

beautiful national forests and parks.

What I don't like is how much of our tax dollars go to war and the support of wars and the killing of civilians, including innocent children. I don't want my money to support a system that increases the number of people across the world that hate U.S. citizens.

Those of you who are working toward peace and justice please consider resisting part of your war taxes. More than 50 percent of our taxes support war, the military-industrial complex and the interest on our debt from past wars.

If all of us working for peace and justice resisted even a small amount of money, perhaps \$5, and gave it to a good cause that is facing cuts, it would send a strong message to Washington that we want our country's priorities to change. This would be a low risk action. Lets make the USA kind.

To learn more about becoming a war-tax resistor look at nwtcc.org and come to the Tax Justice rally and march at 1pm Saturday, April 15, at Alton Baker Park.

Sue Barnhart
Eugene

SCHOOL BOARD NEEDS ROSIEK

Jerry Rosiek's leadership in the UOTeach program at the University of Oregon helped prepare me to advocate for the educational rights of my most vulnerable students, those who are often marginalized by a school's culture and curricula. My high school language arts students deserve an education that affirms their diverse experiences and perspectives.

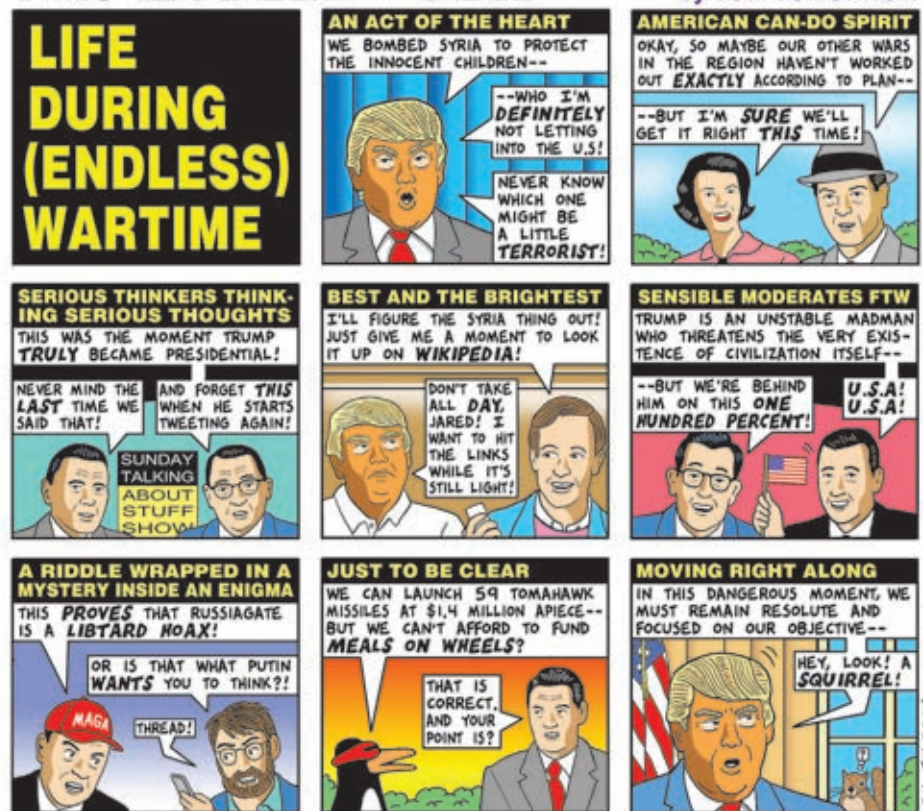
As teachers face increasing pressure from administrators to deliver results from high-stakes testing, we need leaders who advocate for the creation of social justice curricula that is not usually reflected in textbooks or standardized tests.

Jerry Rosiek is committed to improving our community through progressive educational policies that create equity and greater opportunity for our students. The Eugene 4J School Board needs him

Jordan Jacobo
Albany

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



RUSSIAN DISTRACTION

Russia was notified before our own Congress — Trump declares his own personal war on Syria.

This smells like another cheap distraction for Fox News simple minds ... don't follow my money, Trump's no Russian gopher, big tough guy makes America great again!

One missile through Assad's palace window would have been a more effective message than 57 sent to dustbowl nowhere.

We really showed 'em!

Glenn Jones
Eugene

SAVE THE ELEPHANT

We hope you will consider this petition asking the Oregon Zoo to release Chendra, the zoo's only Borneo elephant, to an accredited wildlife sanctuary. The petition link is at thepetitionsite.com.

Chendra was taken from the wilds in

Borneo as a baby and shipped to the Oregon zoo. She is blind in one eye and has been rejected by the zoo's Asian elephant herd. She spends most of her time isolated and alone.

Elephants are highly intelligent, sentient creatures that are not suitable for zoo captivity. Please help us urge the Oregon Zoo to consider letting Chendra live out the rest of her life in a peaceful, natural habitat in a climate that is conducive to her good health.

As you will see, this petition has nearly 200,000 signatures; roughly 4,000 of those are Oregonians. We need 10,000 Oregon signatures.

We hope you will sign and share this petition.

Jennifer Reed
Free the Oregon Zoo Elephants
Portland

TWO-PARTY STRANGLEHOLD

I believe it was my letter that Joe Tyndall referenced in his latest screed against Social Justice Warriors (Letters, 3/23). However, I'm not interested in the debate Joe offers. Debates are entertainment where two polemics slug it out for the amusement of their respective fans. I have never seen a debate resolve an issue or solve a problem — and that's what I'm interested in.

Segments of both Trump and Bernie supporters complain of economic inequality and dismal futures. Polling on specific issues, when devoid of partisanship, shows surprisingly high agreement among the general population. Why are we not working on issues of agreement and having resolution-oriented discussions on points of disagreement?

The big issues must be addressed. Shortsighted political arguments serve the longevity of the two-party system, but the resulting stagnation and lack of leadership is killing us; multi-party democracy with proportional representation could redeem our politics.

Leadership must keep pace with changes in society; automation will continue to displace workers but a guaranteed-income scheme would alleviate poverty, negate the need for social services and allow people to live on the part-time, low-paying jobs that will dominate the future.

Earth's resources are finite and its ecological balance is delicate; society must learn to restrain itself within Earth's life supporting limits.

These are issues I would like to hear discussed by the solution-minded people and leadership of this country.

James Stauffer
Eugene

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