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*Shirley Gauthier
Springfield*

REVOLUTION INEVITABLE

With the 40th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s death, why is it that opportunistic politicians are so ready to remember his legacy? Is it so that we'll forget about Malcolm X? So that we'll forget about the Black Panthers? So that we'll forget about the urban riots of the '60s? So that we'll forget about all of the militant resistance that forced the establishment's hand?

If those who want to end the war and create a sustainable future are to be taken seriously, then they must pose a serious threat to the powers that be. Towards the end of his life, even MLK realized the limits of peaceful protest when he said "Those who make peaceful revolution impossible make violent revolution inevitable." Those words are no less true today than they were in 1967.

*Robin Banks
Eugene*

BIG BAD KITTY FANS?

I was gratified to learn that Jim Torrey finally agreed to a debate with the three other mayoral candidates at the City Club on May 2. However, I do have some concerns about whether Torrey understands electoral politics. An April 4 *Register-Guard* article cited Torrey as saying that "he was worried that Piercy's campaign would plug the crowd with her

supporters."

These are the very people he should be eager to address. How else will he have the opportunity to sway opinions? Since the mayor is not an appointed position, logic suggests that Torrey will have to change some hearts and minds and demonstrate to all of Eugene, even Piercy's supporters, that he is a better candidate. How better to do this than to face us in a crowded room over and over again for the next several months?

One thing we know for sure is that Kitty Piercy will talk to anybody, anytime, anywhere. This is why Piercy is the mayor for ALL Eugene.

*Tina Rinaldi
Eugene*

GORE FOR CZAR

I've found a reason to favor Barack Obama over Hillary Clinton in the upcoming primary. In early April, Obama announced that, if elected, he would appoint Al Gore as climate czar.

Gore has morphed into a one-man Better (eco)Business Bureau, and he wouldn't take the job or continue in it if the influence he knows is needed was thwarted by political considerations.

Both candidates have some attractive positives and some dismal negatives. Power being what it is, smaller rather than larger expectations are in order. But with global warming, time has become essential: our enemy if we delay, our ally if we act decisively.

Gore would do that, and Obama has raised the stakes by his pledge. Of course,

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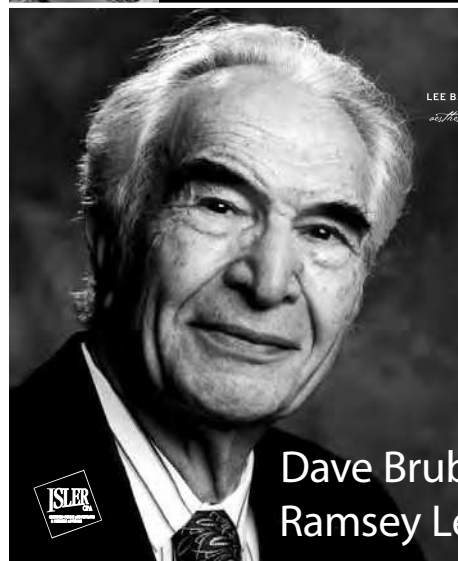
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