

I need another shower. I'm sweating again.

Peter Tildesley
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WAR ON DRUGS

I just became another victim in the "War on Drugs."

I was in incredible pain and none of the pain drugs prescribed to me by doctors would dull it. I researched and found that some cannabis-infused balms and tinctures might help.

At the time, they were only available to those who paid a doctor brave enough to write a referral for medical marijuana, paid the state a fee and submitted all of the paperwork.

A total of \$400 invested so I could find something that might legally stop the pain. Now the 9th Circuit of the Supreme Court has just ruled that because I became a legal medical marijuana patient, I no longer have the right to own a firearm.

If I answered "yes" on the federal firearms dealer background question "Are you a user of marijuana?" I would be denied.

If I answered "no," a false answer, I would be guilty of a five-year felony crime.

I have asked my Congressman Peter DeFazio, the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program, the ACLU and various gun lobby groups to help restore my 2nd Amendment rights, and my pleas have fallen on deaf ears. Those on the political left don't care because they think guns are evil. Those on the political right don't care because they think cannabis is evil.

By trying to follow the law and order of my country and state, I have been found guilty of a crime and stripped of my rights.

Michael T. Hinojosa
Drain

ID IMPORTANCE

What good's your name, actually? Let's say your ID were suddenly stolen — your identification missing. What are all the things you'd be barred from doing? I can

think of many everyday enjoyable activities suddenly going off the grid, business activities coming to a halt, always being stopped at the gate of any concert that's happening, unable to check into a motel or easily escape any terrible environment, get a legal job, receive most medical assistance, or prove your innocence, all possible effects, consequences, potentially realized circumstances, each naturally compounding, eventually and quite possibly leading to utter devastation.

We have here the beginnings of an explanation for the plight of downtown Eugene's many impoverished individuals — many with fundamental barriers to recovering their lost ID. What ethical arguments can be made for allowing people to just go ahead and claim new identities?

Michael Hejazi
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NONE OF THE ABOVE

The 1991 Louisiana gubernatorial election pitted David Duke, a Republican, against Governor Edwin Edwards, a Democrat. The notoriously corrupt Edwards won because a majority were scared a Klansman could become governor. One slogan for Edwards over Duke: "Vote for the crook, it's important."

County Commissioner Pete Sorenson wrote in a Sept. 1 *EW* letter that Hillary Clinton is a "progressive" who is the "best qualified" candidate for president, ever. The "best" was Kennedy, who called off the Cold War, ordered withdrawal from Vietnam and stood up to the generals who wanted nuclear war. Imagine if the legacy of the '60s was peaceful conversion of the military industrial complex.

The Clinton-Gore administration's first broken promise was turning on the WTI toxic waste incinerator in East Liverpool, Ohio (March 1993). The website oilempire.us/wti.html has details about the Clintons' financial ties to WTI. That town will likely vote for Trump, even if Ohio — and the country — picks the alleged lesser evil.

An uncensored examination of the

Clinton-Gore administration (1993-2001) includes NAFTA, World Trade Organization, more prisons, welfare "reform," militarized police, GMO Frankenfood, more highways and less Amtrak, and continued aggressive foreign policies.

Is Donald Trump deliberately throwing the election to the Clintons? Or is the establishment using him as a patsy to ensure a win for the distrusted Hillary?

Presidential elections resemble televised wrestling — a bruising contest that is rigged in advance.

If offered lethal injection or the electric chair, "none of the above" is an honorable choice.

Have a nice day!

Mark Robinowitz
Eugene

SUPPORT STANDING ROCK

Right now, thousands of people are gathered in North Dakota, called together by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. More than 550 tribes plus allies are represented to protect the water from the Dakota Access Pipeline, which would travel thousands of miles and carry crude oil from North Dakota to Illinois. It would cross more than 200 bodies of water, including the Missouri River.

As we know, pipelines are destined to leak, and this threatens the drinking water for millions of people in the region. Pipeline construction is already well under way, and is only temporarily halted by the recent Obama Administration intervention. The pipeline anticipates beginning operation in November.

Here are ways you can support Indigenous leadership: 1. Contact North Dakota Gov. Dalrymple at 701-328-2200 and let him know that you support the peaceful water protectors at Standing Rock, tell him to remove the roadblocks and the National Guard. The peaceful gathering does not warrant military intervention.

2. Donate to the legal defense and general camp funds: sacredstonecamp.org

and gofundme.com/sacredstonecamp.

3. If you have funds in Citigroup, TD Securities or Mizuho Bank, consider divesting and let them know you don't support their funding of this pipeline.

#IStandWithStandingRock #NoDAPL #WaterIsLife #ProtectTheSacred

Heron Brae and Dusty Bloomingheart
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NOT PLAUSIBLE

On Sept. 8, Jack Dresser had a letter published that was supposed to be about Syria and Clinton. If one was to take the letter seriously, he alleges that the Syrian uprising was an attack by U.S. hired mercenaries. I ask anyone interested to revisit the coverage at that time. Egypt was overthrowing Mubarak and Syria was rising.

The "Twitter revolution" was unfolding. The Eugene Library has some wonderful first-person histories of that time. Obama has many faults but was at that time trying to disengage from Iraq and Afghanistan. It is not plausible that he would then have been organizing an overthrow of Assad. The people of Syria "voted" by staring down the thugs of the regime. Their courage puts us all to shame. It's estimated that 40,000 children (would Mr. Dresser call them mercenaries, perhaps?) have been barrel-bombed, starved or gassed. The regime of Assad is controlled by the Alawite sect of Islam. They are not secular. Turkey is the closest to a secular country in the Middle East and they are supporting the rebels. Assad stands for genocide against the majority of his country, which rose against him.

Gary Adams
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CLINTON FOUNDATION

It took less than one minute to answer this: "How much is Chelsea Clinton paid by the Clinton Foundation?" Answer: \$0.00.

Dick Ricketts
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