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use these humane traps with daily checking. Oregon must follow as well. The use of sharp-toothed traps results in severe and painful injuries that are barbaric.

I support the American Veterinary Medical Association Policy of banning conventional inhumane traps. Legitimate science and management practices that necessitate the capture of wildlife must employ the most humane traps and techniques. These humane traps and techniques reduce injury and stress as well as minimizing pain and suffering to wildlife.

Moreover, these humane traps prevent capture of non-target animals such as pet dogs and cats.

David Johnson, DVM, DACLAM



To the Editor:

I very much want to thank Wendie Vermillion for her letter in the February 8 issue of *The Nugget Newspaper* reporting on the Women's March and support her sentiments as they are mine as well.

I looked up the United States population and found the following statistics on Country Meters: As of December, 2016 our current population was 325,697,685. The breakdown was 160,788,300 men and 164,909,385 women.

That indicates there are 4,121,085 more females than males in this country.

I'm just saying.
Phyllis Lewis



To the Editor:

Many of us were appalled, depressed, and terrified when Trump won the presidential election. And we were right to feel this way. In

his first two weeks, Trump attacked many of our country's basic values both in his cabinet picks and in his executive orders.

As of February 2, after just two weeks in office, a total of 55 lawsuits had been filed against the Trump administration. Compare that to five for Clinton, four for Bush, and five for Obama. A total of 40 of those lawsuits involved the order on refugees and travel; nine involved civil rights; four involved general immigration issues; one involved a financial conflict of interest; and one involved cutting off federal funds to sanctuary cities, including Portland.

The order on refugees and travel is based on fear, not facts. Most violent extremists in the U.S. are citizens — right wing extremists. The next major group is naturalized citizens. After that come legal residents. Some are of unknown origin. Only a few are refugees, illegal residents, or are here on a temporary visa. Remember, all of our ancestors were immigrants!

What can we do with our anger at these injustices? Leave or fight! I'm choosing to fight. How? "Indivisible: A Practical Guide for Resisting the Trump Agenda" was written by congressional staffers who know what works in politics. Groups of defiant people are registering on the website and more people are joining every day (<https://www.indivisibleguide.com/about-us/>).

There are eight groups in Central Oregon so far. There's even one here: Indivisible Sisters Oregon (formerly Sisters Democrats Support Group). I started this meetup group after the election because I was depressed and needed to talk to others who felt the same. Now there are more than 35 members. If you'd like to join us, please go to <https://www.meetup.com/Indivisible-Sisters-Oregon/>.

Paula Surmann



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Sisters' relay swimmers broke several school records.

Swim records fall at district meet

No one was quite sure what the Outlaws swimmers had in them when they hit the pool for the District meet last weekend. Their season has been badly disrupted by weather — events and practices canceled.

"We actually had a really tough season," said Coach Brittany Morioka. "It was really up in the air in terms of how they would do."

The last two weeks were the first and only consistent training time the Outlaws got this season. They made the most of it. The relay teams set new school records on their way to earning berths in state competition, and Brooke Robillard broke her own school record in the breaststroke with a time of 1:11.80 to supplant her previous mark of 1:13.02

The 200 medley relay squad — Lydia Bartlett, backstroke; Brooke Robillard.

breaststroke; Meredith Mandal, butterfly; Hawley Harrer, freestyle — clocked 1:57.22 to beat the old mark of 1:58.82

The same girls edged their old time of 1:44.80 to set a new SHS standard of 1:44.38200 in the 200 freestyle relay and hit 3:48.90 to supplant 3:51.19 in the 400 free relay.

Bartlett and Mandal placed second and fifth respectively in the 500 freestyle, also earning individual state berths.

The Outlaws will travel to Mt. Hood Community College next weekend for the meet.

Morioka said that the Outlaws trained hard on their own to achieve such a high standard under trying conditions.

"They just really stepped up and believed they could do it," she said. "And they did."

Be careful out there...

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