

(glyphosate) has been applied.

That stuff is poison. The dead grass looks terrible.

Ray Cesaletti
Eugene

BEE DANCING

On Saturday evening, March 10, I had the pleasure of attending Flex Studio's "Flex-tan-i-cal" dance concert with my 5-year-old son.

The proceeds from the performance will go towards a campaign against commonly used insecticides that are toxic to bees. Bees are important to humans because they pollinate crops that are responsible for 90 percent of the world's nutritional needs.

Much of the performance was modern/contemporary dance, which lent itself nicely to the theme of the night: the admiration and wonder of plants. In this type of dance, dancers spend time on the floor, crawling, reaching out, arching — like seeds and roots feeling their way in the earth.

Then, like shoots reaching towards the sky, rising higher, the dancer pushes up, forward, side, back and side again, leaping, turning, cascading back to the earth, cycling.

The evening fluctuated between solo dances and group performances. In the solo dance, the dancer portrayed a particular species of plant, giving center stage to its beauty and uniqueness.

Then the dancers would come together as a community, flowing over and around one another, highlighting the significance and elegance of competition, cooperation and continual adjustments amongst species.

My 5-year-old was mesmerized, and it was clear to us that bees need to be saved not only for the benefit of humans but for the continuation and proliferation of these ever-flowing, diverse and graceful dancers on our colorful planet.

Thank you, Flex Studios, for the dazzling reminder that we are all part of the dance.

Amy Hughes
Eugene

GET WILDE

It is a scary time to be a kid in the world, and the stress is only increasing. They are trapped in the more-more-more, bigger-better expectations of the race to nowhere, as adults hand them a world of divisiveness and uncertainty.

Marty Wilde wants to invest in kids as the foundation in a hopeful future. He has volunteered in a mentorship program with middle schoolers and sat on the elementary PTO, because he believes in the potential of kids and supports our teachers. He wants to fund schools to decrease class sizes and keep art, music and physical education to complete

academic success.

Wilde knows that our most vulnerable and disenfranchised populations need resources to ensure access and opportunity. I support Marty Wilde for Oregon because he is working for all of our children, because growth in our community means changing the world.

Naomi Kramer
Eugene

JUST IMAGINE

You may say I'm a dreamer, but I see our country:

Unilaterally rid of nuclear weapons.

Rid of our army in other countries.

Bringing Mr. Rogers' skills to our young to help them know about their emotions and choices of expression.

Changing Second Amendment so that all will turn weapons in and we make them into plows or windmills.

Learning through time to make violence less and less enjoyable.

Having fun leading the world in these skills and policies.

Am I the only one?

Mark Roberts
Eugene

PAY COLLEGE ATHLETES

Should NCAA players get paid? One side wants college athletes to get paid their share of revenue deserved, due to what they do for their school in sports and marketing. The other side believes that a full-ride scholarship and gear for the sport is enough for the student athlete.

In my opinion, students should get paid, but not an excessive amount of money — just enough to where they can eat and buy affordable stuff for their daily lives. NCAA should at least pay them their part of income from jersey sales or anything to do with their name to get part of the revenue.

If the NCAA does agree to pay student athletes, the students themselves may stay longer at the school because some have to support families at a young age; that's why many athletes leave in year one or two to go professional. They should get paid 15 percent of the annual revenue with items sold related to their image.

Examples of these are posters and jerseys. Thomas Graham Jr., football player for the Oregon Ducks, agrees, and said, "Yes, I feel that we should get paid. Just look at the revenue we bring in for the sport, but how much money we get back."

A college athlete has a full-time job that forces him to miss school during tournaments and get nothing in return. This would change that.

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