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## Cops don't get time to get healthy food for lunch

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I agree with Supt. Weis also that officers should stay in shape. Over my career as a police officer, I've seen many officers retire and pass away shortly after, due to their bad health.

The Chicago Sun-Times has no clue as to what an officer does during his tour of duty. If you bothered to look up the police contract, a police officer has a half hour for his lunch. The Sun-Times should do an article on where you can get good healthy food in 30 minutes.

**Det. J. Frugoli**

### Business as usual for city

Just once, I'd like to open the Chicago Sun-Times and not see how much money is being wasted by our city, county and state governments on total incompetence, corruption and clout.

We have aldermen sitting around banning foods and plastic bags while a \$12 million fund is set up to compensate victims of City Hall's rigged hiring system.

But this is just a drop in the bucket when we look at the amounts of money paid out in lawsuits brought about by the city and county's failure to do what we pay them to do: Administrate.

Add to this the largess of a governor who hands out our money for political expedience.

By voting the same people and their clones in year after year, the financial bleeding will not stop. The most fascinating thing about all of this is the absolute arrogance of our politicians who simply brush it off as if it's business as usual, which it actually is.

**Geoff Kelly,**

**Old Town**

### The Obama Times?

I have been a Sun-Times print subscriber for more than a year. I have recently canceled my subscription to your paper. The reason: your love affair with Barack Obama. I can understand if you love the man, but the fact is that you are running a newspaper which should theoretically be fair and impartial to all candidates.

I pulled up your Web site today and what do I see? A section for Barack Obama. Not Hillary Clinton or John McCain, only Barack Obama.

Just go ahead and admit it, change the name from Sun-Times to Obama Times and be done with it.

**Vito Demonte, Wood Dale**

### **Tanks for stimulus check**

I finally realized what I can do with the stimulus check the president is sending me.

My wife and I will both be able to go to the corner gas station and get a fill-up. Putting a freeze on gas prices would do more for the economy than sending out checks. But that will never happen.

**Tony Loffredo,**

**Tinley Park**

### **Help end sexual violence**

April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. So why do we want to make you all aware of this? It's because, unfortunately, sexual assault is more widespread today in America than heart disease and lung cancer.

The impact of sexual assault on survivors is enormous. Survivors of sexual assault have a higher incidence of depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse and homelessness than the average woman.

Educate yourself about sexual violence against women, men, boys and girls. There are 33 rape crisis centers (see *icasa.org* for locations) throughout the Chicago area and in Illinois, and each has staff and materials to teach you about this issue so you can be a more effective advocate.

We are far from accomplishing our mission to eradicate sexual violence in our communities. We need all of your help to do that. Let the month of April mark your personal commitment toward contributing to the solution.

**Jim Huenink,**

**Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault,**

**Arlington Heights**

### **Tax swap a fiasco**

The Tax Reform Action Coalition commends the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce for recognizing the fiasco that legislators want to foist on taxpayers -- a "tax swap" in the form of House Bill 750 and Senate Bill 2288.

Jerry Roper [Letter to the Editor, March 28] rightly points to the huge increases in sales tax that recently made the city the highest in the nation. Now elected officials in Springfield want to compound this by increasing the income tax 67 percent as we slide into a recession.

In addition, the coalition is opposed to these swaps because they do nothing to reform the property tax system. There is nothing in these tax swaps that stop our assessments from continuing to rise.

We need a structural change in the property tax system. We need a different model for assessing the value of real estate. Tinkering around the edges won't do it any more.

**Barb Head, president,**

**Tax Reform Action Coalition**

## **Gun bans don't work**

I have an idea for the city of Chicago regarding its ever-growing gun violence problem: Let's ban handguns!

Oh wait, they already are banned. Could it be that gun bans don't work? Can't be that. Gun bans work just fine. Just ask Hizzoner and Gov. Blago. They know what's best for us.

After all, criminals do prefer their victims to be unarmed and as close to helpless as possible. Who wants to try to rob or rape someone when there's a possibility of getting hurt?

**Chuck Guy,**

**Elk Grove Village**

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