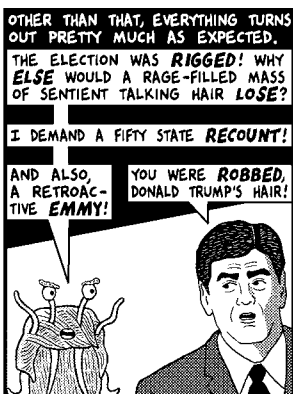
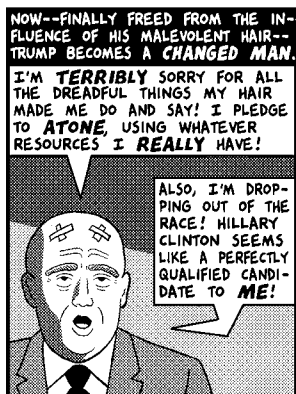
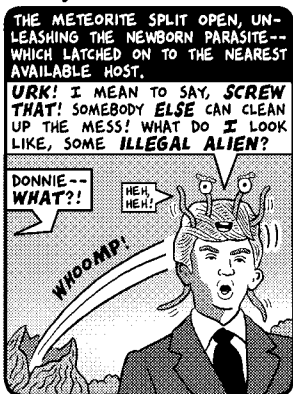
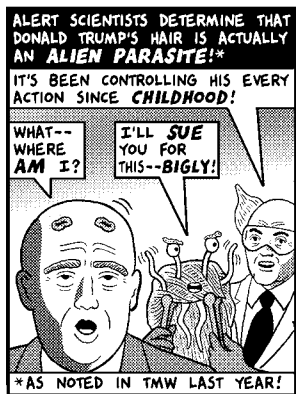


THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



DON'T INSULT THE 'REAL DUCKS'

I must admit I was disappointed in your Slant article regarding the "downfall" of Oregon Ducks football and how happy your writer was.

To describe a down season as a "collapse" compared to the 2008 housing bubble is absolutely idiotic. It is very clear that whoever wrote the article must've overheard someone else's rants at their sweaty yoga class.

The Oregon football program has enjoyed much success over the past 20 years. It has been especially good over the last 15. The Ducks have been in the top 10 as long or longer than any other school in the nation over the past 10 years.

Oregon football is responsible for much of the success for all of the athletic programs at the university and has allowed women soccer and softball teams to have world-class facilities.

It is clear that whomever the neophyte writer was who penned the story is performing a knee-jerk response to a situation many other schools endure. Take a look at Notre Dame and Michigan State, two storied powerhouse football programs who have found themselves on losing streaks.

For your information, the "real Ducks" will be supporting their team come hell or high water. To find joy in a losing season

because our major donor is a Republican or that our fans are entitled is almost as insulting as "we soggy denizens" are better at losing. It is quite clear who the loser is here.

John Carlson
Eugene

M97 PROPAGANDA

The pro-Measure 97 opinion piece by Tad Shannon and Pete Mandrapa closes with, "Don't be fooled by corporate propaganda." No, they want you to be fooled by their propaganda.

Measure 97 in and of itself is a lie. Remember the ad campaign for Measures 66 and 67? That's right. We were promised a bazillion times that our yes vote would mean that the rich and corporations would "finally" pay their fair share. The same clowns are back with a far larger tax measure.

Flip back a page in the same issue of the Weekly and you'll see the letter from Rachel Rich claiming that 97 will not tax "food, gas, electricity or medicine." Patently false.

Only two scenarios can explain why Editor Camilla Mortensen would print such a letter. 1) She knows it's a lie and printed it anyway. 2) She's ignorant of the mechanics of this critical initiative which disqualifies her and the Weekly from being taken seriously.

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