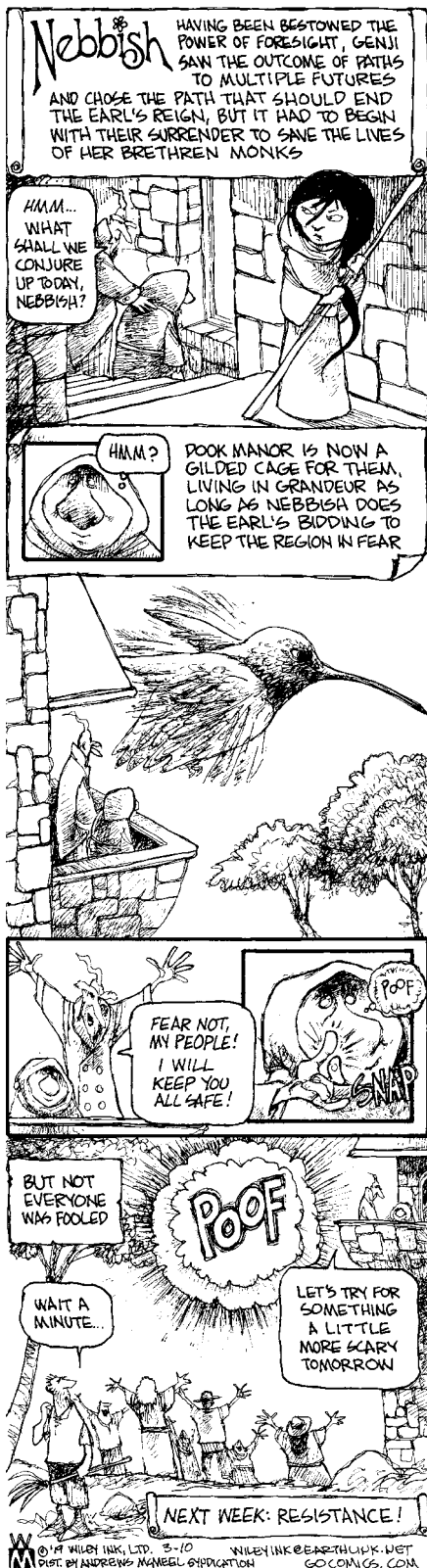
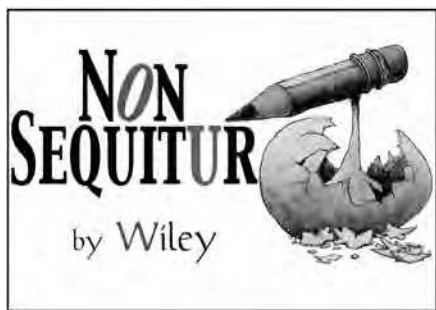






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ANTI-IMMIGRANT ILLOGIC

In response to Brian Palmer's Feb. 28 letter ("Goodnight America"), I must say I am impressed by the sheer lack of logic in his argument.

Palmer appears to suggest that if we continue to let immigrants come into the U.S., then we will "turn in the U.S. into a Third World dump." Seems like a massive leap to make, not to mention an incredibly ignorant one. He paints a dark picture filled with "maggot infested slums" and "gangs of rapists and thieves," as though immigrants are the sole causes of these problems.

What Palmer fails to realize is that the root cause of these deplorable conditions is structural, and far more often the result of gentrification, an unequal distribution of wealth, corrupt governmental figures and many more issues — none of which directly involve immigrants.

Also, what about all of the U.S.-born citizens who are rapists, thieves, murderers, racists and bigots? He says "immigrants" as though it's a dirty word, as though they are less-than human, and this couldn't be further from the truth.

Our country and economy would completely collapse without immigrants and the extremely labor-intensive jobs they perform, though many lazy, entitled and prejudiced Americans continue to deny this fact.

Instead of ridding the country of immigrants, I suggest we weed out people like Palmer, who prefer blaming others for the ails of this country instead of taking a hard look at themselves.

Kendra Hurtado
Eugene

DOWNSIZED DREAM

Re: Greg Williams' letter ("Too Many People," Feb. 28): A wise man once said, "Never get into an argument with a man who claims to know what makes a seal happy." Oh well, here goes...

There is nothing about "overpopulation" that "exacerbates racial tensions in multicultural societies," and it is not specious parsing to say that even substituting "overcrowding" does not fully correct for the error. Tenement slums are "overcrowded" — palatial estates, not so much.

More accurately, institutionalized poverty supported by tax giveaways to the already obscenely well-off is a breeding ground for criminal enterprises of both white and blue collar varieties, they being politically correct terms for corrupt businessmen, street thugs and their lawyer-politician enablers. Pick your favorite and vote accordingly.

