

**HAIL QUEEN HILLARY**

I enjoyed Rick Levin's perceptive article about Ashland's culture ["Taming of the Shrewd," June 29], except for his line comparing Hillary Clinton to Lady Macbeth. Clinton is not a murderer, nor a woman who can only go mad when defeated. I would compare Hillary Clinton to Queen Catherine, first wife of Henry VIII.

In *Henry VIII*, Catherine faces a rigged trial. Shakespeare used some of her actual speeches directed to the King, from Holinshed's *Chronicles*. She speaks with dignity and fierce anger to a court that is completely biased against her (Benghazi).

When Henry fought French wars, he had left Catherine in charge of governing England, knowing that she had been a wise counselor to him (Senator, Secretary of State). During their marriage, he was flagrantly unfaithful to her, which she endured (Bill Clinton).

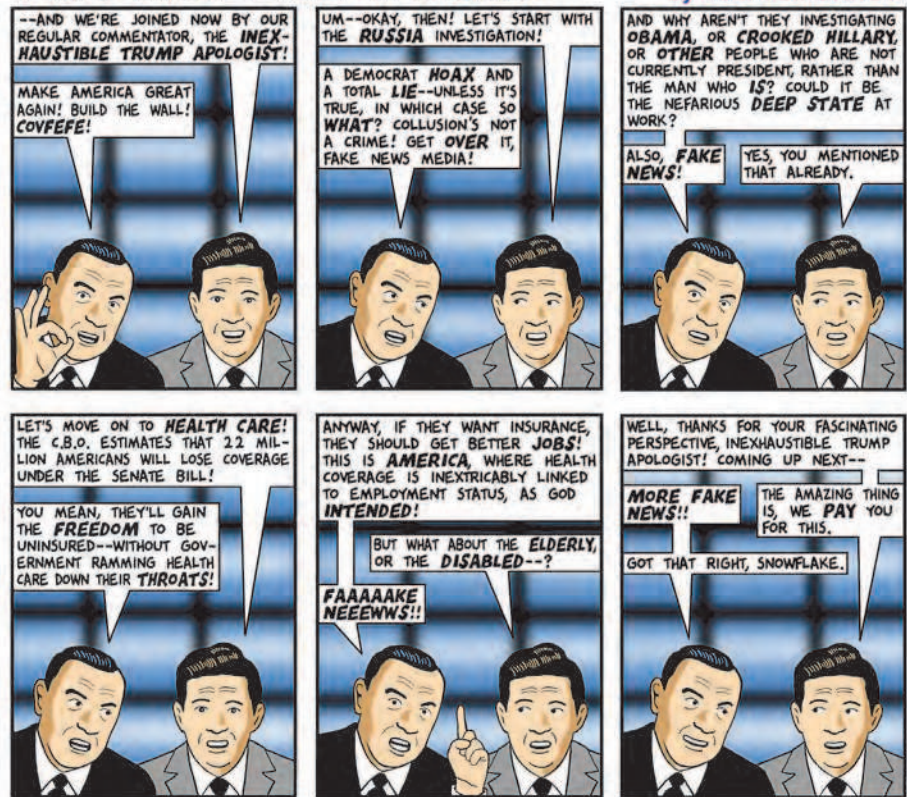
Until 2016, Hillary Clinton had the respect of many people in our country, as shown by her victory in the popular vote. By this year, people were disrespecting her in terms such as Levin used, adding to the general air of our country as a nasty, bitter, dirty-mouthed reality show.

Hillary Clinton will have another act in her life, when she has healed from the wounds of the last election.

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**THIS MODERN WORLD**

by TOM TOMORROW



**BEWARE THE FOOD MONOPOLIES**

I grew up on an organic farm west of Eugene. My dad cofounded Organically Grown, bringing healthy, local food to the people of the Willamette Valley from local farmers. He also sold his produce at the Farmer's Market and to local restaurants. People liked eating garlic, rhubarb

and horseradish that hadn't come to the U.S. in a container ship.

Amazon's purchase of Whole Foods concerns me. Amazon's purchase undoubtedly will further Walmartize a supply chain that already transports food great distances at a high carbon cost.

Sure, like most people, I'm happy to order small electronics and other little items

from Amazon. But what will it mean for the environment if we start getting the bulk of even our organic food from the other side of the planet?

Amazon's prices for imported foods would not reflect the actual cost of their business practices. Our children will pay the full price through climate change. I don't begrudge anyone their Costa Rican banana, but your kale shouldn't come from Kazakhstan. We can grow it at a reasonable price here without damaging the environment.

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**AUDIT PLAUDIT**

Kudos to Mayor Lucy Vinis for proposing a rational, fact-based approach to improving city transparency by creating an independent performance auditor [Viewpoint, June 22]. As she points out, other communities have performance auditors in place — I wonder how much they cost and what are the best ways for Eugene to implement an auditor's office.

The extreme polarization of Eugene's political discussions is silly. Community wide, political activists aside, I believe the vast majority of community members agrees more than we disagree. An independent performance auditor would be very helpful in improving the quality and cost-effectiveness of city services and the tenor of our community discussions.

Vinis' example of combining auditing

**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY**

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**WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?**

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