

# Alice in Wonderland

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The wild, madcap characters from Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland" come alive as Eugene Ballet Company brings the strangest English Tea Party in History to the stage. The 'Always Late' White Rabbit, dancing Tea Table, the court of the Queen of Hearts, a crazy croquet game and a lobster quadrille with the Mock Turtle make for a rollicking good time.

plus Jessica Lang's  
*Solo in Nine Parts*

and Toni Pimble's  
*Red Pony*



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### END THE RAMPAGES

My thoughts on the tragedy in Tucson: The "prevention" of violence is what we as a society should really focus on. I don't believe ordinary citizens need guns for protection like the Wild West days; however, guns aren't the problem. Take away the guns and you still have angry, rageful people.

We need to begin listening to our children on a daily basis from infancy on, before they grow up violent. You may say that is impossible. I say not only would it benefit us to know what our children are feeling inside, but more importantly the children would benefit from being heard by compassionate people trained to listen to them.

My solution to violence begins with the children. Please read my article at <http://dock.net/woodchip/endtoviolence.htm> you will find my well thought-out plan that could be implemented with the support of everyone of us to end rampages like the one by Jared Loughner in Tucson.

Karen Fenton  
Marcola

### THE FIGHT OF OUR LIVES

Whether she likes it or not, Sarah Palin is now associated with mass murder. Like a dog with cans tied to its tail, Palin cannot go anywhere, anymore, without the disruptive clank of her history behind her. As such, she seems a microcosm of that larger paradigm her party and its cheering fans have created for all of us: politics as veiled threats, finally morphed into mass murder, regardless of the muddled mindset of the shooter. It's pretty tough fighting propaganda when the propagandists change the rules of engagement. Tougher still when a rigged political system welcomes propaganda with opened, multi-tendriled arms, as ours does since the Supreme Court's Citizens United ruling.

Our mammoth mass media feeds the Palin mindset to all and sundry in its 24/7 news cycle. Palin maintained her website gun-sighting of Rep. Giffords until after Giffords had been gunned down. But now she's sorry. Sure. But I'll wager she checked her bank accounts before she felt bad.

Republicans have predictably already gone on the attack: Lamar Alexander claiming foul for the audacity of horrified citizens to point the finger at the presumptive provocateur. But Alexander gives the lie to his sincerity when he craftily omits mention of the evidence Palin so swiftly removed.

It's not often that one party enacts what it fantasizes but rarely admits. Bill Moyers, speaking of the Bush administration, once said: "We are in the fight of our lives." Well, he hadn't envisioned that literally, had he?

If Republicans escape this round of outrage, let us remember Jan. 8 as America's Kristallnacht, when one party decided it had the right stuff to start shooting.

Tom Erwin  
Veneta

### UNACCEPTABLE CUTS

No one wants new taxes but there is a time when we must pay if Oregon is to be a desirable place to live. An income tax, we all know, is the fairest tax and it is desperately needed now if we are to educate our young people, including my grandchildren.

Schools now have cuts in physical education when we have increasing obesity, cuts in school days, classes with more than 40 children, teachers buying school supplies, little counseling when kids need help. This is today! Further cuts! This is unacceptable!

Ruth Duemler  
Eugene

### BAD YEAR FOR MEAT

2010 was not a good year for the meat, dairy, and egg industries. In January, ABC News provided extensive coverage of cow abuse by the dairy industry. The BP oil spill in April called attention to an even larger Gulf "dead zone" caused by the massive amounts of animal waste dumped every day by the Mississippi River. A month later, a U.N. report urged a global shift towards a vegan diet to reduce world hunger and climate change.

In June, FDA asked factory farms to stop routine use of antibiotics that lead to drug-resistant bacterial infections in humans. August witnessed the largest ever recall of more than half billion eggs harboring salmonella.

Finally, President Obama signed into law the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act to replace fatty animal products and other junk foods in school lunches and vending machines. According to the School Nutrition Association, 65 percent of U.S. schools now offer vegetarian lunch options.

For a New Year's resolution, we should all consider following suit. I found a great website at [www.LiveVegan.org](http://www.LiveVegan.org) with recipes and tons of other useful info.

Elijah Hennison  
Eugene



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