

PRIZES FOR TRUMP

Why be a piker? Trump should be awarded all the Nobel Prizes.

Peace for raising the status of a cheap-shit dictator. Literature for his tweets. Science for wetting his bed. Physics for taking up space a better person could fill. And medicine for making everybody in the world sick at the same time.

Who else could do that?

*June Smith
Oakridge*

ROUND 'EM UP!

They've made us laugh: Jim Carrey, Mike Meyers, Seth Rogan, John Candy, Dan Aykroyd, Catherine O'Hara, Tommy Chong, Samantha Bee, Leslie Nielsen and many more.

They've tickled our funnybones, but at what price? Can't people see that Canadians are stealing our laughs? When will it end? Can our president save us from this unfair trade imbalance?

They are stealing the jobs of good American comics, subverting us with their Canadian laughter. When will we stop this flood of humor into our country? Can no one save us from these funny foreigners?

*Walker T. Ryan
Eugene*

A MODEST PROPOSAL

I just read the update from WE CAN [Walkable Eugene Citizens Advisory Network] regarding Monday's City Council meeting, and I am so incredibly disappointed. I just don't understand why the City Council

isn't being more amenable when it comes to what could be such a simple solution (not a fix, but a solution) to our housing crisis.

I inherited a nice home with a huge backyard in the Cal Young neighborhood. I work my tail off to maintain the mortgage and the yard. It would help me so much to have an ADU [accessory dwelling unit] and it would help someone to have an affordable and safe place to live.

I want to understand why this is such a terrible thing in your eyes.

*Monika Kohl
Eugene*

DIVIDE AND CONQUER

My daughter and I went to eat at Kesey Square around 11:45 am. Several kids stretched out in front of the Ken Kesey memorial. Behind the memorial, City Manger John Ruiz stood looking at the kids while talking to a colleague.

My daughter and I sat down at the picnic benches. Ruiz commented loudly that their dog seemed not to have a registration tag. My daughter read her book while Ruiz called security guards, yelling, "Get over here, now."

One guard spoke with Ruiz when a couple approached, complaining about someone wavering around the block. The guards passed. Still the shorter of the two guards stopped for a moment and shouted at the kids before moving on.

Ruiz leaned over his phone and texted.

In a minute an armed officer arrived. She questioned the kids. A male officer arrived. Ruiz looked on. Eventually a young woman returned carrying sodas. Her friends

dispersed and she was issued tickets for the dog. After, Ruiz spoke with the officers.

We've allowed Ruiz, the City Council, police and security to target, harass and punish those they deem "outside the norm." Targeting groups and creating second-class citizenship is the time-tested political strategy, *divide et impera*. Under this strategy, we all suffer.

My complicity and lack of protest has made this possible. I'm disgusted by our City Manager's actions, but I also feel ashamed of myself.

*Otis Haschemeyer
Eugene*

EW reached out to the city, which responded: "The purpose of the ordinance is to create a safer downtown for everyone. It is only targeted at people who have a dog and would like to bring it downtown. The intent was to provide information to the owner about the updated rule that requires them to hold a valid dog license certifying the dog has been vaccinated for rabies."

CARBON NATION

Another hot summer? Our CO2 levels are increasing after hearing warnings of climate change since the 1950s. Where are our elected representatives?

Today I inquired when I could travel by train to visit my daughters in California. The answer was "no trains going south, and no longer connecting buses for maybe another five months."

This means increased trucking and airplanes for increased CO2. Maybe the new, \$88-million OSU ships could transport people and merchandise to coastal ports? Maybe instead of dollars for Beltline, Franklin and new ships, we should have

spent money on improved trains?

Would this have happened in Europe, Scandinavia or Asia?

*Ruth Duemler
Eugene*

BUT OF COURSE

Recently, in looking up how to spell trumpeter, as in the swan, I discovered the word trumpetry: noun, meaning "attractive articles of little or no value"; adjective, for "showy, but worthless."

Trumpetry derives from the Middle French *tromper*, meaning "to deceive."

*Don French
Eugene*

DUPLICITY, GREED AND LOSS

A Poem:

(Fuck You, O)

The notices for tree removal

Were removed

Before the track and field

Events

You two-faced phonies

You bureaucratic snakes

That slither

Tongues licking the boots

Of your benefactor

Celebrate our history

On T.V.

The crowds leave


The chainsaws rumble

The wrecking balls loom


Spelling out clearly

Hayward's doom

*Aaron Kimball
Eugene*



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