

ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE

Imagine the lonesome howl of a wolf on a starry Eastern Oregon night. Does it curdle your blood or inspire you? Do you feel hate or love? Do you want to kill the wolf or protect it? These are the extremes and politics of our human-wolf relationship.

Characteristic of hate, anti-wolf arguments are based on misunderstanding and lies. Ranchers decry wolf depredation of their publicly subsidized cattle and sheep. Hunters claim more wolves means fewer deer and elk for *them* to kill. The truth is that livestock depredation by wolves is statistically insignificant and, thanks in part to the wolves, deer and elk populations are healthy. There is enough for everyone if everyone could learn to share. But for some it seems there is never enough.

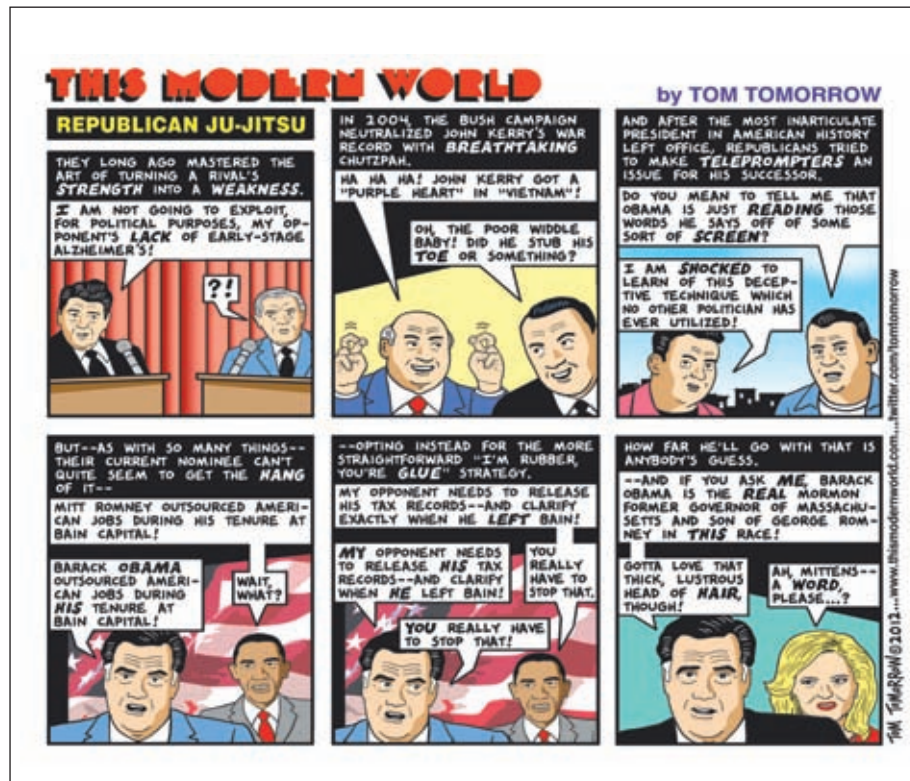
Congress has just reduced federal protections that barely allowed wolves to recover from the brink of extinction. Now states are killing wolves by the hundreds. If you think this is bad policy, then get active.

I may never hear a wild wolf howl. But I can imagine it. And I can imagine each of us doing something today to ensure the howl of the wolf, the call of the wild, forever.

*Benton Elliott
Eugene*

NEUTER FOR NO KILL

I was taken aback by the title and tone of Tamara Barnes' letter about Greenhill Humane Society's euthanasia policy.



Every time someone attacks Greenhill — or any other organization — for doing the heartbreaking work of cleaning up after a throwaway society that thoughtlessly buys, breeds and discards animals, the puppy millers, breeders and irresponsible guardians who create the homeless animal overpopulation crisis get off scot-free. As a dedicated animal rights activist myself, I know that the only way to a “no-kill” nation is to stop bringing more puppies

and kittens into a world that does not offer them the chance for a home. Pointing a finger at Greenhill does nothing to help the animals suffering today and won't stop animals from having to be euthanized tomorrow. The only way to stop euthanasia is mandatory spaying and neutering and a full-scale ban on breeding — a fact that Barnes' letter, unfortunately, ignored.

*Curtis Taylor
Eugene*

BACH OFF, NIKE

Thank you, OBF, for not allowing Nike to get its Mitts on you. We would've had to endure *The St. Matthew Knight Passion*, otherwise.

*Jeff Albertson
Springfield*

EXILED

When people marginalize those that cause them discomfort — especially when it is done harshly and/or unfairly — it endangers the shunned individual to harassment of all kinds like isolation, rape, kidnapping, getting pimped out, stalking, getting robbed, home invasion, mental abuse, assault, etc., etc. Think about this before you ever marginalize anyone. If it can happen to one person, it can happen to ALL OF US. Thinking you are immune to marginalization is only going to make you more vulnerable. Just saying ...

*Nicola Noetic
exiled in Eugene, Oregon*

DEATH TO OYSTERS

Like the three proverbial monkeys who see, hear or speak no evil, those who deny that man is causing global warming are becoming the very definition of the word “denier.”

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