

THIS MODERN WORLD

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2013

A HIGHLY SUBJECTIVE AND WOEFULLY INADEQUATE LOOK BACK AT THE YEAR IN CRAZY PART THE SECOND

SEPT. 20: CEO OF BAILED-OUT A.I.G. COMPARES OUTRAGE OVER BONUSES TO BEING LYNCHED.

WALL STREET BANKERS ARE THE TRUE HEIRS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING!

NOVEMBER: 63-YEAR-OLD MAN SUES NEW MEXICO POLICE FOR SUBJECTING HIM TO THREE ENEMAS AND A FORCED COLONOSCOPY, IN SEARCH OF (NON-EXISTENT) DRUGS AFTER A TRAFFIC STOP.

ALSO: HOSPITAL LATER BILLS MAN \$6,000 FOR PROCEDURES.

DEC. 5: RICK SANTORUM COMPARES OBAMACARE TO APARTHEID.

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE IS EXACTLY LIKE THE SYSTEMATIC OPPRESSION OF BLACK SOUTH AFRICANS.

AND I'M NELSON MANDELA.

JULY 24: ERIC HOLDER PROMISES U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL NOT TORTURE OR KILL EDWARD SNOWDEN.

NOT THAT ANYONE EVER DOUBTED IT! RIGHT?

SEPT. 25: TED CRUZ HOLDS 21-HOUR FAKE FILIBUSTER; UNWITTINGLY PROVES LACK OF READING COMPREHENSION.

THE MORAL OF "GREEN EGGS & HAM" IS CLEAR--

--NEVER TRY ANYTHING NEW!

NOVEMBER: OHIO WALMART HOLDS FOOD DRIVE FOR ITS OWN EMPLOYEES.

YOU THINK THEY CAN LIVE ON WHAT WE PAY THEM?

DEC. 9: GUARDIAN REPORTS NSA HAS BEEN PAYING EMPLOYEES (AND/OR CONTRACTORS) TO INFILTRATE WORLD OF WARCRAFT.

THIS IS THE BEST JOB EVER.

AUG. 5: TEA PARTIER TED YOMO CALLS OBAMACARE TANNING BED TAX "RACIST."

WHITE PEOPLE WHO WANT ARTIFICIAL TANS ARE THE TRUE HEIRS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING!

OCT. 1: GOP CONGRESSMAN STUTZMAN EXPLAINS THE VERY COHERENT OBJECTIVE OF THE GOV'T SHUTDOWN.

"WE HAVE TO GET SOME-THING OUT OF THIS! AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT IS!"

NOV. 26: HUFFPO REPORTS NSA HAS BEEN SPYING ON PORN HABITS TO DISCREDIT MUSLIM "RADICALIZERS."

BUT YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! UNLESS YOU LOOK AT PORN.

DEC. 11: FOX'S ANNUAL WAR ON THE IMAGINARY WAR ON CHRISTMAS REACHES A DIZZY NEW PINNACLE OF CRAZY.

SANTA CLAUS IS A WHITE MAN! AND SO WAS JESUS! IT'S A VERIFIABLE FACT!

SEPTEMBER: IOWANS DEBATE WHETHER BLIND PEOPLE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CARRY FIREARMS IN PUBLIC.

SERIOUSLY, WHY DO WE EVEN BOTHER HAVING CARTOONS ANYMORE?

NOV. 1: OBAMACARE ROLLS OUT SMOOTHLY THANKS TO GLITCH-FREE WEBSITE.

WE CLEARLY DIDN'T WANT TO SCREW THAT UP!

*IN SOME ALTERNATE UNIVERSE. MAYBE.

DEC. 5: U.S. LAUNCHES SPT SATELLITE WITH THIS NOT-AT-ALL CREEPY LOGO!

MOTTO: "NOTHING IS BEYOND OUR REACH."

ENTIRE REST OF THE YEAR: A WHOLE BUNCH MORE STUFF WE EITHER DIDN'T HAVE ROOM FOR OR FORGOT ABOUT, BECAUSE WE'RE ONLY HUMAN.

HEY! SPEAK FOR YOURSELF!

...SEE YOU IN 2014!

have had six months of talk about where we would cut services or jobs and not a word on how we could raise more money to fill the gap.

There are reserves — sometimes called "one-time money." That is assumed by some to be forbidden money. The solution is to name that money something else. It's sort of been earmarked for a new City Hall, but not committed to it. We could label that money a "banana." Then we could spend it without a guilty conscience. Now, take the next six months to try to fill the gap in the following year with new revenue.

