

ECOTOPIA POSSIBLE HERE

In her article entitled "A Free Cascadia" (9/14), Kera Abraham is probably accurate in her amusing description of the concept of the Republic of Cascadia as "a progressive-libertarian's green, wet dream."

The painful reality, however, is that a Northern California-Oregon-Washington-British Columbia secessionist form of coitus interruptus would be far preferable to what we're getting from megacorporation-controlled Republocrat and Demican toadies.

The idea of Cascadia has, as she notes, been a Pacific Northwest secession vision for more than 200 years. It was energized by Ernest Callenbach's prescient, inspiring, and highly entertaining 1975 novel *Ecotopia* — and by the Ecotopian magazine *Seriatim*, which explored and expanded many of his ideas.

Callenbach, who spoke in Eugene on a number of occasions, participated in extensive correspondence with me and my students when I taught his book at LCC in several of my classes in the mid-to-late-'70s. As he said in a letter to me, "If something like Ecotopia does happen anywhere, this will be the place."

The novel, well worth reading, is available at locally owned used-book stores in the Eugene area.

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PERSISTENT PESTICIDES

The people of Eugene are so fortunate to have EWEB watching out for their drinking water quality. Not one other water district in

the state is testing for forestry herbicides and other agricultural chemicals. Other agencies charged with maintaining water quality sample once, don't find anything, conclude there is no problem, and forget about it for 10 years.

Runoff is not the only way people and property are poisoned. We have identified five other mechanisms by which products are transmitted beyond their target areas:

- Drift is especially a concern with helicopter applications. Not only are droplets carried by wind, the rotor-wash volatilizes the sprayed product, spreading it further. Also, Oregon State University warns that even ground spray can cause crop damage at a distance of one mile.

- Evaporation of poison chemicals continues for days.

- Movement through soil is another concern for forestland dwellers who rely on springs and shallow wells.

- Burning by both forestry and agricultural operations creates dioxin and carries poisons for miles, often impacting large population centers.

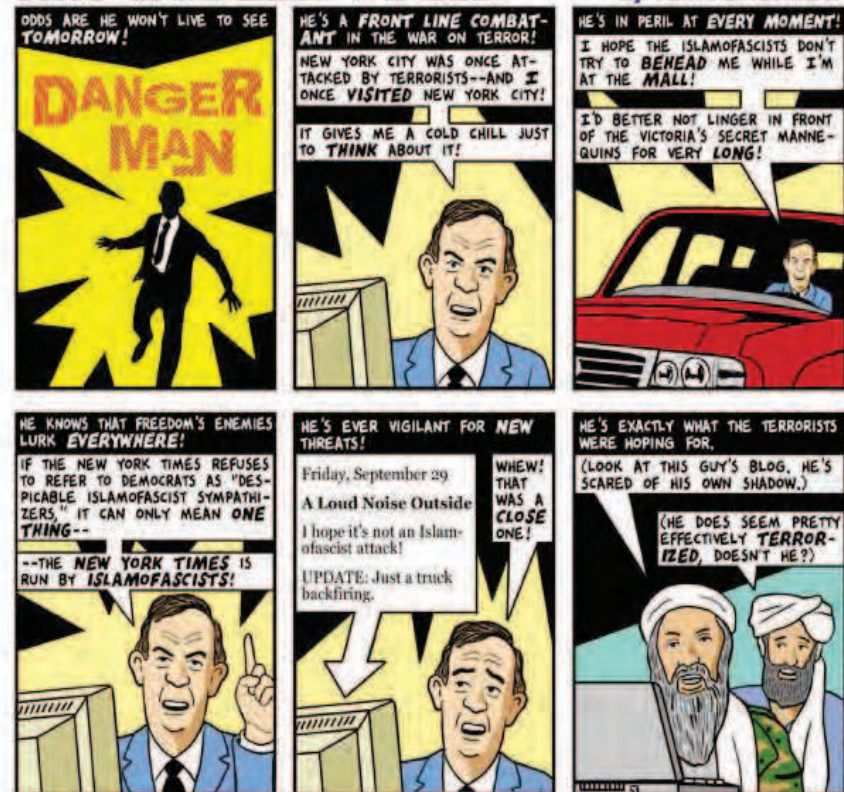
- Pollen — pesticide molecules bond to pollen particles creating clouds of neurotoxins.

It's not just cancer, but ADD, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's-type diseases that result.

All monitoring systems have limitations, so while EWEB is doing the best it can with its pesticide monitoring program, it is measuring in parts per billion. Fetal damage can occur at exposure levels of parts per quadrillion.

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



Beyond human health concerns, how much sense does it make to be spending millions of dollars on salmon recovery, while timber companies are stripping the hillsides and actively poisoning the headwaters?

Lynn Bowers
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FIXING AMNESIA

Like a broken record, Hiroshima and Nagasaki atrocity apologists (Warren Walsh, letters 9/7) always trot out "a million American lives (and many more Japanese lives) were saved by the A-bombs." In fact, this "evidence" was magically created by McGeorge Bundy in a 1947 *Harper's* essay



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