

THIS MODERN WORLD

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JUDGE KAVANAUGH, DO YOU BELIEVE WOMEN ARE HUMAN BEINGS WHO SHOULD BE ACCORDED FULL CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS?

IN KEEPING WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY, I MUST DECLINE TO ANSWER.



IN YOUR VIEW, ARE NON-WHITE AMERICANS LEGITIMATE CITIZENS WHOSE VOTING RIGHTS MUST BE PROTECTED AND UPHOLD?

SENATOR, I SIMPLY CAN'T RESPOND TO SUCH AN ENTIRELY HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION.



JUDGE, DO YOU BELIEVE EMPLOYERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO TREAT THEIR WORKERS AS LITTLE MORE THAN HUMAN CHATTEL, WITH NO REGARD FOR THEIR SAFETY OR WELL-BEING?

AGAIN, JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE REQUIRES THAT I NOT COMMIT TO AN ANSWER.



IF THE PRESIDENT SHOT SOMEONE IN THE MIDDLE OF FIFTH AVENUE IN FRONT OF HUNDREDS OF WITNESSES, WOULD HE BE SUBJECT TO INDICTMENT?

SENATOR, I CANNOT COMMENT ON A CASE THAT MIGHT PLAUSIBLY COME BEFORE THE COURT SOMEDAY.



WHAT IF HE DECLARED HIMSELF A GOD EMPEROR WHOSE EVERY WHIM MUST BE OBEYED UPON PAIN OF DEATH?

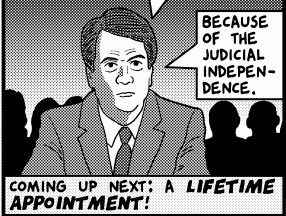
I WILL JUDGE EVERY CASE THAT COMES BEFORE ME IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY DEEPLY HELD BELIEF IN CONSTITUTIONAL ORIGINALISM.



JUDGE, IS THE SKY BLUE ON SUNNY DAYS?

ER--YOU MEAN THE SKY ON THIS PLANET?

I REALLY CAN'T ANSWER SUCH NON-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS!



SUPREME THREAT

"We will not go back" is what the woman protester said at the hearing for Supreme Court applicant Kavanaugh. As they hauled her away she kept repeating it.

American women, if you want to keep Roe v. Wade intact you better be writing your representatives in congress. The alt-right evangelicals are champing at the bit to deny women the choice of bringing a child into the world.

Next time you are sitting at your family holiday table just know that one in three women have had an abortion. Most of them will never tell you that they have. But they are your daughters, nieces, mothers and grandmothers who at one time found themselves pregnant and made the choice that Roe v. Wade ensures.

It's part of the ongoing war on women — women who still make 78 cents on the dollar doing the same job a man does. This is what we should be focusing on: more wage equity.

You may not want to get an abortion, but in some cases it becomes a choice — cases like your teenage daughter, who may want to exercise her right some day. Only the GOP would want to force a woman to have a baby she doesn't want. Do we want to go back to back-alley abortions?

I think women should withhold sex until their men get vasectomies. Yes, I'm serious; just think about it. What a better way to slide the responsibility to men. Women can use the day after pill until then.

Our body, our choice. Got it?

Diane DeVillers
Eugene

WARMONGER McCAIN

If one was looking for an example of the bi-partisan, liberal-conservative moral rot in this country, you would be hard pressed to find better than the EW's Slant blurb on John "Bomber" McCain (8/30).

A "truly amazing life?" WTF? Oh and lest we forget: "He wasn't without his flaws." Did the editorial staff even bother to peruse — in more than a cursory, sanitized fashion — the "resume" of this inveterate, evil warmonger?

Sure, Trump is an execrable SOB that we're stuck with for who knows how long, but McCain ranks and reeks right with him.

The only saving grace, outside of his never snaking his way into the oval office, is that he is now, finally, blessedly, six feet under where he can do no more harm.

If hell were to exist, he'd be a smoking there now.

Karl Stout
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NATURE'S RIGHTS

"What if nature had rights?" is a question that gets to the heart of the destruction our society is doing to the world we live on.

Rather than treat nature as property, Rights of Nature acknowledge that nature in all its forms has the right to exist, thrive and flourish.

A forest ecosystem — the trees, rivers, soil and everything living in that web of life — has a right to be healthy. The decision to cut a forest down should not depend on who owns the land and the amount of profit they can make. It should depend on the forest ecosystem's right to exist.

Nature does have rights. The problem is that our industrial/technology-dependent world does not recognize such rights or respect them.

Various indigenous cultures acknowledge nature's rights. Those rights have influenced the way they have lived for centuries. Our culture needs to wake up, learn and earn the wisdom of indigenous people. Nature has rights.

Such a wake-up has begun. It dates back a few decades and is happening all over the world — in New Zealand, India, Ecuador and nearby Lincoln County.

We can do something locally. Lane County can pass its own ballot initiative recognizing the Rights of Nature.

