

STOP THE PIPELINE

Holy crap, a pipeline in Oregon! At last, a climate hero boldly speaking up to protect Oregonians' air, water, land rights and economy! Thank you, Rep. Peter Buckley from Ashland! Telling the truth and boldly facing reality is so very unpopular in the political world. So far, no other Oregonian elected has joined citizens opposing the fracked gas export projects two Canadian companies are trying to force into Oregon.

These pipelines and terminals will damage our coastal waterways, old-growth forests, fisheries, 400 rivers and streams and 32 endangered species. Oregonians get all the risk and damage while corporations and shareholders get all the profits. At a time when scientists say keeping 80 percent of the fossil reserves in the ground is necessary for a livable planet, these new fossil fuel projects make no sense. To learn more and get your questions answered come to our expert panel that includes citizens on the affected front lines of this struggle.

A panel discussion on "No LNG Exports" will be at 6:30 pm Thursday, April 16, at the First Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St. Oregonians will fight to protect what we love!

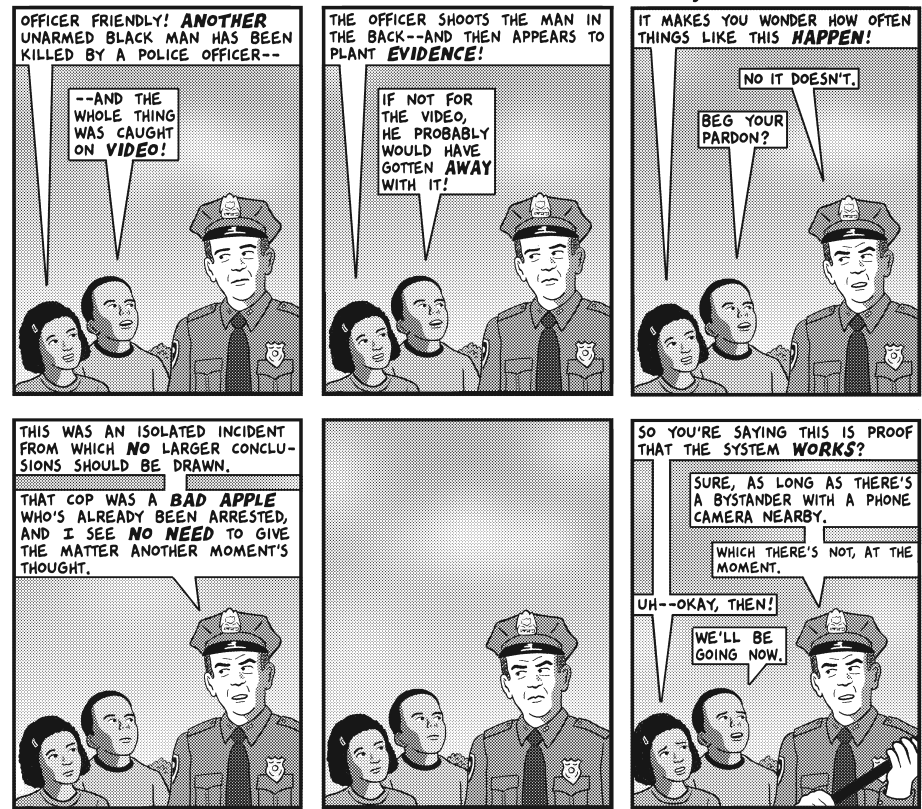
*Deb McGee
Eugene*

REGRESSIVE FEE

County Commissioner Pete Sorenson's linking the tragic deaths in Springfield to the Lane County vehicle registration fee issue was outrageous and deserves an apology. I suspect that many people who

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have supported Pete in the past are surprised and disappointed by his advocacy of a regressive county vehicle registration fee. Let's hope his position on this issue isn't a troubling indication of corrosive influence on him by Tea Party types on the county board.

We need to raise revenue for our county roads, but it should be done through an increase in fuel taxes. Higher gas taxes

discourage driving which reduces road wear, air pollution and greenhouse gases. People who drive the most and use heavier, less fuel-efficient vehicles would pay the most for road maintenance. Elderly people and others who don't drive much would pay less. What could be more fair?

*Wayne Ferrell
Eugene*

THE ELLIOTT QUANDARY

Oregon's Legislature is currently discussing a bill that would impact the Elliott State Forest. The Elliott has come a long way to get where we are today. Rep. Tobias Read's bill (HB 3474) is a no-nonsense plan that will begin the long overdue process of separating school funds from logging, and stands to benefit us all. The bill will help solve the problems of unloggable trust lands, funding K-12 education and the conserving of old-growth habitat and endangered species.

Oregon has too long tied our school funding to the cyclical timber market through our trust lands. Washington found a graceful solution to the problem 26 years ago, and here in Oregon we're finally catching up. It makes sense to support our schools, create restoration and conservation jobs, save endangered species, increase recreation on the Elliott and build our carbon storage capacity all at the same time.

*Maya Rommwatt
Dorena*

REDIRECTING TAXES

An open letter to the IRS: Until the priorities of our government change, I cannot pay all the taxes I owe to the IRS. I am protesting how much money that is needed desperately for life-affirming aspects of government such as education, rehabilitation, health care and eradicating damage to the environment is going towards funding wars, torture and the killing and maiming of innocent people.

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