

THIS MODERN WORLD

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TRUMP MANIA
CRAZY IS THE NEW NORMAL

GETTING THE CANDIDATE
HE'S A CELEBRITY WHO WILL MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!
WHAT FURTHER QUALIFICATION COULD HE POSSIBLY NEED?

A SURPRISE ENDORSEMENT
DONALD TRUMP IS THE KINDEST, WARMEST, BRAVEST, MOST WONDERFUL HUMAN BEING I'VE EVER KNOWN.
I TOTALLY BELIEVE THESE THINGS I AM SAYING.

ELEVATED DISCOURSE
DONALD HAS TINY HANDS! BY WHICH I MEAN A SMALL PENIS!
WHAT IF HE'S IN A LOCKER ROOM WITH PUTIN SOMEDAY?
LIAR! IT'S YUUUUGE!

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM
"RACISM"? I'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD THIS WORD BEFORE!
I'LL NEED SOME TIME TO RESEARCH THE MATTER BEFORE I CAN COMMENT!

DENIAL'S NOT A RIVER
TRUMP'S POPULARITY IS DEFINITELY NOT THE RESULT OF DECADES OF REPUBLICAN DOG-WHISTLE POLITICS!
I BLAME OBAMA, FOR REASONS I WILL EXPLAIN AS SOON AS I THINK OF THEM.

SERIOUSLY, NOT A RIVER
DEMOCRATS WILL BEAT HIM EASILY-- ONCE WE POINT OUT TO VOTERS THAT HE IS A BOORISH, RACE-BAITING NARCISSIST!
THEY MIGHT NOT HAVE NOTICED!

MEN OF GREAT PRINCIPLE
DONALD TRUMP IS A DANGEROUS LUNATIC WHO MUST BE STOPPED!
UNLESS HE WINS THE NOMINATION, IN WHICH CASE WE PLEDGE TO SUPPORT HIM.

THE UNKNOWABLE FUTURE
WOW, NO ONE COULD HAVE FORESEEN HOW THIS ELECTION WOULD TURN OUT! AND NOW IT'S IN THE HANDS OF THE SUPREME COURT!
THE EIGHT-MEMBER SUPREME COURT!
THAT'S THE ONE!
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CHOCOLATE CRUNCH

No chocolate? There are many reasons to fear climate change, but this winter my love of chocolate has grown. Now I hear that there is a growing challenge to cacao trees that provide the flavor I love most! I just read the following report:

The danger to chocolate comes from an increase in evapotranspiration, especially since the higher temperatures projected for West Africa by 2050 are unlikely to be accompanied by an increase in rainfall, according to business-as-usual carbon dioxide emissions scenarios. In other words, as higher temperatures squeeze more water out of soil and plants, it's unlikely that rainfall will increase enough to offset the moisture loss.

Some of the research highlighted by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change 2014 report includes a 2013 study headed by Peter Läderach, who authored a 2011 paper giving a pretty dire forecast for cacao cultivation.

Maybe we could make a difference if we all send chocolate to our legislators?

Ruth Duemler
Eugene

CIVIL DISCOURSE

I experienced a very disturbing wake-up call at the Ani DiFranco concert at the McDonald Theatre March 2 and hope that people might put some thought into respecting opinions, even if they go against your own. This includes Ani and the staff at the theater, who kicked my partner and me out of the show about 40 minutes into it.

In many concerts I've attended there is usually some discourse between the artist and audience, and I never saw anyone being punished for engaging in it. At Ani's show, she chimed in early and made a remark about people needing to vote for either Hillary or Bernie in the election. My partner simply shouted out, "Don't vote." Ani replied, "What?" The response was, "When you vote, you're voting for

empire." She responded, "Oh, so we just give in?" My one-word response was "revolution." And she broke back into a song.

In less than five minutes theater staff told us we had to leave, and their excuse was three people sitting next to me were upset. We stood up and were escorted out, being physically pushed. Is this really the kind of society we should accept? Less than one minute of civil discourse and you're out?

Mindy Stone
Mapleton

THE RIGHT TO KNOW

It appears there are some confused signature gatherers out there. For the record, under current law, no one can look up who you voted for in any government election.

If someone seems confused about the petition they are asking you to sign, ask for clarification. According to Oregon law, "It is against the law for circulators to ... make false statements to any person who signs the petition or requests information about it." See sos.oregon.gov/elections.

You can also ask to read the text of the petition you are being asked to sign. You always have a right to know what you are signing. I encourage everyone to exercise that right.

Karen Moore
Eugene

DEFINING MONOPOLY

Keaton Miller, Ph.D.'s explanation of a monopoly in the March 3 letters is interesting, but — *Black's Law Dictionary* disagrees ("A privilege...vested in one or more persons") as do all of the other dictionaries I looked at. You might also take a read of "Putting the legal profession's monopoly on the practice of law in a global context" by Laurel S. Terry.

And his comment that the NFL is a monopoly was explained a little differently in Wikipedia: "Professional

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