Maybe, with the revenues getting better each year, we will have solved the problem. Or maybe we can figure out a way to raise new revenue.

Bob Cassidy
Eugene

DESIGN TRAVESTY

Over the past year I've watched with interest as the Capstone Building has been built between Willamette and Olive. Now that the exterior is nearing completion, it's become apparent that the building has only one public entrance. One! For a five-story building which encompasses much of two city blocks, this seems extraordinary. Never mind the fire hazard or logistical inconvenience for residents. From a design perspective, a single public entrance is a travesty.

Large buildings downtown are part of the urban fabric. Even if privately owned, they have a civic duty to physically engage the surrounding public space. A building which aims its attention inward while ignoring its neighbors does not belong downtown. It belongs in a suburb. How did this building pass the city's design review? Were any modifications suggested?

If we want a healthy city core, it requires a foundation of smart physical construction. I hope that future buildings downtown are held to a more thoughtful and urban-based standard.

Blake Andrews
Eugene

LYING BY OMISSION

Shannon Finnell reports [12/19] that

Whoville campers worry that the city of Eugene will close their camp, just like they unexpectedly closed the Occupy Eugene camp in December 2011. She writes, "The council and EPD had no plans to close the Occupy Eugene camp at Washington-Jefferson Park during winter break. By Christmas [of 2011], it was closed." Nowhere does she mention that the reason for the sudden closure was an episode of violence that resulted in a person's death. To leave out such a salient fact amounts to lying by omission.

C'mon, EW. As I and others have admonished you in the past, you need to tighten up that reporting and editing!

Kelley Blewster
Springfield

EDITOR'S NOTE: Richard Youngblood's tragic death was the impetus for the city to close the Occupy camp, just as Whovillians fear reports of a "stabbing" could lead to the closing of their camp, but many point out that Youngblood was not a part of Occupy and in fact it was Occupy medics who kept him alive so he could get to the hospital.

LANDWATCH IGNORED

Regarding the Give Guide in your recent [12/19] edition of EW:

Considering that had it not been for the successful effort of LandWatch Lane County (LW) to stop it in 1996, 700,000 acres of commercial forestland would have been opened up to real estate development; considering that since then LW has been working to protect farmland, forestland, natural areas and open space in Lane County; and with Goal One Coalition, natural areas and resource lands throughout the state — accomplishments and goals we thought the Weekly supports — how is it, then, that on your Christmas list we don't merit even an honorable mention? Are we too unsexy for your taste?

What gives?

Robert Emmons
LandWatch Lane County
Fall Creek

BEYOND JUST THANKS

Thank you Lisa Arkin and her dedicated volunteers at Beyond Toxics for exposing the atrocious practice of chemical spraying on Oregon industrial forests. Countless

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A Tribute to Sonny Boy Williamson II
Mark Hummel's Blues Harmonica Blowout 2014
Friday, January 17

The Carl Woideck
Jazz Heritage Project
Stormy Weather A Harold Arlen
Tribute with Haile Loren - Sat January 18

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Coming to The Shedd

(full, updated listing at theshedd.org)

- 1.17 Blues Harmonica Blowout 2014
- 1.18 Woideck: Stormy Weather w/ Loren
- 1.25 Moombah! It Could Always Be Worse!
- 2.1 Mamo: N. Aweau & J. Peterson
- 2.7 Ken Peplowski: Bix & Hoagy
- 2.8 Boz Scaggs (Hult)
- 2.13-20 The Jazz Kings: Give Me A Song
- 2.19 Brian Blade Fellowship
- 2.20 Keb' Mo'
- 2.21 Cécile McLorin Salvant
- 2.22 Dan Tepfer
- 2.25 Grace Kelly
- 2.27 Mike Marshall & Chris Thile
- 3.1 Pat Metheny Unity Group
- 3.4 Väsen
- 3.5 Wynton Marsalis & JLCO (Hult)
- 3.8 Moombah! Tina's Latin Cantina!
- 3.13 Manis & Vik: You Are Too Beautiful
- 3.19 Hanneke Cassel
- 3.27 Solas
- 4.4-6 Siri Mix (Shedd cabaret)
- 4.26 The Ungar-Mason Family Band
- 5.7-11 The Jazz Kings: Besame Mucho
- 5.7 Carol Burnett (Hult)
- 5.9 Steve Martin w/ Edie Brickell (Hult)
- 5.19 CMA: An Evening with Guy Few
- 5.31 Moombah! Skyscraper Caper!
- 6.11 CM: Looking Back Lane County
- 6.12 Dave Douglas Quintet
- 6.19-29 Musical: Oh, Kay! (1924, Gershwins)

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