

Notable & Quotable

A sampling of some of our favorite conversations from 2016

The politics of fear is being used to divide our communities. We need to remind ourselves of the strengths of being a country where diverse cultures have come together. There's no contradiction between a nation where we speak a common language and a nation where many of us remain proud of our ethnic and cultural heritage, including our native languages. There's no contradiction between a nation with a shared culture, founded on the idea of freedom, and a nation whose culture reflects the melting pot that is America."

- David Rogers, executive director of ACLU Oregon
Jan. 22

"If you have cool images out there of multidimensional women who have interesting jobs and interesting lives, and actually have lines of dialogue with other women, you show these wonderful possibilities for people - it just gives hope. It gives kids all over the world a more realistic view, more exciting opportunities."

- Catherine Hardwicke, director, "Twilight"
Feb. 26



Jarvis Kennedy

"Roughly 20 percent of our total greenhouse gas emissions come from either agriculture or livestock production and the changes in land use, which is often shorthand for deforestation. Twenty percent may or may not sound like a lot, but that's more than the entirety of the transportation sector - so cars and airplanes and freight transportation and boats. That's more than the entirety of the building sector, so all of the electricity and heating that we use in buildings, and that's nearly as much as the entirety of the industrial sector - so everything that we make."

- Zach Accuardi, specialist in sustainable urban development, dietary impacts on climate change
March 4

"I think a lot of us tell ourselves that it's too big for us to affect. That's true in a sense - which is why we build movements, to combine our power. As individuals we can't do much; together we can."

- Bill McKibben, founder of 350.org, on climate change
June 10

"We would always see parents crying all the time, and they were carrying their kids up to the hill to bury them. I have those



Margaret Atwood

memories in my head, and even to this day, when I look outside to the sea, or at the coast, I have tears every time because I think about my escape, and all the people that died."

- Thuy Huyen, Ms. Oregon 2016, who grew up in an Indonesian refugee camp after her parents escaped Vietnam in 1979
June 17

"She's a disaster with an innocent smile. A storm ranging in a precious mind. A brain that had limitless secrets to hide. She was everything and anything but a naive child."

- DeAnna, foster youth
July 8

"The fossil fuel industry and the Koch brothers are putting hundreds of millions of dollars into the political system to essentially buy the Legislature. It stands the vision of our republic on its head. The vision of the republic is 'we the republic,' in contrast to government by and for the powerful. But with Citizens United, 'we the republic' becomes 'we the privileged and powerful.'"

- Sen. Jeff Merkley
July 29

"Indigenous peoples are a political powerhouse that states and corporations can't conquer, even at the point of a gun. ... Indigenous peoples are the frontline of the environmental movement. It is imperative that we start recognizing this."

- John Ahni Schertow, chief editor, Intercontinental Cry
July 29

"Whether it's Brexit or Make America Great Trumpism or ISIS or you name it, hatred of immigrants, there is just all this crisis around the subject of identity and how one expresses identity and whether identity can be a force for emancipation ... or

whether it's oppressive and destructive."

- Susan Faludi, author
Sept. 16

"It's really important for people in Oregon to talk about how proud they are to come from a state that really prioritizes reproductive freedom and reproductive justice and demand that your elected representation actually challenge the anti-choice forces that they go up against every day in Congress, because when we challenge them, they lose. We don't lose."

- Ilyse Hogue, president, NARAL Pro-Choice America
Sept. 23



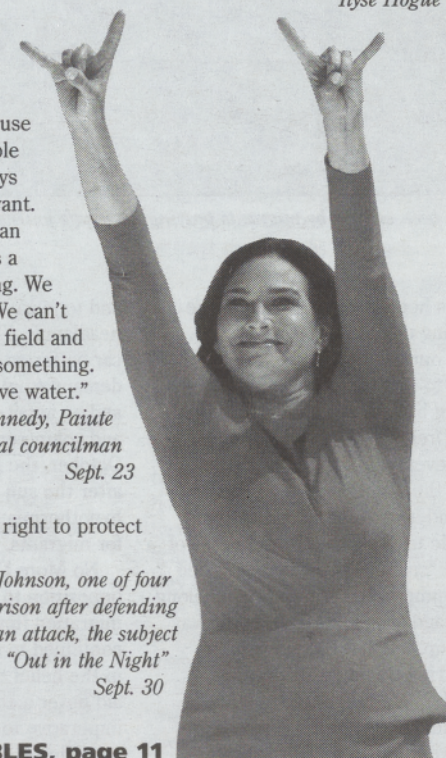
Susan Faludi

"It's all about the money, once you come down to it. Because that's what people want. Money buys whatever they want. But it's not just an Indian thing, it's a human race thing. We can't drink oil. We can't throw oil on the field and expect to grow something. You've got to have water."

- Jarvis Kennedy, Paiute tribal councilman
Sept. 23

"I have every right to protect my body."

- Patreese Johnson, one of four women sent to prison after defending themselves in an attack, the subject of the film "Out in the Night"
Sept. 30



Ilyse Hogue

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