

THIS MODERN WORLD

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DO-IT-YOURSELF FUNNIES

SPECIAL "PRE-ELECTION DEADLINE" EDITION!

INSTRUCTIONS: 1) PRINT OR CUT OUT CARTOON. 2) CIRCLE THE OPTIONS WHICH MOST ACCURATELY REFLECT THE ACTUAL OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION. 3) LAUGH QUIETLY, TO KEEP FROM CRYING.

WELL IT'S BEEN A LONG HAUL, BUT ELECTION 2016 IS (finally behind us)/(going to drag on even longer)!

AMERICANS EVERYWHERE ARE REPORTING A SENSE OF (overwhelming relief)/(existential nausea)!



AS YOU KNOW, BIFFE THE LOSING CANDIDATE HAS (graciously conceded)/(demanded an immediate nationwide recount)!

EXPERTS SAY WE CAN EXPECT (a peaceful transition of power)/(armed white supremacists rioting in the streets)!



IN ANY CASE, WE NOW HAVE A PRESIDENT-ELECT WHO (mishandled emails)/(brags about groping women, insults minorities, refuses to release his taxes, advocates war crimes, mocks the disabled, and lacks the most fundamental understanding of constitutional democracy)!



OF COURSE, LAST-MINUTE REVELATIONS INVOLVING (another Wikileaks dump)/(Trump's ties to Russia)/(lizard people secretly controlling everything)/(something even more unanticipated) OBVIOUSLY (failed to materialize)/(dominated the final hours of the election)!



ONE THING IS CERTAIN--EVERY SINGLE CITIZEN OF THIS NATION SHOULD BE (horrified and ashamed)/(extremely horrified and ashamed) AT THE STATE OF OUR DEMOCRACY!



compromising our watershed and the Fern Ridge Reservoir issued by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, the Willamette River Keepers and Eugene's Oregon Clean Water Action Project.

Something to consider as we choose what we wish to support through our food purchases.

Diana Huntington
Eugene

SOFT-CORE TERRORISM

In response to Alyssa Jacinto's letter on Black Lives Matter [Letters, 11/3], saying that Michael Brown's death was a murder is like saying Jerry Sandusky was just playfully flirting with young boys on the PSU campus.

I am not naive to the fact that there are bad cops out there doing bad things, but a lot of the problems going on with the black community is of their own doing. The BLM is nothing more than a soft-core terrorism group.

Devin Mitchell
Eugene

STEP UP AND LISTEN

It is unacceptably common in bars, apartments, frat houses, behind Dumpsters or in homes across the country for women to be touched without their consent, raped, physically assaulted or even murdered by men. It is up to men as a whole to step up, listen to women and challenge other men who treat women as objects to be exploited for their own pleasure — and those who excuse this behavior.

The latest arrest of a male athlete from the University of Oregon indicates there's an atmosphere of toxic masculinity that is going unchallenged. With two current football players suspended from the team for allegedly abusing women, it is time for the coaches and the athletic director to stand up and declare that violence against women is unacceptable — to unequivocally state that no player will be on their roster if he treats women as sexual objects and not human beings.

In her book *Unsportsmanlike Conduct: College Football and the Politics of Rape*, sportswriter Jessica Luther outlines ways that programs can foster an atmosphere that encourages personal responsibility, educates men about consent and bystander intervention and creates a space where men don't have to perform our current dysfunctional model of masculinity.

But, Luther cautions, this has to start from the top down, with the coaches especially. If a coach doesn't take the epidemic of rape on college campuses seriously and doesn't give full support to programs that combat it, then the players won't take it seriously.

Since there are few to no women involved in the insular male sports world at the university, it is too easy for players and coaches to defend their faux-brotherhood instead of challenging the violent or predatory behaviors of some of their fellow men.

It is up to the University of Oregon to help create a safe campus and community. Perhaps the football team can wear the same uniforms for two games in a row and instead spend that money to bring in Jackson Katz's Mentors in Violence Prevention program or buy every student, coach and employee Jessica Luther's book. It is apparent that something concrete needs to be done, now.

Ryan Mishap
Eugene

LEAF REMINDER

It's time to put leaves out for pickup. I would like to add the reminder that it is for only leaves, not brush or debris that would otherwise go into the gray can. The large majority of the leaves go to the city garden site, FOOD for Lane County gardens and homeowners requesting leaves for their gardens.

Please be responsible and not pass on your yard debris.

Don French
Eugene

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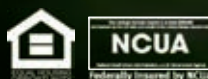


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