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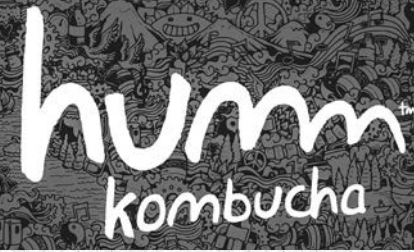
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Storm season is here!

The Eugene Water & Electric Board has launched improved outage reporting services, including a new, toll-free automated outage reporting number and the ability for customers to text message the utility to report an outage.

Follow these simple steps if your power goes out:

- Call EWEB's new, toll-free automated outage reporting number: **844-484-2300**.
- Or report the outage by texting "out" to **TXEWEB** (893932).
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LETTERS

never have to sit next to someone reeking of marijuana like I do on regular buses.

Drivers routinely drive past me and slam doors in my face as I am disabled and slower than other riders. This means I have to wait another 30 minutes or more. I am no different than anyone else, and my time is valuable, but not to LTD. If I get angry about this insensitivity I risk ridicule on the bus or, worse, being expelled by the omnipotent driver.

LTD is the worst transit system in the U.S., certainly the worst I have ever encountered since I was a young girl. I prefer mass transit to driving. Given that LTD was named the best in 2014 ["Outstanding Public Transportation System" by the American Transportation Association], I shudder to think how poorly the rest of the country is being served if our awful, disrespectful and poorly funded system receives such praise.

Marianna Cathryn Glenday
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FILL THE STREETS

Economic inequality and injustice in this country are directly connected to racism, sexism and classism. We need to understand that the system is not broken; it's designed to oppress and marginalize people of color, women and the poor. The state uses violence to uphold unjust laws and a system to protect the banks and corporations who now own our government, military, police and politicians. To address these issues and this class war against the people, we need to organize and fill the streets and speak out against this system of violence and oppression!

We the people must take back the power from those who are at war with the people and the world before it's too late.

sadmonk aka Scott Martinez
Eugene

YORDY'S EXCESSIVE PAY

Last week's *Register-Guard* announced the retirement and \$1.4 million pay of PeaceHealth CEO Alan Yordy. I can't imagine what a salary of \$1.4 million brings to a family. I can imagine, however, what a salary of \$13.05 an hour brings: a hard-working young mother telling her daughter that her total Christmas will consist of one highly coveted \$25 gift.

That \$13.05 an hour is what Sacred Heart (aka Sacred Wallet) pays its beginning certified nursing assistants (CNAs). These are the workers, mostly women, who provide most of the direct patient care at this "nonprofit" hospital.

If my math is correct, Yordy is paid 52 times as much as the CNAs employed by Sacred Wallet. Shame on you all! Of course, Yordy may feel slighted. The R-G

also reported Microsoft is paying its CEO \$84 million.

And we wonder what went wrong in America?

Susan M. Connolly
Eugene

THE NATURE OF WANTING

People who have nothing want something. People who have something thank God and are grateful (if they are wise about the ways of life on Earth). People who have everything want more ... and more ... and more.

Terry Heintz
Eugene

IGNORED FILMS

Two films recently screened at Bijou Metro were ignored by *EW*'s reviews. *Kill the Messenger* is about reporter Gary Webb, who made the career-ending mistake of investigating the CIA's complicity with the cocaine trade in Central America in the 1980s. Profits from drug smuggling were used to fund the Contra terror war against Nicaragua, and the social consequences included the crack epidemic in the U.S. The film showed how mainstream media forced his newspaper to backpeddle and Webb was made *persona non grata* in the media industry. Perhaps if the film had glorified being stoned it would have been reviewed by *EW*.

Citizenfour profiles the whistleblowing of Ed Snowden. It shows the duplicity of the Obama administration, which is not politically correct for liberal Democrats.

The popular focus on corporate power is only part of the story; there are other tentacles of the Empire that deserve scrutiny. The National Security State's so-called intelligence community was born in World War II and came to full power with the *coup d'etat* of Nov. 22, 1963.

The differences between Bush/Cheney and Obama/Biden (and the factions they represent) are tactical disagreements about managing global domination, not war vs. peace.

EW's Dec. 4 Slant praised Obama's initiative to equip police with body cameras. It's no surprise Obama wants cops to have more cameras but he has declined suggestions to stop giving military equipment to police forces.

Mark Robinowitz
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