are not recruited by the bigger schools may end up playing at LCC. That sounds like the beginnings of a pretty good fan base to me.

Throw in the students of LCC who live in Eugene and Eugene baseball fans in general, and you could sell a lot of tickets.

LCC should play some of this year's home games at Civic Stadium and see what the response is. If they like playing there, and the fans turn out, they should consider more long-term arrangements. They should also challenge the Ducks to play their first game against LCC at Civic. It could be a fundraiser for the renovation of the stadium.

When the baseball season ends, the space could be used for other things. Music would be an obvious choice, but I am intrigued with the idea of outdoor summer theater.

For more on the effort to save Civic Stadium, go to savecivicstadium.org

Lonnie McCulloch
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MISPLACED BLAME

I find it ironic that Jim Torrey, who was mayor of Eugene from 1997 to 2005, blames the current mayor, Kitty Piercy, for the move of Sacred Heart to Springfield, and for the blight downtown. By looking at Sacred Heart's website, I saw that the hospital started thinking about moving in 1996 and in September 2001 decided to purchase the Riverbend site. Was Jim Torrey mayor during that time of planning or not? Why did he let the hospital get away?

One of the pits in downtown Eugene used to be the Woolworth building. It was demolished in late 2000. Who was mayor then and for four more years after that? Why didn't he do something about that

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