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OPINION

Letters

FROM NICKELS TO BIBLES

Pete DeFazio's Take

I wish I had a nickel for every time an old white guy told me the only reason no woman has been president yet is because we "haven't nominated the right one."

Rebecca McCroskey
Eugene

Sacrifice

As a Christian, Dan Bryant believes in the concept of sacrifice. i.e. God the Father sacrificed Jesus so Christians could spend eternity in heaven. I think the murder of Jesus was a tragedy and nothing good came of it, unless you think of the spread of the Holy Roman Empire and the theft of the American continents by Christians to be good things.

He claims that the murder of Renee Good was an unintentional sacrifice, as if something good is bound to come from it. I'm afraid that this logic might encourage some suicidal teenager to sacrifice himself by provoking ICE to shoot him. Nothing good will come from that, either, and it might result in the unintentional sacrifice of others.

He says, "This must be our Kent State moment," referring to the murder of protesters in 1970. I say, "What good came from the Kent State murders?" The protests went on and the war went on. It eventually ended in 1975 when the government realized we couldn't win it. He quoted one banner, "They can't kill us all." Was he implying that people should be ready to sacrifice themselves?

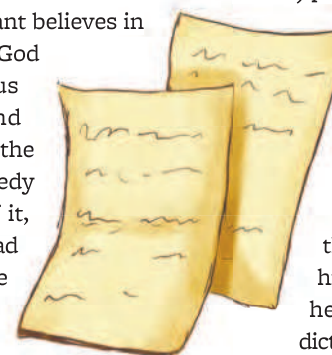
I'm not saying not to do what you can to counteract the killing. I am saying, "Don't

try to be a hero or a martyr." Sacrifice is not a magic ritual that will make something good happen.

Steve Hiatt
Eugene

Ban the Bible in Public Meetings

A standing ovation for Karen Myers (Jan. 15 "Sermon on the County, Loveall Style") and Thomas Hiura (Jan. 15 "State of the County, Not Church of the County") for calling out "Bible waving" David Loveall. Loveall must not have read the First Amendment: Article VI (no religion test clause) prevents the government from



requiring religion or affiliation as a condition for serving the government.

Simply put, there must be a separation of church and state in a public meeting. Loveall must think that the Supreme Court has given him the power to do whatever he wants, like the want-a-be dictator, Donald Trump. We need to get out and vote in November, and my vote is going for Sean VanGordon, the mayor of Springfield, to be the next Lane County Commission board chair, and from there we need to work our way up to the top and impeach 34-felon Donald Trump.

Frank Harper
Springfield

Forbidden Plateau of Sexuality

I was a lone traveler, not unlike Dan Savage (Jan. 22), making my way across the forbidden plateau of sexuality. I knew I was gay by age 13, but in my shame as a good Christian boy, I grew exhausted with despair and remained deeply closeted. Unlike Savage, I was never bullied in my public-school years, but lost and lonely to the core — I missed high school proms and the joy of puppy love shared by straight kids. It wasn't until college that I

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

<p>AMERICA 2026: THE GREATNESS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL MORALE IMPROVES</p>	<p>TOTALLY NORMAL FOREIGN POLICY</p>	<p>DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH, SHEEPLE</p>
<p>VENEZUELA'S OIL BELONGS TO US NOW! AND WE WILL VERY MUCH GOODLY SELL IT FOR MANY BIG PRICES!</p>	<p>CHILDREN DON'T NEED VACCINES FOR RSV, HEPATITIS, OR BACTERIAL MENINGITIS--WHATEVER ANY OF THAT STUFF EVEN IS!</p>	<p>JUST EAT SOME DELICIOUS ROAD KILL--AND BE HEALTHY LIKE ME!</p>
<p>TIN SOLDIERS AND DONALD'S COMING</p> <p>IF THE PROTESTERS DON'T STOP CALLING US MURDERERS--WE'LL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO MURDER MORE OF THEM!</p> <p>ACTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES! YOUR ACTIONS, I MEAN, NOT OURS.</p>	<p>THEY WILL GREET US AS LIBERATORS--OF THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES!</p>	<p>ALSO BEEF TALLOW. I DRINK IT BY THE JUG!</p>
<p>BETTER LIVING THROUGH TECHNOLOGY</p> <p>GROK ALLOWS PREMIUM USERS TO SEXUALIZE ANY IMAGE ANY-ONE POSTS! IT'S ANOTHER FREE SPEECH VICTORY FROM ME, THE WORLD'S SMARTEST MAN!</p> <p>TRULY, X IS THE EVERYTHING APP!</p> <p>GROK, SHOW ME A.O.C. IN A CONFEDERATE BIKINI! LOL.</p>	<p>CONCEPTS OF SOMETHING THAT VAGUELY RESEMBLES A PLAN</p> <p>YOU'LL NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH DOCTORS AND HOSPITALS--TO GET THE BEST PRICE TO TREAT YOUR HEART ATTACK OR LIFE-THREATENING INJURY!</p> <p>IT'S THE MAGIC OF THE FREE MARKET!</p>	<p>THE NEW NEW WORLD ORDER</p> <p>LIKE I TOLD THEM AT DAVOS, I WOULD NEVER USE THE MILITARY TO TAKE ICELAND BY FORCE! OR WOULD I? HEH HEH.</p> <p>ER--YES, SIR! BUT PERHAPS YOU MEAN GREENLAND?</p> <p>WHATEVER, TRUMP SLEEPY NOW. TIME FOR NAP.</p>
<p>NEXT: MORE GREATNESS THAN YOU CAN POSSIBLY IMAGINE!</p>		