

One good thing

On Oct. 30, Newt Gingrich gave a speech in which he gave tacit approval of Israel's recent assassination of the founder of a Palestinian resistance group known as the Islamic Jihad. Newt then chastised the Palestinians for their rough language in vowing retaliation.

So, for Newt, it was fine for Israel to break international law and murder a political opponent, but it was sinful for Palestinians to use impolite language in expressing their anger.

Now Rabin, the Israeli leader who must have approved the attack, has been assassinated himself — not by a Palestinian, but by an even more radical Israeli who opposed the so-called "peace process." I wonder how Newt feels about this murder. Is murder and lawlessness OK if you don't like the victim — but an evil sin if you do like the victim?

Rabin was an architect of Israel's 1967 war in which Jews invaded the West Bank, Gaza, and Jerusalem after first destroying Egypt's air force on the ground in a Pearl Harbor-style surprise attack.

Rabin foresaw the deportation of Palestinians from their own land and later orchestrated the "iron fist" beatings of Palestinian children who threw stones at heavily armed Jewish troops during the intifada. The Middle East is such a sick and mentally twisted place that Rabin was murdered, but not for his many war crimes that should have been punished by the World Court.

Instead, Rabin was shot for the one good thing he did, which was to recognize the legitimate political aspirations of the people whose land he stole.

Christopher Calder
Eugene

Not enough

I too was surprised at the lack of response to the race relations

question (ODE, Oct. 31). I considered responding because this is an important issue to me, but then I reconsidered. I didn't know what I, a white person, could contribute. After reading the few letters that were submitted, and the scathing editorial, I felt compelled to respond.

Even though I am married to a Japanese-American, racism rarely touches my life. Maybe my husband, who is biracial, looks just white enough to escape racist taunts.

I may feel that by just being non-racist, I am doing enough. Apparently it is not enough. Perhaps I am just too comfortable; maybe it is just easier to stick my head in the sand. Maybe I am afraid to confront racist stereotypes I have.

I do know this: I am concerned about racism on this campus. The things I do to combat this problem are to speak up and speak loudly whenever I witness a racist act or conversation, and to make sure I don't contribute to any racism. I know I should do more and I welcome any suggestions. My e-mail address is jwasson@gladstone.

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Classy athletes

As a former sports writer and marketing consultant to the National Football League, I wanted to take a moment to commend the superb opinion column (ODE, Nov. 7), by assistant sports editor Mark McTyre. Not only did he weave a first-class sports story, but he presented a wonderful look at two Ducks (Ricky Whittle and A.J. Jelks) who did a great job of representing themselves, the football team and the University to our community.

We just moved to Eugene so I could teach sports marketing in the Lundquist College of Business. Like McTyre's Red Sox experience, I brought my 8-year-old son (and just as important,

my daughter), to see the Ducks play Pacific in October. As that game ended, my son sprinted onto the field to get a Tony Graziani autograph. Tony was immediately engulfed by literally hundreds of first children who were getting their first stadium exposure to a sports hero. The game statistics didn't matter.

Tony stayed — long after the team had left the field — and signed every football, program, shirt and towel he was handed. Like Ricky's and A.J.'s act, it was one of the classiest sports moments I've ever seen.

Tonight, my son will once again sleep in his Kenny Wheaton "number 20" Duck jersey with a smudged (from use) Graz-autographed football. And for a few more years, sports will remain one of his life's great positives.

Oh, and one other thing, to Ricky and the guys on the team: Ricky's quotes were 100 percent accurate. Enjoy this college life and fan-adoration. Don't abuse the love.

It will end much faster than most of you expect.

It doesn't get any better than Oregon winning a football game in Eugene on a Saturday afternoon.

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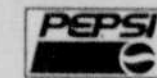
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