

change the conversation to something about patriotism or the role politics in sports; those are easier conversations to have. Let's not get distracted from the resolution.

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Racial injustice is staring at us in the face. Let's not allow this moment to pass by getting distracted from the resolution.

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Brett Moser
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AXE THE TIMBER BARONS

The regional timber industry spin machine has kicked it into high gear lately, and has been spewing its own kind of noxious fumes at the Pacific Northwest, attempting to gin up a blind momentum to promote their specific interests.

"Forest management" in the timber industry context is defined by industry shareholder interests, while management for other, more diverse and scientifically based objectives, have totally different praxis, and cannot be conflated with the profit motives of the timber interests.

Despite the sweet sounding propaganda dripping off the honeyed, forked tongues of zombie lobbyists, the profit driven management of private timberlands, and the plantation mentality, create the worst of tinderbox conditions, and so never again can we let private timber barons monopolize public

forestland policies to their own ends.

They are the ones to blame for ignoring decades of reality to chase their insatiable greed, causing onward-rippling disruption to ecological forces that they never understood or seemed to care about. It will take many decades hence to undo the slow-motion disaster they have inflicted.

They don't get to muscle endless selfish bailouts from their self-induced crises; they don't get to boldface lie through their teeth in hopes of swindling the taxpayers for ever-more sweetheart subsidies.

Public lands are now being better managed than private Wall Street profiteer lands, and there will be no going backwards.

Mike McFadden
Eugene

LIGHTS OUT, TRUMP

Donald Trump's slipshod words harm humanity. Trump's critique of NFL athletes taking a knee in protest of bigotry and then calling it unpatriotic, especially when Trump took a knee evading his patriotic duty during Vietnam with bogus draft deferments is ...

My senior year, in 1970, the high school football coach called me a "son-of-a-bitch." My mother had died the year before; she was 42 years young. When I demanded an apology, push came to shove and we ended up inside the principal's office.

After admonishments, I was dismissed and waited until coach reappeared to hear

his apology; whereupon push came to shove and I was expelled from school for three days.

I made all-state football, but chose to play college basketball on a full-ride athletic scholarship. The last military draft via lottery according to birthdate was in 1971. My number was three, and since I was a freshman ineligible for a deferment, I postponed a college education and a sports career, including the prospect to play in the ABA for the Denver Rockets. I joined the air force and honorably served four years.

Trump calling a person a "son-of-a-bitch" is pathetic and stupid. What is he implying about his mother, wife and daughter, or women in general? If someone called me that name — face to face? — I'd knock their lights out.

Michael Thessen
Eugene

TRUMP DON'T CARE

I take a knee to the flag of the Divided States of America and to the Republicans for which it stands, a divided Nation, under a cloud of bigotry and racism, with liberty and justice for rich white people and not many others.

If you are angry about Trump, guess what: He doesn't care. Be as angry as you want. He will continue to do and say as he pleases.

You will eventually come to realize that his only purpose is to make himself, the

Trump brand, his family and his "friends" (in that order) better off than they were before a lot of naive people voted for him.

Hillary Clinton may have been all about the status quo, but that is 1,000-percent better than what we have now. Private emails? What is going on in the Trump administration is far worse than private emails.

And it's not like he didn't foreshadow his agenda before the election. Sometimes it's hard to tell if something is a lie if it's what you want to hear. But you have to learn to discriminate, to not just read between the lines but also to listen between the sound bites.

Let's do better in 2020.

Chuck West
Eugene

PRESIDENTIAL REMINDER

Dear Donald, here are a few things to remember:

You cannot fire Kim Jong Un or North Korea. You cannot fire the *New York Times* or CNN. You cannot fire congressional investigation panels. You cannot fire the IRS or the Supreme Court. You cannot fire the NFL or Black Lives Matter. You cannot fire the popular vote.

And, above all, you cannot repeal, replace or pardon your conscience — if you even have one.

Sorry to deliver such bad news.

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