

or work for peace and pay for war? Sure, the war is being funded by deficits, and certainly the IRS, a consummate collection agency, will eventually levy or garnish any unpaid taxes.

April 15 is a moment when taxpayers can draw a line in the sand: I am withholding all or part of my taxes due because I cannot stomach this war, its tortures, civilian casualties, fraud and the loss and maiming of our military personnel. To pay willingly, thoughtlessly, would make me sick.

Tax awareness events can help us rethink taxes during a time of war and militarism. At 11 am April 12, WAND sponsors a march to better use tax dollars, followed by a rally at the Morse Free Speech Plaza. On April 15, other peace groups, including Taxes for Peace Not War, will table at the Willamette Street Post Office, 11 am to 5 pm, to poll about better uses of tax monies, to celebrate more than \$4,000 in taxes redirected to local service groups and to explain how to resist war taxation.

I hope to talk to you at these events!

Erik Muller
Eugene

DESTRUCTIVE EVENT

Try to imagine speedboats racing up and down the Willamette at 110 mph during the Memorial Day weekend. Picture the banks of the river washing into the water, filling it with silt. Picture birds and small mammals which depend on the river as their habitat, whose nests and resting places line the river from its source to its meeting with the Columbia. How do they cope with this outrageous intrusion into their lives?

Our river was never meant for this. It is the most extensive ecosystem in Oregon. We, its resident neighbors, are responsible for maintaining its integrity. Take up your phones and pens, meet with neighbors and local politicians. Look at the list of sponsors, call them. Tell them what you think.

Organizers claim "a portion of the proceeds are "for students of search and rescue." Truly a transparent subterfuge for an environmentally destructive event. For a shock visit this site: www.rivergonewild.org

Jerry Rooney
Corvallis

DEM BULLIES

I am about one inch away from quitting the Democratic Party. Here's why:

- For being punitive and stupid in nullifying the primary results of two states. For being elite bullies that are trying to force out the only woman in the history of our country who has been strong enough to get this close to becoming president. This is the 44th American presidential election in our history. So far, it is 43 men to 0 women presidents. Zero women! The party's elite and rough tactics to push out Hillary Clinton are shameful. She should have a fair chance to win or to lose. Nothing else is democratic.

- It isn't the race itself that is turning people off as much as it is the Dem elite that keep trying to make her quit and just hand over her half of the party to Obama. Why should she do that? She has a right to run, and is carrying millions and millions of us with her! She won all the big states, the states with the big electoral numbers! Remember those things?

- Finally, if Obama wins the nomination but fails to win the general election, the elite Dems are already building the case that it will be Clinton's fault. Oh really?

Don't worry — if Hillary Clinton is not in the general election, I do not have to vote for the old worn-out soldier. But I don't have to be a Democrat either.

Deb Huntley
Eugene

FORGET IT

I lived on the Carquinez Strait in California where powerboat races were an annual event, louder than you can imagine and VERY exciting.

To have a bunch of 40-ft., 400-HP boats racing on the Willamette River makes no sense. Compared to the huge open water channel of the Carquinez Strait, the Willamette is narrow and shallow. Forget it.

Dennis Galloway
Eugene

OBAMA AND PIERCY

What an amazing and groundbreaking speech Barack Obama gave in Philadelphia last month. It's so wonderful, after these barren Bush years, to be spoken to as an intelligent partner by a political leader, and people have responded positively here in Oregon. Obama, an educated, experienced

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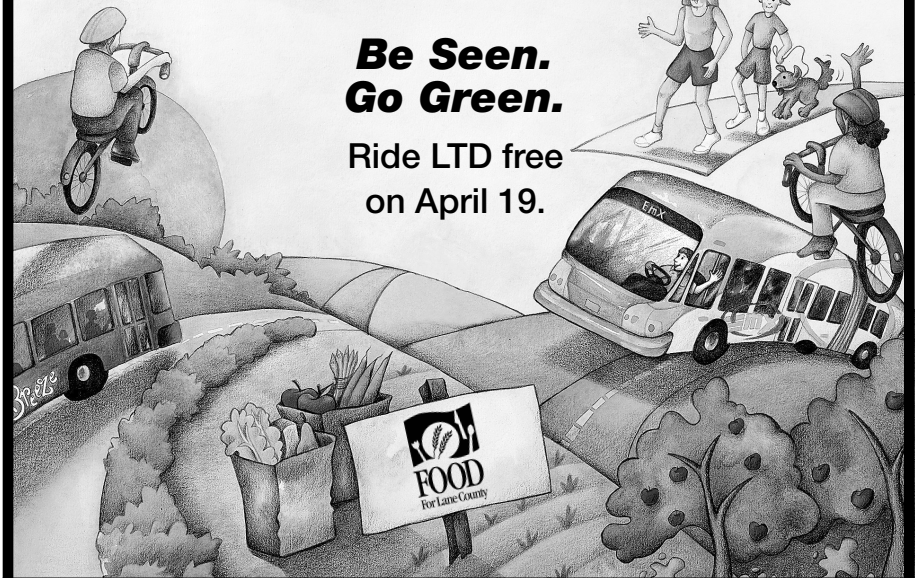
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Help end hunger by donating non-perishable food items to Food for Lane County from April 11-22. Food is accepted at the LTD Eugene & Springfield Stations, select Bi-Mart and Dari-Mart locations, Capella Market and Down to Earth.



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