

face-raising donor dollars remain above the fray, safe and unpicked.

To wit: Seventy-five professors without due-process rights are getting the ax. In-state students face a 10.6-percent tuition hike. Student food service workers are required to pay for previously free shift meals. Disabled persons must purchase UO permits in order to park in ADA disabled parking spaces.

Meanwhile, President Schill earns \$798,400 per year — ninth-highest paid of 220 public university leaders. The UO athletic department spends more than \$100 million annually, more than a third on coaching staff compensation. Phil Knight is donating \$500 million towards construction of a \$1-billion eponymous science complex.

Common sense and a sense of fairness should lead UO administrators to real money that can really solve budget woes. The tree of knowledge was said to contain both good and evil. Pickers need to get back on the ladder, climb higher, and find the good: a kinder, gentler, smarter approach to financial sustainability.

Benton Elliott  
Eugene

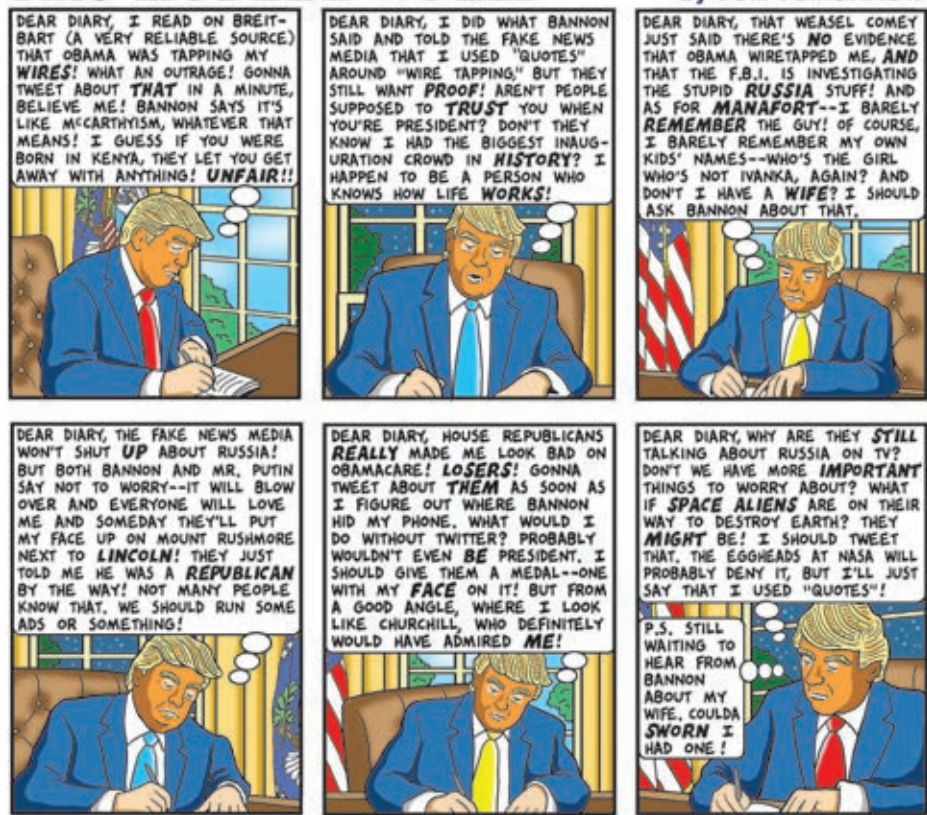
### POISON DRIFT

I am writing in support of SB 892, a bill that would provide advanced notification before an aerial herbicide spray and information about what was sprayed.

Exposing unsuspecting citizens to possible carcinogens without fair warning is inhumane.

## THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



I reside one mile east of the city of Gold Beach, Oregon, and have been exposed to aerial spraying over the past years. I have encountered serious illness while on my property during aerial herbicide applications.

I have incurred thousands of dollars in medical expenses in addition to a loss of

a productive life while recovering from these herbicide exposures.

If I had been given advanced warning, I could have left my property to avoid the up-wind chemical drift. In some cases there was barely enough time for me to run back inside and to close the windows in my home.

Allowing aerial spraying should be a crime in itself; but subjecting individuals to these aerial assaults without warning is criminal. Even an aerial spray that is carried out according to the Oregon Forest Practices Act and Pesticide Law can result in drift to nearby properties.

By the time citizens like me report the problem to a state agency and an investigation is done, the harm to our health has already occurred.

Having advanced notification would go a long way to alleviating this problem.

The state has an obligation to protect its citizens. Please pass this bill.

I have documentation to support my allegations.

Jim Sweeney  
Gold Beach

### OVERTURN DEVOS

Betsy DeVos as the U.S. Secretary of Education — what a joke! She has very little or no public education experience but is worth millions! Money is probably her only claim to fame!

I agree with Mary Leighton and Jerry Rosiek. Hopefully, U.S. voters and our congresspersons will overturn the appointment of Betsy DeVos!

Stace Webb  
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