

has had an "Obama moment" and endorsed Barack Obama for president in a recent letter to the editor. He also appropriated Obama's campaign slogan, which was first taken in spirit by Obama from Cesar Chavez.

A review of campaign contributions filed with the Federal Elections Commission reveals Torrey contributed exactly nothing to Obama as of the end of the February 2008 even though his Obama endorsement was published in the *Oregon Daily Emerald* on February 12.

Torrey donated to George Bush the maximum permitted, \$2,000, in September 2003 of the last presidential election cycle — eight months ahead of the Oregon primary.

Does Torrey admire George Bush that much more than Barack Obama? Or is Torrey endorsing Obama on the cheap in order to boost his own support in a year when conservatives (as he describes himself) are polling poorly?

*John Crumbley  
Eugene*

#### BUYING THE DOG

Last week, at First Methodist Memorial Church, plans for the new City Hall were unveiled. And, wow! I wished it would have been a mandatory assembly, complete with citations for not attending. My heart is still pounding with excitement and desire over what I learned and what I saw. I saw how much I wanted "that doggy in the window," the new, proposed City Hall, and learned how much it would cost. I learned how

bonds work, that we *can* afford that doggy in the window and that it is up to young voters, not "The Man," whether or not we, as a community, get it.

Only people who own property pay for bonds. The new City Hall will cost land owners \$1 per \$1,000 of property value. For \$200/year — way less than half of what I spend at Dutch Bros. and about as much as property taxes went down this year due to old bonds maturing — the city of Eugene gets to own and be influenced, at its core, by the proposed new City Hall unveiled at last week's meeting.

Imagine owning a City Hall worth traveling to just to view its beauty, worth traveling to just to study it as a model of sustainability and carbon tip-toeing.

Imagine owning something worth more than it cost because pride and joy and a feeling of centeredness are priceless things. I don't have to imagine; I saw it.

Go to City Hall or its web pages and get the facts about why we need a new City Hall now, before we can't afford it later.

*Loren Mohler  
Eugene*

#### PLASTIC BAGS

I believe that plastic bags should be banned because they kill the animals, pollute the earth and use too much oil.

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