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OPINION

letters

Rise on April 19

Those of you who use social media probably already know this, but according to *Newsweek* and Rachel Maddow, the 50501 movement is scheduling another rally for Saturday, April 19. This date fortuitously coincides with the 250-year anniversary of the Battle of Lexington, a historical event rarely commemorated on calendars or celebrated nationally as we did not at that time have a country to call our own. It was an official act of war in defense of our armories following the culmination of years of active rebellion against the rule of a mad king an ocean away.

One of my ancestors, a Minuteman, died that day along with seven others. More, including his cousin, died later from wounds incurred in battle. Lately, with each passing day, I feel their spirit rising up inside me.

Now we have a country, America, and events have come full circle. But this time the madness is here, infiltrating our halls of power.

April 5 was the rally heard round the world, and not a shot was fired.

We did it before. We can do it again.
Leo Muzzy
Eugene

More about C.S. Price

Bob Keefer's article about Roger Saydack's book on C.S. Price (*EW*, 4/3) was a real treat! As mentioned, Price's paintings were once exhibited in the same show as Pablo Picasso. And while almost everyone has heard of this fellow, Picasso, hardly anyone alive knows of Price's great art.

Saydack's commentary on his stunning first response to Price's painting, "The Fisherman" — "It stopped me in my tracks. I was fascinated by it. This person was talking to me. The whole setting of the painting was mysterious." — leaves the reader to his own imagination since no

image is shown of the painting, described as having a "mythical, even Biblical feel."

Though I'm very familiar with Price's work, this was one painting of his that I'd never seen. But thanks to Saydak, I did some digging. It took awhile, but the search was worth it. Maybe you'd like to share this image with your readers [*EugeneWeekly.com*].

Tom Lincoln
Springfield

EV Owners Pay Already

Representative John Lively's commentary in *Eugene Weekly's* April 10 issue ("EV's and Fees") makes a valid point but obscures another important policy goal that can be accomplished in the 2025 transportation bill.

I and many other EV owners do not object to paying road usage charges (we already contribute to ODOT revenue through significantly higher vehicle registration and title fees, which Rep. Lively didn't mention). However, it would make sense for the total revenue package of gas taxes and road usage charges to incentivize the transition to electric or other clean fuel vehicles. The state receives many benefits from the switch: cleaner air, fewer health problems associated with tailpipe pollutants, risk reduction from large or small fuel leaks that poison soil and water, and a significant reduction in climate-changing carbon emissions. Plus, there is an economic benefit because the money spent on transportation fuel stays in the state and region instead of leaving for oil- and gas-producing states or countries.

The value of all these benefits should be calculated and weighed into the eventual formula that balances road usage fees and gas taxes. In 2019 the Oregon Legislature established a goal of having 250,000 registered zero-emission vehicles by 2025, and at the end of 2024 we only had 109,330. Oregon needs to strongly incentivize cleaner transportation, not make it costlier than the more-polluting alternative.

Charlie Loeb
Eugene

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

IT'S ANOTHER ROUTINE DAY OF CHAOS AND CALAMITY AT THE WHITE HOUSE-- WHEN SUDDENLY... INVISIBLE-HAND-OF-THE-FREE-MARKET MAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

INVISIBLE, HUH? LIKE IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE?

NO SIR, IT'S A METAPHOR-- WAIT, WHAT?

SIR, THE ECONOMY IS IN TURMOIL-- AND AS THE LIVING EMBODIMENT OF THE WISDOM OF THE MARKET, I'M HERE TO HELP!

I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING! I PAUSED THE TARIFFS AND THE STOCK MARKET LINE WENT UP! BEFORE IT WENT BACK DOWN.

WELL, TECHNICALLY SPEAKING IT WASN'T EXACTLY A PAUSE, SINCE THERE ARE STILL ENORMOUS TARIFFS ON CHINA AND AT LEAST TEN PERCENT ON EVERYONE ELSE--

LINE WENT UP, WEIRDO! MY UNCLE TAUGHT AT M.I.T. HEY HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THIS WORD, "GROCERIES"?

I, UH, VAGUELY RECALL IT, SIR.

YOU KNOW WHAT MARKETS RESPECT? COMPLETE UNCERTAINTY! WE'RE MOVING FAST AND BREAKING THINGS! AND BY THE WAY, MY TARIFFS WILL MAKE THIS COUNTRY MANLY AGAIN!

THAT IS...DEFINITELY A THING SOMEONE SAID ON FOX NEWS, SIR.

OTHER COUNTRIES TAKE OUR MONEY AND ALL WE GET IN RETURN IS THEIR STUPID STUFF! THE FREE RIDE IS OVER! SOON, NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO AFFORD ANY OF THAT STUFF!

IT'S ALL PART OF MY MASTER PLAN, THAT I AM MAKING UP AS I GO!

YOU CANNOT FAIL, SIR-- YOU CAN ONLY BE FAILED!

NOW, SOMEBODY THROW THIS WEIRDO IN THE WHITE HOUSE DUNGEON!

UMM-- EX-CUSE ME?

WE DON'T HAVE A WHITE HOUSE DUNGEON, SIR.

THEN BUILD ONE! DO I HAVE TO THINK OF EVERYTHING?

NEXT: REVIVING THE ECONOMY--WITH GIANT GOLD STATUES OF TRUMP!