Those interested enough to want to cut through Williams' mirthful prose can flip on their Google box and learn that the slight downtick in RV sales in 2018 is the result of an uptick in years prior, and is due not so much to a dearth of seniors dodging cooler climes as it is to the millennial generation looking for affordable housing.

The soft bigotry of low expectations, having been fully implemented with masterful effect: The downsizing of the American Dream is now complete.

Leo Muzzy
Eugene

EVERYONE POOPS

It is a fact, though not a popular one, that homeless people both exist and need to poop occasionally. It seems that those who build public restrooms think that if they make their facilities unpleasant enough to use — maybe even keeping them permanently locked — no one will have to use them.

Not only is this not true, it dehumanizes the human beings who have no other choice.

At the very least, I would hope the people of Eugene could find it in their hearts to provide the most basic of sanitation at such facilities. I mean, no soap? Not even an empty dispenser, but no washing of hands after defecating?

Is one or two discourteous (watch out for the 'N' word) junkies worth depriving everyone, even affluent people who visit parks, of the most basic of sanitation? And what do you think someone who used the restroom does next? Probably touches the door handle to get somewhere they can wash their hands. A door handle you might grab hold of.

I would ask those responsible to rethink the values and purpose for which these restrooms exist. And perhaps acknowledge that a few bad apples should not be allowed to subvert this purpose into what I can only call "poor-hating." Hate solves no problems. Never seen it work once.

Russell Kerns
Brownsville

BAD RENT CONTROL

With Oregon passing statewide rent control, the "door has been opened" to tweak the law locally to better protect tenants from money-addicted landlords. The current "one size fits all" legislation fails to protect the most vulnerable.

The newly legalized cap of a 7-percent annual increase will financially devastate those in the lower socio-economic groups such as seniors, the disabled and the impoverished (i.e., single mothers). It places all renters into one group as opposed to reflecting the spectrum that actually exists. More importantly, it does next to nothing to make housing affordable.

With Lane County and Eugene being a compassionate place to live, our county commissioners and City Council need to take the law one step further; there is nothing now preventing the enactment of local law(s) to cap rent even lower. This can be done on a continuum that reflects various types of rental properties, addressing the true reality that exists and the incomes of those found therein.

Eugene's Falcon Wood Village re-

tirement park, and the unsavory deeds done there by management through its Chicago-based corporation, has been in the news. Our Legislature is attempting to enact new law to address aspects of this corporate greed.

Statewide rent control, however, exacerbates the woes at Falcon Wood. It will force tenants who rent lots for their homes there to give them up.

Surely astute local politicians can find a better way to address our affordable housing crisis and therefore help ease our burgeoning homelessness.

James Houston
Senior citizens advocate
Eugene

DEM DEMS

Hey, Mr. Calder (Letters, "Ask Not," Feb. 28): The Dems are still plugging along making sure you and I have a safety net and health care as we age, beautiful national parks that are protected from greedy developers, and fighting daily to thwart the racist Nazis that would love to have the U.S. be like Russia.

I've asked your same question about the Repubs and here is the answer: Talk radio, where — for the love of money — misogyny, racism and xenophobia was perpetrated under the guise of "entertainment" to gullible, fearful, greedy people 24/7 until they were brainwashed.

Now we see the fruits of this ugly, divisive crop: Trump. But even more, a Republican party that is complicit and truly un-American.

If, in the last 25 years, any Repub had a boat in rising waters, only a white man would be allowed on board. Nice.

Annie Kayner
Eugene

ARE BELOVED LEADER

I've had it with the Lamestreamedia's always besmalling are President, making fun of his claim that him and himself alone kept the skies safe during the Pelosi-Schumer-Warren-Acosta-O'Rourke shut-down (unpublicized fact: according to *Blightbrat*, he visited several major "airports" during peak hours and personally took over the landing towers to show "how it should be done." You won't read about that in the *Bezosamazonwashingtonpost!*).

He is the most humblest person on Earth — note that he doesn't not call himself a super-genius, which he certainly is — facts don't lie (unless their on the Lamestreamedia!). Note that he didn't not say that he is the most stable person ever, which he certainly is, or else why would he even have to say that! (Ask yourself that whydontcha, libtards!)

Note that he didn't take no credit for the fact that there was no volcano deaths in the "Lower 47" in 2018 — and yet there was none! Note that there was no deaths due to Bigfoot attacks in the U.S. — and yet there was none! Note the absence of astroid-related deaths anywhere in the U.S. due to his diligence