

THIS MODERN WORLD

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2012
A HIGHLY SUBJECTIVE AND WOEFULLY INADEQUATE LOOK BACK AT A JAM-PACKED YEAR FULL OF CRAZY PART THE FIRST

JAN. 4: RICK SANTORUM TELLS CROWD--
"--I DON'T WANT TO MAKE BLAH PEOPLE'S LIVES BETTER BY GIVING THEM SOMEONE ELSE'S MONEY!"
LAZY BLAH PEOPLE!

JAN. 11: TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST DETAINEE ARRIVALS AT GITMO.
SSSHH! WE CAN'T TALK ABOUT THAT NOW!
IT'S AN ELECTION YEAR!

JAN. 9: PROBABLE SOCIOPATH MITT ROMNEY SAYS A TRUE THING.
"I LIKE BEING ABLE TO FIRE PEOPLE WHO PROVIDE SERVICES TO ME!"

MITT ROMNEY, JAN 15: "I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE POOR!"
MITT ROMNEY, FEB. 1: "I'M NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THE VERY POOR. WE HAVE A SAFETY NET THERE!"

JAN. 20: SANTORUM SAYS RAPE BABIES ARE A GIFT FROM GOD.
HE'S THOUGHTFUL THAT WAY!
IT WILL NOT BE THE STUPIDEST THING A REPUBLICAN SAYS ABOUT RAPE THIS YEAR.

ALSO: REPULSIVE G.O.P. CANDIDATE NEWT GINGRICH CALLS OBAMA A "FOOD STAMP PRESIDENT."
IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN, BLACK. I MEAN, HE'S BLACK.

JAN. 24: OKLAHOMA G.O.P. LAWMAKER INTRODUCES BILL TO OUTLAW ABORTED FETUSES IN FOOD.
SO MUCH FOR OUR PRODUCT LAUNCH.
FETUS-O'S!

FEB. 22: INDIANA G.O.P. LAWMAKER SAYS GIRL SCOUTS PROMOTE HOMOSEXUALITY AND ABORTION.
IT'S A THIN-MINT-FUNDED NEST OF DEPRAVITY!

FEB. 27: GINGRICH TELLS UNGRATEFUL AFGHANS--
"--YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO LIVE YOUR OWN MISERABLE LIFE!"

FEB. 29: RUSH LIMBAUGH ATTACKS SANDRA FLUKE; REVEALS HE HAS NO IDEA HOW BIRTH CONTROL WORKS.
"SHE'S HAVING SO MUCH SEX, SHE CAN'T AFFORD CONTRACEPTION!"
WAIT, WHAT?

APRIL 16: NEWT GINGRICH BITTEN BY A PENGUIN.
I HAVE AN IRONCLAD ALIBI.

SOMETIME IN MAY: MITT ROMNEY IS SECRETLY RECORDED AT \$50,000-A-PLATE FUNDRAISER.
I MIGHT AS WELL TELL YOU WHAT I REALLY THINK ABOUT THE MOOCHERS!
WHAT COULD GO WRONG?

JUNE 8: ROMNEY DOESN'T KNOW WHAT A DONUT IS.
"GARRETT, CAN YOU SEE THAT ONE OF THOSE CHOCOLATE, UH, CHOCOLATE GOODIES FINDS ITS WAY TO OUR RIDE?"

JULY 8: WEALTHY ROMNEY DONOR HELPFULLY EXPLAINS--
"--IF YOU'RE LOWER INCOME, YOU'RE NOT AS EDUCATED...THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW THE SYSTEMS WORK!"

AUG. 19: TODD AKIN HELPFULLY EXPLAINS--
"IF IT'S A LEGITIMATE RAPE, THE FEMALE BODY HAS WAYS TO TRY AND SHUT THAT WHOLE THING DOWN!"
NEXT WEEK: MORE CRAZY!

BUSINESS AS USUAL

The only shit to be found around the Wayne Morse Free Speech Plaza is that which blew out of [Lane County Administrator] Liane Richardson's mouth — as usual.

Kevin Tatro
Eugene

A SHINING LIGHT

A merry band of volunteers showed up last Saturday [12/22] to clean and move most of the Lord Leebrick Theatre on Charnelton to its new space on Broadway. We had a tour by Artistic Director Craig Willis. This theater is going to be a stunner.

Many new eateries are opening in the downtown area and the new LLT on Broadway has got to be one of the prime reasons. Downtown is changing quickly now and the theater is a shining attraction, causing more people to spend more time (and money) in the area.

This will be the first purpose-built theater space Eugene has seen in years. At last, the quality of the space will match the quality of productions.

Dinner and a show, anyone?

Kim Kelly
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RESIST NORQUIST LIST

His stingy stand on taxes/ hurts the poor but clearly maxes/ the intake of the wealthy, outright.

He's not even stealthy/ about his motives and aims/ the rich can't invest, he claims/ and won't employ/ unless they're released/ from paying their fair share.

Pressuring reps to take a pledge/ to never vote for a tax: his wedge/ half the public ... it's pathetic/ got befuddled by his rhetoric.

I'd rather by a snake be kissed/ than signed by Norquist, for his list.

JeanMarie Purcell
Eugene

GMO MONSTERS

Many things about humanity trouble me these days. All of these public massacres, many of them by very young people, are troubling. Also, youth targeted pharmaceuticals of the past 20 years, as well as genetically modified organisms in seeds used to grow food for humans, over roughly the same time period, is distressing to me.

Makes me wonder if there is any connection between these last two instances of "chemistry gone Frankenstein" and our bizarre mass murders nowadays (obviously related to mental instability in the perpetrators).

Terry Heintz
Eugene

NRA IGNORES SAFETY

What if the NRA wasn't reactionary and delusional and offering the solution to gun violence as: "What if those teachers had been armed?" and "The only way to stop a bad guy with a gun is with a good guy with a gun." How delusional and dangerous is that? What if the NRA wasn't married to the gun industry? Hey, arm all the good guys and provide a policeman with a gun, or ex-Army volunteer, for every school. Hey, that'll sell more guns. And what if they truly addressed the gun industry's marketing of semi-automatic assault rifles. No mistake, the NRA does not have our safety at the top of their Christmas list.

I surely hope some of the saner and safer members of the NRA can see the forests through the trees, and withdraw their support of their own reactionary bad guys. I suppose I could cross my toes.

Marilyn Marcus
Eugene

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