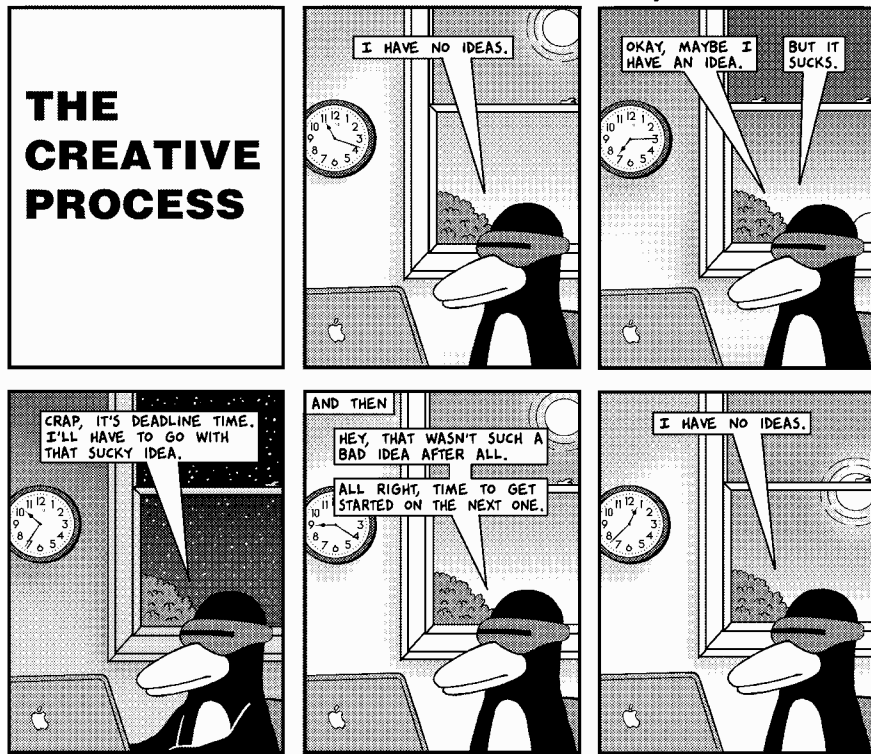


THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



ther case, it would serve your readers well to research the matter independently if they care to learn the truth, they certainly don't get it by reading Mr. Ritter's comments.

Doug Curry
Eugene

AUDIT THE AUDITOR

If Eugene voters are looking to eliminate waste in city government, they should start by slashing the bloated salary of the proposed city auditor. According to the ballot description, the "Auditor [would be] paid at least 70 percent of averaged salaries of Eugene and Salem City Managers and EWEB General Manger (approximately \$153,000 in 2017), plus same benefit package as Eugene City Manager."

He or she would be paid more the Lane County sheriff (\$135,860), more than the mayor of Portland (\$131,560) and definitely more than the governor of Oregon (\$98,600). Most telling, the proposed Eugene city auditor would be paid more than Portland's (\$110,802), who manages a staff of 50 and a budget of \$10 million.

I believe the city auditor would be the highest paid elected official in Oregon! I support cutting waste in city government and want to see more accountability and transparency. That is why I will be voting "no" on this half-baked proposal.

Ben Torres
Eugene

HELPING MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

Love the idea of creating a more peaceful and just world by focusing on kindness and love ("All Lives Matter, Etc.," Letters, 12/14). I believe in this and the action the Dalai Lama refers to: "Compassion is not enough, you must take action."

Of course, opportunities abound for us in our daily lives to act with kindness and compassion. In addition, at this time in the world, poverty and unnecessary deaths are being cut down with the chance of being ended. Bipartisan legislation called the Reach Every Mother and Child Act has been introduced to make our efforts in this

work more efficient and effective.

You can help this legislation pass by thanking Sen. Ron Wyden for cosponsoring Senate Bill 1730 and asking Sen. Jeff Merkley to the same. On the House side, thank Oregon Representatives Bonamici, Blumenauer, DeFazio and Schrader for cosponsoring House Bill 4022, and ask Rep. Greg Walden to join them.

This action will help save the lives of millions of mothers and children who die of preventable causes every year. What a great way to honor this season of goodwill!

Willie Dickerson
Snohomish, Wash.

KIDS NEED DOCTORS

We need Measure 101 because it protects Medicaid, which provides healthcare for Oregon's most vulnerable and provides funding to ensure every child in Oregon has a doctor and receives the regular check-ups they need to stay healthy.

Kimm Carter
Veneta

UNIVERSAL LOVE

Black lives matter spiritually. When we love universally, we develop compassion for all the individual parts. Loving and healing all the part supports the whole. Spirituality is both inclusive and specific.

Our responsibility is to remove the obstacles that prevent love from being fully present. Love is, but we must remove the obstacles that prevent it from fully manifesting in our world. There are no obstacles in the realm of pure love.

But in our world, we have constructed obstacles. And where there is any suffering, we all suffer.

It would not be loving to attend a cancer rally and insist that all diseases matter. Black lives matter not to the exclusion of all other lives, nor as more important. Black lives need our specific, loving attention because, tragically, we have historically acted as if they don't matter.

Love universally, act specifically.
Christopher and Deb Michaels
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