

# THIS MODERN WORLD

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Recovery Ordinance, but our response can and should run far deeper and resonate more meaningfully.

Pundits are fond of saying global warming is destroying our children's future. At the same time, our children remain excluded from a political process that gravely affects them. I propose that the city of Eugene expand its democratic base and give our children the vote.

Enfranchise children. It is their due as citizens. They may, I am sure, exercise the right more wisely than we have. They could hardly do worse.

Otis Haschemeyer  
Eugene

## STOP CRYING PRIVILEGE

Can we please stop using "white privilege" as a blanket term to shame people so we can stand proudly on our self-appointed soapboxes (Letters, June 8)? I get the frustration about drivers as I walk around downtown myself. Though I am more worried about being mugged or assaulted than someone being white.

Ms. Moore (6/8), if you want to talk about how the city treats the homeless, fine. How drivers act when pedestrians have the right of way, even better. But saying that the driver in the Volvo is impatient because of "white privilege," when it has more to do with them being a jerk, is such a knee-jerk reaction.

When an actual example of white privilege happens, the word will no longer have meaning. People will have been desensitized because of self-imposed social justice warriors crying wolf. Save the passion and anger for the right causes. Stop using buzzwords to fight injustices just to mark something off your moral feel good check list.

James Ready  
Springfield

## HOW TO BE A FEMINIST

Hi Mr. Chad Anderson [Letters, May 11]: In my last letter I promised you some suggestions for how to be effective as my feminist ally.

Support equal pay for equal work. Find out if your female coworkers are paid less than you are, and demand that they get raises until they have pay equity.

Criticize the capitalist system that profits off unpaid or underpaid female labor. Demand that parenting become a paid position, with guaranteed income for full-time parents. Demand that childcare, eldercare and care for disabled adults become living-wage jobs. Support increased funding for welfare cash assistance for mothers, remembering that the average welfare mother is 30, divorced, with two kids and fleeing domestic violence.

Stand up against the objectification of women. Stop your friends from making jokes and comments sexualizing women's bodies. Do not consume pornography.

Tell your male friends to get off their video games and get to work. Recent studies show that among people aged 18-30 who are unemployed and not looking for work, greater than 90 percent of women are engaged in unpaid caregiving or housekeeping, while greater than 90 percent of men are playing video games.

There is plenty of unpaid work to do in your family, household and community, and there is no rational reason women should be doing the bulk of it.

Kara Huntermoon  
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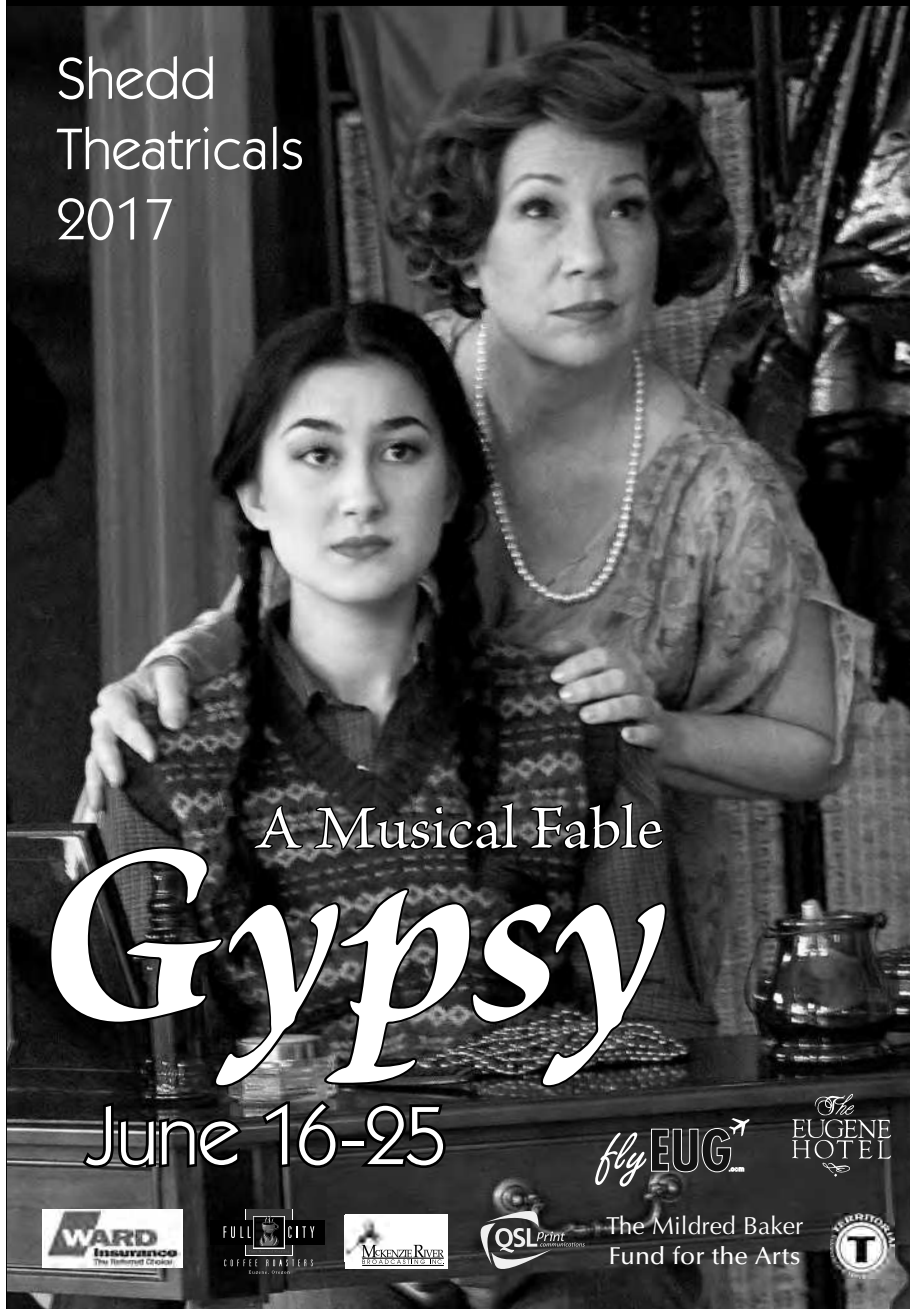
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