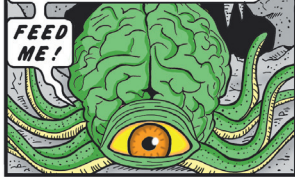


THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

THE CAMPAIGN THAT ATE AMERICA'S BRAIN

DEEP IN ITS HIDDEN LAIR, THE ANCIENT CREATURE HUNGRED. FEED ME PHOTO OPS...BANAL INSIGHTS...SHAMELESS PANDERING...RELIGIOUS PIETIES... OBSESSIVE COVERAGE OF IN-SIGNIFICANT DETAILS...



PUNDITS BABBLER CEASELESSLY, AND WITH GREAT AUTHORITY. I FOUND HILLARY'S PROFESSED LOVE FOR THE BUTTER COW ENTIRELY UNCONVINCING.

I'LL BET SCOTT WALKER CARVES HIS OWN BUTTER COWS IN HIS SPARE TIME!



AND SO, AN IRRESISTIBLE PSYCHIC COMMAND SWEEP ACROSS THE NATION. LET THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN...COMMENCE!

THEN...

HEY, ISN'T IT TIME FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN TO COMMENCE?

THE ELECTION IS A MERE NINETEEN MONTHS AWAY!



AND NINETEEN MONTHS LATER AMERICANS AWAKENED, AS IF FROM A DREAM.

THE POLLS HAVE CLOSED-- AND THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS--

WHAT-- WHAT JUST HAPPENED?



DRIVEN BY COMPULSIONS BEYOND HUMAN COMPREHENSION, CANDIDATES EAGERLY SUBMITTED TO A SUCCESSION OF RITUAL HUMILIATIONS.

I JUST LOVE GIANT COWS MADE OF BUTTER!

OUT OF MY WAY! I MUST POSE WITH THE BUTTER COW!

STATE FAIR



UNFORTUNATELY, THE CREATURE'S APPETITES WERE INSATIABLE.

THE NEXT CAMPAIGN MUST BEGIN EVEN SOONER...

YES...MUCH, MUCH SOONER!

THE LAST THING I REMEMBER, IT WAS APRIL 2015!



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with our old Republican Mayor Jim Torrey for local 4J School Board. I'm a fan, and I'm rooting for you!

Ryan Kounovsky
UO student

and proven leadership. Please join me in re-electing Jim Torrey on May 19.

Marshall Peter
Eugene

THE WAR PRAYER

Mark Twain's "The War Prayer" depicts a group of hyper-religious citizens in mid-prayer, asking God to bring their military boys a crushing victory. God's messenger arrives to describe the silent half of the prayer — that their military would destroy villages and leave the wounded screeching wildly.

It reminds me of Measure 5, passed as a prayer for lower property taxes. It was the most contentious tax measure in Oregon history, with roughly 500,000 votes on either side. The earnest prayer was that "future homeowner property tax payments would be lower with Measure 5 than without it, [Amen]."

War is zero-sum — education shouldn't be.

The prayer was granted — our kids have heard the silent prayer. It's a prayer to cut PE, theater, shop, music; to pack classrooms, eliminate nurses; to cut after-school programs that keep kids safe and engaged.

We've robbed our children of adequate education. Our schools have dropped from fourth best educational system to 49th.

That's why I'm voting for Kevin Cronin for the 4J School Board, Position 5. He describes the long, difficult road before us if we really want to improve our schools. Cronin is the only candidate I've seen with the inspiration and plan to move Oregon schools forward — by organizing, one vote at a time.

Steve Coatsworth
Eugene

HELP FOR HORSES

Picture a beautiful horse — a model of strength and grace, happy to carry you for work or play. Now picture that same horse, emaciated and with untreated wounds because the owner doesn't care. Or picture that horse, still healthy but headed to slaughter because the owner can't afford his care anymore.

Horse neglect and abuse is a huge problem in Lane County, and significant throughout the nation. That's why the ASPCA created National Help a Horse Day, observed every April 26.

We operate Oregon Horse Rescue, one of our state's larger nonprofit horse rescues/sanctuaries. (Find us on Facebook and at oregonhorserescue.com.) Help us help the horses: If you are aware of a horse not getting proper care, offer to help the owner with the horse's care. If you are thinking of getting a horse, consider adopting a rescued horse. If you have the means, donate to an organization that helps these magnificent beings. The horses thank you.

David and Jane Kelly
Oregon Horse Rescue
Rural Eugene

TORREY'S LEADERSHIP

I enthusiastically support Jim Torrey's candidacy for the Eugene School Board. Torrey is conscientious and knowledgeable about the complex challenges facing our schools. Anyone who has spent time with Jim knows that he cares deeply about the well-being of our community's children and youth. He has served as a powerful voice on behalf of students and always used their best interests to guide his decisions. Our schools need the continuing benefit of Torrey's passionate commitment

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