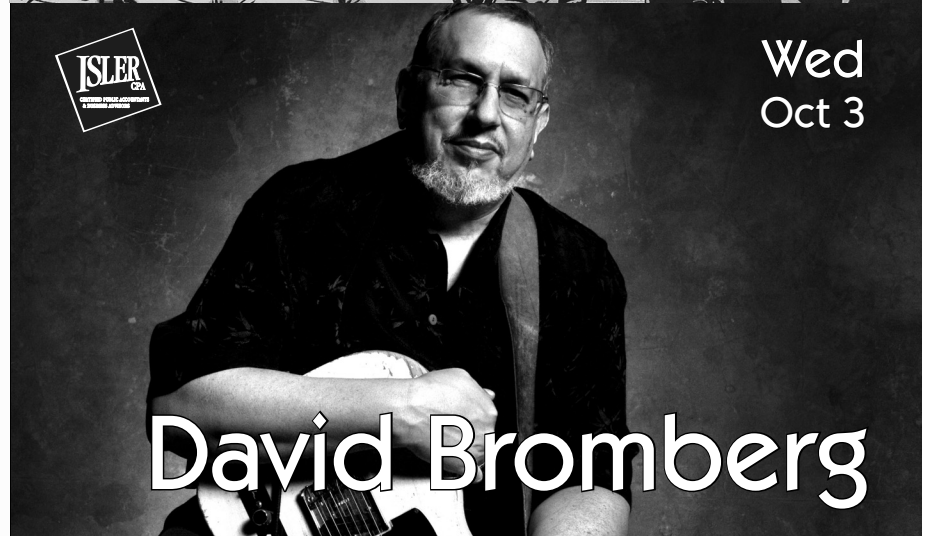
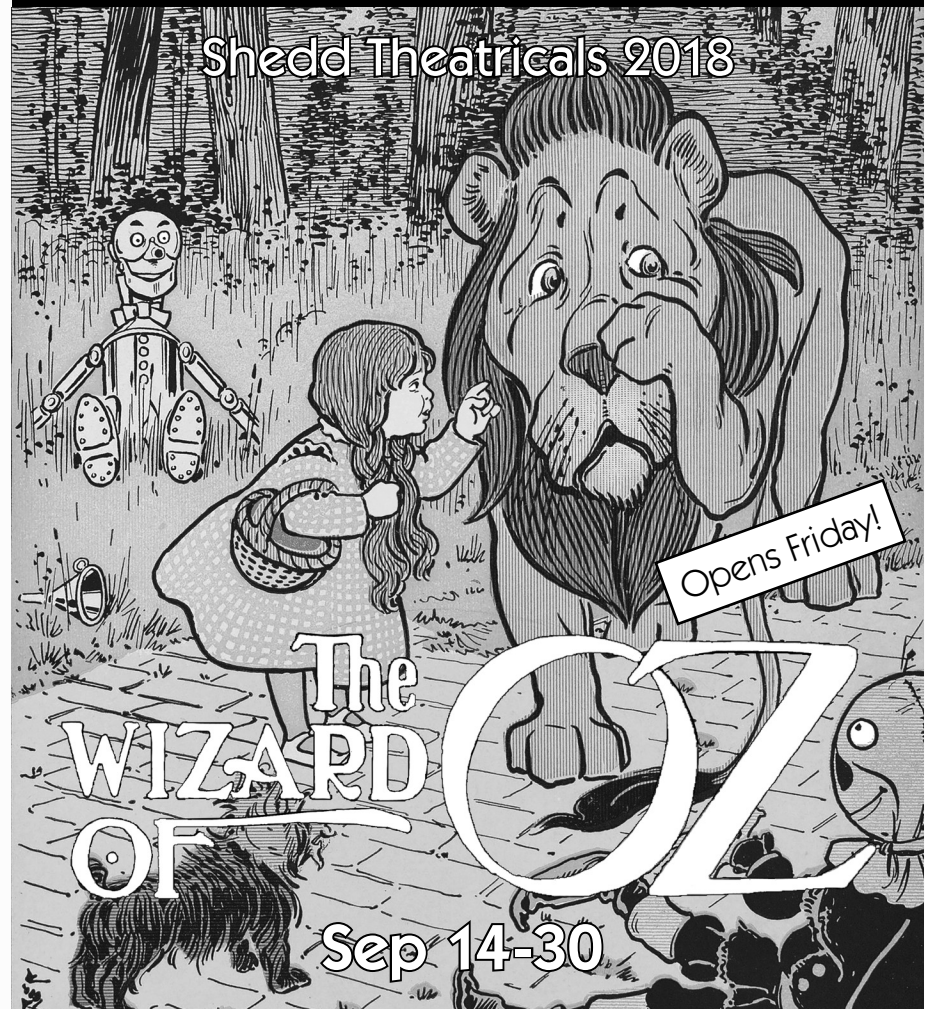
Want to learn more? Go to the "What if Nature had Rights?" panel discussion 6 pm, Sept. 20, at the Many Nations Longhouse. The panelists will discuss what's been done elsewhere, what has succeeded and what has failed. And what we can do locally.

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