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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

similar things on many issues but I'm finally learning that I get a more positive result when I address my concerns through tolerance rather than cynicism. I'm afraid your letter didn't make me too happy.

Dave (Papakadubi) Woods
Eugene

RAILROADING THE TRAINS

Whew! Now I can sleep at night knowing

that our county officials are hard at work. They have finally nailed that "bad guy" Ray Robinson for his hobby railroad. The railroad will be dismantled! No matter that it has given families countless hours of wholesome fun. No matter that Robinson transformed the land into a fantastic nature and wildlife oasis. No matter that it has taken 10 years and thousands of hours of labor and love by Robinson along with too many volunteers to count. No matter that this property has been nationally televised. No matter.

Lane County officials have won. They have wielded their power and have broken the little guy. Ask yourself, is this what we want our government to be? Why should we worry about what is happening in Washington, D.C., when it begins right here?

I guess in the end it's only death and taxes that matter.

Andrea Cabral
Eugene



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All of the shelters here in the Willamette Valley have one thing in common: Too many pit bulls and bully breed mixes are homeless orphans. They exhaust shelter supplies and are often challenging to adopt out. Rather than throwing up our hands and passing

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