

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

IF THE WATER SUPPLY FOR 300,000 PEOPLE WERE POISONED BY TERRORISTS, IT WOULD BE A NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

WE WILL ADDRESS THIS CRISIS WITH EVERY RESOURCE AT OUR DISPOSAL! THE PURITY OF HOMELAND DRINKING WATER WILL BE PROTECTED AT ANY COST!

NOW PLEASE STAY INSIDE AND DUCT TAPE YOUR FAUCETS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



FRIGHTENED AMERICANS WOULD EMBRACE WHATEVER NEW SECURITY MEASURES WERE RUSHED INTO LAW.

ANYONE CAUGHT HIKING NEAR A RESERVOIR OR PICNICKING ON A RIVERBANK WILL BE SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE ARREST!



I NEVER TRUSTED THOSE TYPES ANYWAY!

A LOT OF VERY SERIOUS THINKERS WOULD INSIST THAT WE NEEDED TO BOMB SOMEBODY.

HOW ABOUT IRAN? THEY'D BE A GOOD TARGET!



SURE, THERE'S NO EVIDENCE LINKING THEM TO THE ATTACK--

--BUT WHO CARES? WE JUST NEED TO MAKE A STATEMENT!

THE ASSAULT ON CIVIL LIBERTIES WOULD SHIFT INTO OVERDRIVE. THE NSA MUST SCOOP UP EVEN MORE METADATA--IN ORDER TO KEEP YOU SAFE NEXT TIME!

MAYBE. ALSO WE SHOULD DRONE SNOWDEN, JUST BECAUSE.



AND OF COURSE CABLE NEWS WOULD BE ON THE TOPIC 24/7.

SO YOU SEE, WATER IS TWO PARTS HYDROGEN AND ONE PART OXYGEN!



FASCINATING! AND WOULD YOU SAY IT'S ESSENTIAL TO LIFE AS WE KNOW IT?

NO QUESTION! WATER IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT!

THERE YOU HAVE IT--THE SCIENTIFIC PERSPECTIVE!

BUT SINCE A CORPORATION DID IT, NO BIG DEAL.

EH, STUFF HAPPENS. WHAT CAN YOU DO.



NO POINT IN CRYING OVER SPILLED 4-METHYLCYCLOHEXANE METHANOL. THAT'S WHAT I ALWAYS SAY!

claims. Neighbors would have appealed the Greenway permit if we would have been able to raise another \$1,000 in such a short time. It's too bad PUDs are approved to invade a neighborhood and river path just because they [developers] have money. The only thing that is green about this project is the money. OMC has not budged on compromising.

Anne Love
Eugene

IDOL WORSHIP

An open letter to the Eugene City Council: The public library is the golden tree of knowledge. The City Council wants to put out the light. Any councilperson who votes to trim the branches will force me to reactivate my activism and campaign actively against you in the next election. Please don't make me do it; I'm retired and lazy.

Vince Loving
Eugene

NOT SO USELESS NIPPLES

While *The Vagina Monologues* is a wonderful show and everyone should see it, no one is served by the exclusionary and inaccurate quotation that *EW* used to promote it — i.e., that the clitoris is “the only organ in the body designed purely for pleasure.”

Last I checked, dudes also have bodies, and the great majority of those bodies have nipples (two of 'em), whose only apparent function is to make their possessors feel good, when appropriately stimulated.

Sure hope Mr. Savage doesn't savage you over this sexist misstep.

Vip Short
Eugene

TIP YOUR GAS JOCKEYS

I work at the local gas station SeSequential Biofuels, and I'd like to encourage you to tip the people pumping your gas. About 130,000 jobs in Oregon are minimum wage. If you have held a minimum wage job, you know how hard it is to pay bills and eat healthy, much less support a family. This is a service job, and as you probably

know Oregon and New Jersey are the only states in the nation where drivers don't have to pump their own gas.

Situations where a tip is appropriate:

- You pull up when there are already two or three other cars being pumped, and the attendant serves you in an expedient, efficient and friendly manner.
- When we wash your window, hook you up with free coffee or assist you with car trouble.
- If you fill one or more propane tanks!
- If you're feeling generous. (If you tip inside the store we don't see any of that.) Change makes a great tip!
- It really helps out people like me who are on an extremely tight budget and breathing carcinogens all day.

A gas station is a good place to see people's true nature, and the majority of you are sweet, compassionate people. Thank you for buying local and supporting a gas station that emphasizes community, healthy food options and the inevitable transition to locally sourced renewable fuels. Bless those of you walking, biking, taking the bus and running local biodiesel, and bless those of you who already tip. You really help out.

Ché Ruth-Cheff
Eugene

RURAL SUPPORT NEEDED

In spite of the palpable need for swift action, President Obama's February 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act would have benefited from a more systematic rollout. With luck, the president's Promise Zone Initiative will embrace the lessons learned by Presidents Kennedy, Johnson and Clinton while implementing similar initiatives.

The 2014 State of the County address identifies jobs creation, the development of a positive economic future and collaborating with federal forestry partners as critical 2014 Board of County Commissioners deliverables.

These sentiments should be tested through one or more administrative proof of

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