



**IN MEMORY OF KEVIN DOUGHERTY**

It doesn't seem possible that almost a year has passed since I was told the shocking news about Kevin. It is still so fresh in my mind. I've heard and read about parents losing a child through war, accident, drugs or illness. I have always felt a certain amount of sympathy for them. I never realized the extent of their pain until I experienced this myself.

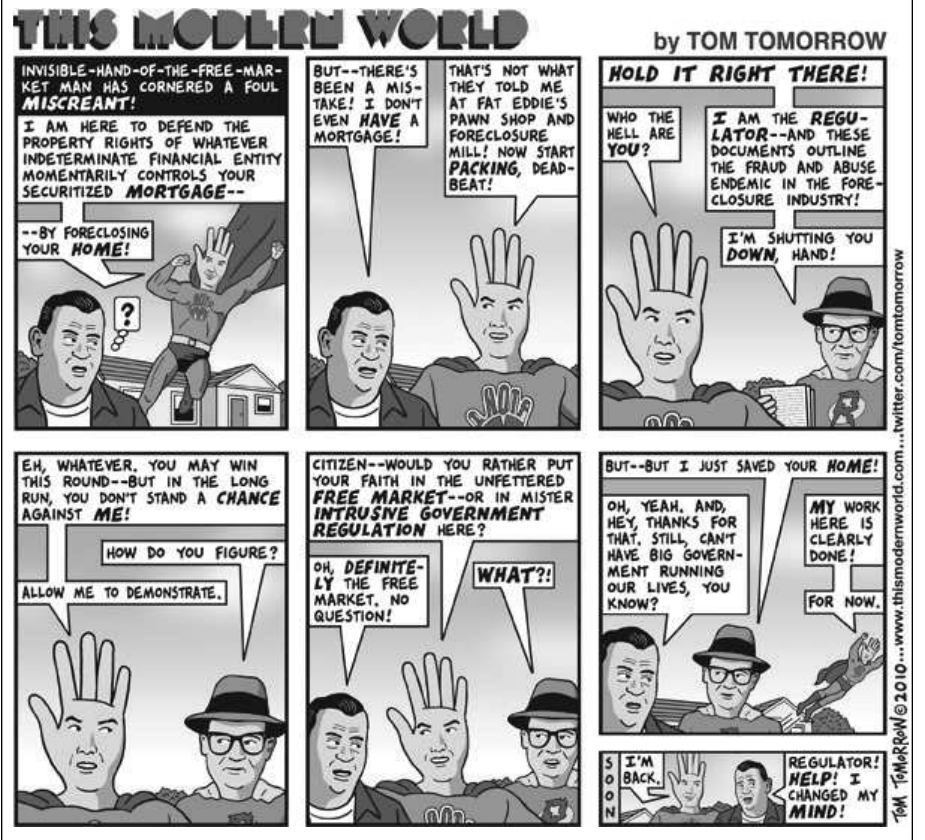
A child is a being who formed slowly inside you and then with the help of God breathed life. When you lose this child you also lose a part of yourself.

I was comforted by the accolades paid to Kevin by people who knew and loved him in his adult life. They knew him better perhaps than his parents or siblings as he moved a great distance while still quite young. He made infrequent trips back home. I'm happy and comforted that over the past few years these visits were more often and longer and we got to know and love him and his children deeply.

We are told life goes on, and so it must, but you realize it will never happen for this child you love. The pain in me is so deep it will never go away, but I'm grateful to God for allowing me to experience a mother's love.

*Frances Dougherty  
Inwood, N.Y.*

*EDITOR'S NOTE: An informal gathering of Kevin Dougherty's friends and coworkers is planned from 4 to 6 pm Thursday, Oct. 21, at the EW offices, 1251 Lincoln St.*



**REBUILD, NOT WRECK**

Wouldn't it be nice if candidates for public office were to offer-up honest, truthfully and commonsense solutions to some of society's most vexing problems, rather than just practicing the politics of social destruction?

Wouldn't it be great if instead of promoting the use of a wrecking ball in the junk yard of social, economic and governmental disarray, candidates would roll up their sleeves and roll out a plan to rebuild and restore our society to its highest and greatest potential? As Abraham Lincoln said, "Any mule can kick down a shed, but it takes a real carpenter to build one."

Wouldn't it be grand if we could get past the jackass politics of personal destruction, and work together to find honest solutions to real problems?

Wouldn't it be wonderful to start rebuilding our society, using virtue, truth, honesty and hard work?

Please vote for those candidates who are willing to build us up rather than just continue tearing us down. Let's stop kicking down the shed, for a "real" new direction.

*Bill Fleenor  
West Lane County Commissioner*

**CORPORATE TOOLS**

I was not surprised to see that the "alternative" weekly in Eugene suggested (10/14) voting straight down the Democratic ticket, given that they posted a frightening image of Republican domination on the cover. The other reason I was not surprised was the failure of *EW* to contact me for an interview despite the fact that I am on the ballot as the Progressive Party candidate for the U.S. Senate.

Perhaps if your readers knew that there was a real alternative to Demican and Republican corporatists in the Senate, they would ignore the self-fulfilling fallacy that voting for a third party is "wasting" your

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