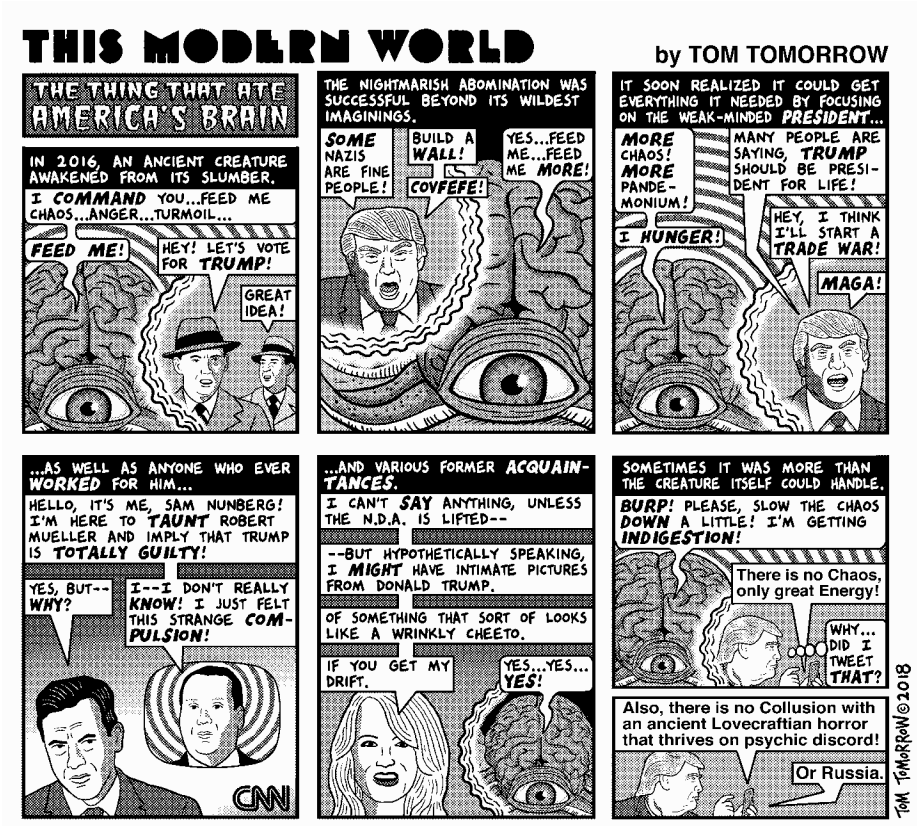

in the fields absorb and re-emit enough radiation to notably increase air surface temperatures in the localized area. Unfortunately, the localized area for these fields would be the riparian zone and river corridor.

Turf fields also have reduced water infiltration capacity as compared to natural sod, increasing the risk of run-off. Furthermore, the artificial lighting that would be required to sufficiently illuminate 5.5 acres of athletic fields would be detrimental to the wildlife that rely on the Willamette River for habitat and food. The resultant light pollution would be especially harmful to migrating birds who rely on the river corridor for navigation.

The new Knight Campus has been designed to host state-of-the art science and research facilities. I implore the university to consult the scientific literature before progressing with their current land use plan.

Laura Johnson
Eugene

TRANS CONTROVERSY

Derrick Jensen is not a "transphobe" and is not a "bigoted hateful Nazi" ("Controversial Speaker Sparks Outcry," 3/8),

I deeply encourage readers to look further into the facts of this current controversy involving Derrick Jensen and Deep Green Resistance.

Essentially this controversy arose from a situation in which Jensen was in support of a women's only community, comprised of rape trauma victims autonomously deciding that for their own personal safety and well being, for their own ability to heal, from horrific unspeakable acts perpetrated upon them, to have a space free from males.

I believe that to put upon these victims' expectations to be fully inclusive and transcend cultural societal norms that not even CEOs, congressmen, senators or current presidents are able to, is disgusting and profoundly unreasonable.

Matthew Hibdon
Eugene

FOWL PUNCHLINES

I was disappointed and discouraged by Chad Anderson's turkey letter. He said "you can brag to your friends that you help children and the homeless with an awesome story of urban farming," when he could have said: "You could alleviate two problems in one fowl swoop."

Sam Taylor
Eugene

FEEDING THE FERAL

I've been following the discussions about feeding wildlife and I'm alarmed that city councilors are considering including feral cats in a proposal to make feeding wildlife illegal.

I was Greenhill's Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) Coordinator for 8 years. During that time we neutered thousands of cats and assisted people in Eugene neighborhoods caring for cats around their homes and businesses.

Decades of research show that TNR is the only way to lessen feral populations and their nuisance behaviors. The keystone of TNR rests on feeding cats in managed colonies, trapping them and getting them fixed.

Cats cannot be trapped without providing food as bait. Colonies cannot be managed for breeding, health and humane care without feeding them. Cats that are not fed continue to breed and are subject to disease and starvation.

From my experiences with Eugene residents managing feral colonies and caring deeply about cats' well-being, I predict that if a law is enacted that prohibits feeding, there will be hundreds of law-breakers, and cats and their caretakers will suffer greatly.

This law will inadvertently cause feral populations to increase, and contradicts research and programs that are successfully decreasing feral cat populations in humane communities worldwide.

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