

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

FAREWELL ADDRESS

FOR EIGHT YEARS, I'VE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MORE CONSPIRACY THEORIES THAN YOU'D HAVE EVER BELIEVED POSSIBLE.

AND YOU KNOW WHAT? THEY'RE ALL TRUE. BET YOU DIDN'T SEE THAT ONE COMING.



SURE, I'VE GOVERNED FOR TWO TERMS AS A SENSIBLE MODERATE, CONSTANTLY SEEKING BIPARTISAN COMPROMISE! BUT IT WAS ALL A RUSE!

I'VE BEEN PLAYING THE LONG GAME--WAITING UNTIL THE LAST POSSIBLE MOMENT TO UNLEASH MY REAL AGENDA!



AND SO, AS I SPEAK, ELITE PARAMILITARY TEAMS--DRAWN FROM THE RANKS OF THE NEW BLACK PANTHER PARTY--ARE GOING DOOR TO DOOR TO CONFISCATE ALL THE GUNS!

ALSO YOUR GOLD.



FURTHERMORE, I'M UNILATERALLY IMPOSING BOTH SOCIALISM AND SHARIAH LAW! AND I'M NULLIFYING THE ELECTION AND PUTTING ISIS IN CHARGE! I'M THEIR FOUNDER, YOU KNOW!

DONALD TRUMP HAS ALREADY BEEN RELOCATED TO ONE OF THE FEMA CAMPS YOUR UNCLE TRIED TO WARN YOU ABOUT ON FACEBOOK.



AND NOW, IT'S TIME FOR ME TO SHED MY HUMAN DISGUISE AND RETURN TO MY TRUE HOME, PLANET X--THE EXISTENCE OF WHICH NASA HAS TOTALLY BEEN HIDING FROM YOU!

ON MY ORDERS, OBVIOUSLY.



OH--AT THIS POINT, IT PROBABLY GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE WAS A FAKE.

CATCH YOU LATER, GULLIBLE HUMANS!

SHOULD HAVE PAID MORE ATTENTION TO ALEX JONES WHILE YOU COULD!



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RENAME SKINNER'S BUTTE

I live next to Skinner's Butte and propose that we restore its name to what it was called by the Native Americans who lived here before us: Ya-Po-Ah, meaning "the high point" in their Kalapuya language. We'd be following Alaska's example in its name change of Mount McKinley to Denali, the mountain's Native American name meaning "big" for the highest mountain in the country.

As local history tells us, Eugene Skinner was one of the first white settlers here, arriving in the summer of 1846. Soon after his arrival he began to build a cabin near the river when the water was low, until local Kalapuyas advised him to build his cabin on higher ground above the winter flood plain — hence the name Skinner's Butte.

How sad that, five years later, all the friendly Kalapuyas were wiped out by diseases brought by white settlers.

I'm pleased to live next to the butte at Ya-Po-Ah Terrace, 18 stories tall. As our name suggests, we are certainly the high point among buildings in Eugene. Through our name we also keep one word of the Kalapuyas' language in current use, honoring the Native Americans whose land this used to be.

Would the city of Eugene be willing to honor them as well by restoring their lovely descriptive name for the butte?

Mariette Wickes
Eugene

DECriminalize SEX WORK

Regarding "Rapistitution" [Letters, 12/22]: No, sex work is not rape. Uncoerced sex work is consensual and transactional; rape is neither.

Even if you feel sex work is exploitative and degrading, uncoerced sex work is still a personal choice, made for personal or economic reasons; rape is not. Attempting to elicit a purely emotional response by using the shocking nomenclature "rapistitution" is transparent in its intent to arouse all the repulsive and criminal associations inherent in its root. But it's inaccurate.

Sex workers erect boundaries; rapists don't. Yes, those boundaries can be crossed

and, yes, sex workers can be raped. That's the perilous reality. A sex worker who is raped will hesitate to report the crime, because if she or he explains the context of the assault truthfully, she self-incriminates due to present laws.

Decriminalize. Then you can follow the example of no-means-no laws, which Germany recently passed to protect sex workers from the inherent risk of disease, abuse and rape.

Erin Davis
Eugene

GOOD KITTY

I have never agreed with outgoing Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy on much of anything in the political arena. But there was one memorable occasion when she was serving in the Oregon House of Representatives back in the 1999 session. As she leaves office, I recall that incident fondly.

A two-term representative, who will remain unnamed, became a champion for the Oregon Building Industry Association (now the Oregon Homebuilders Association). He sponsored their bill to revoke long-held annexation voting rights in more than 30 Oregon communities. It was something the Homebuilders had been trying to do for several years. They did not want those pesky citizens interfering with development plans.

I found myself sitting next to then-Rep. Piercy at an evening function where land use issues were being discussed. The Homebuilders' bill and its sponsor came up. She leaned over and whispered in my ear, "I'd like to wring his little neck!" Our minds had melded.

Piercy then helped us kill the bill. We've had to do the same with its clones in subsequent sessions. Unfortunately, the latest reincarnation of the legislation, Senator Lee Beyer's Senate Bill 1573 in the 2016 session, succeeded in granting the developers' wishes. That issue is now in court.

Thank you, Mayor Piercy, for making my day that evening and for your many years of public service — live long and prosper!

Jerry Ritter
Springfield

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