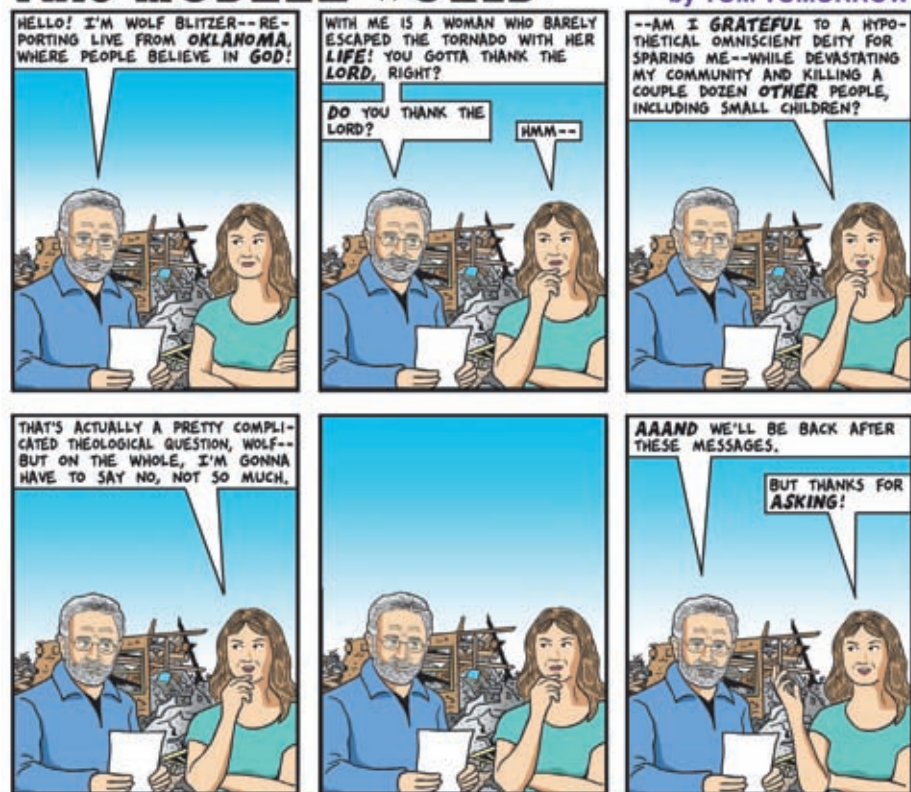


THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



we have entered a new era of diversified county funding and that solutions other than ramping up clearcutting on our revered public forestlands are possible.

While the levy doesn't solve all of Lane County's funding woes, it does set the table for further discussion about how to fund basic services. Other ideas abound including how the state and counties can capitalize on the corporations who are shipping raw logs, jobs and tax rolls overseas, or provide incentives to process the wood at home. Taking a fresh look at the timber harvest tax on industrial forestlands to benefit counties is also in order.

The outcome of the vote is an important step towards a reliable, long-term solution to pay for the core public services we all rely on, and reminds us that our backyard public forests that provide the air we breathe, the water we drink, unparalleled recreation opportunities and unique habitats don't have to shoulder the funding burden for Lane County.

Josh Laughlin
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BEES ARE THE KEYS

The goal of our community in recent years is to create an environment that is sustainable. By definition, sustainable means conserving an ecological balance by protecting our natural resources. As a beekeeper, in order to sustain my bees, I need your help. Beekeeping is no longer sustainable for the simple fact that pesticides are building up in our hives at lethal levels. Our local stores sell particularly harmful chemicals that cause if not immediate colony collapse a slow poisoning of the hive with the final result being a dead hive in the spring.

If we can't sustain this most precious resource how are we going to move forward and insure a food supply in our local community? In essence we are destroying the very thread of life we depend on. It is time for us to stop using pesticides immediately to not only protect us but our air, water, food and the insects that we depend on for survival.

Our local stores have been notified that these pesticides cause colony collapse in all pollinators but they still insist on selling them to make a profit. As a beekeeper this is completely unacceptable. In Europe they have banned these pesticides and the bees have rebounded. Our own government sits by aimlessly while big corporations are making huge profits poisoning our world. If you value the world we live in please do your part and stop the use of pesticides immediately!

Doug Hornaday
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FUND ALL THE SERVICES

I hope everyone lobbying to preserve programs on the city manager's proposed cut list will support saving not only their personal favorites, but all of them. And that would be consistent with the election results.

Given the fee's defeat, some decision-makers feel obliged to make the threatened cuts, because using one-time sources of funds would not solve the long-term problem. But the services on the hit list are among those most popular with Eugene residents. The "yes" votes show many people not only support the threatened services, but are willing to pay more to keep them. And statements during the campaign showed that many more want the services funded from existing revenue. So the message of the vote in context is that people opposed the fee, but support the programs.

The election created a forum in which many city budget priorities were questioned. These should now be given a comprehensive review. The *Weekly's* proposed independent performance auditor (Slant, 5/23) would be one way that could usefully be accomplished. But regardless of how it's done, to allow time for the process, it's entirely appropriate and responsible to spare the threatened services for another year, by using one-time funds as needed.

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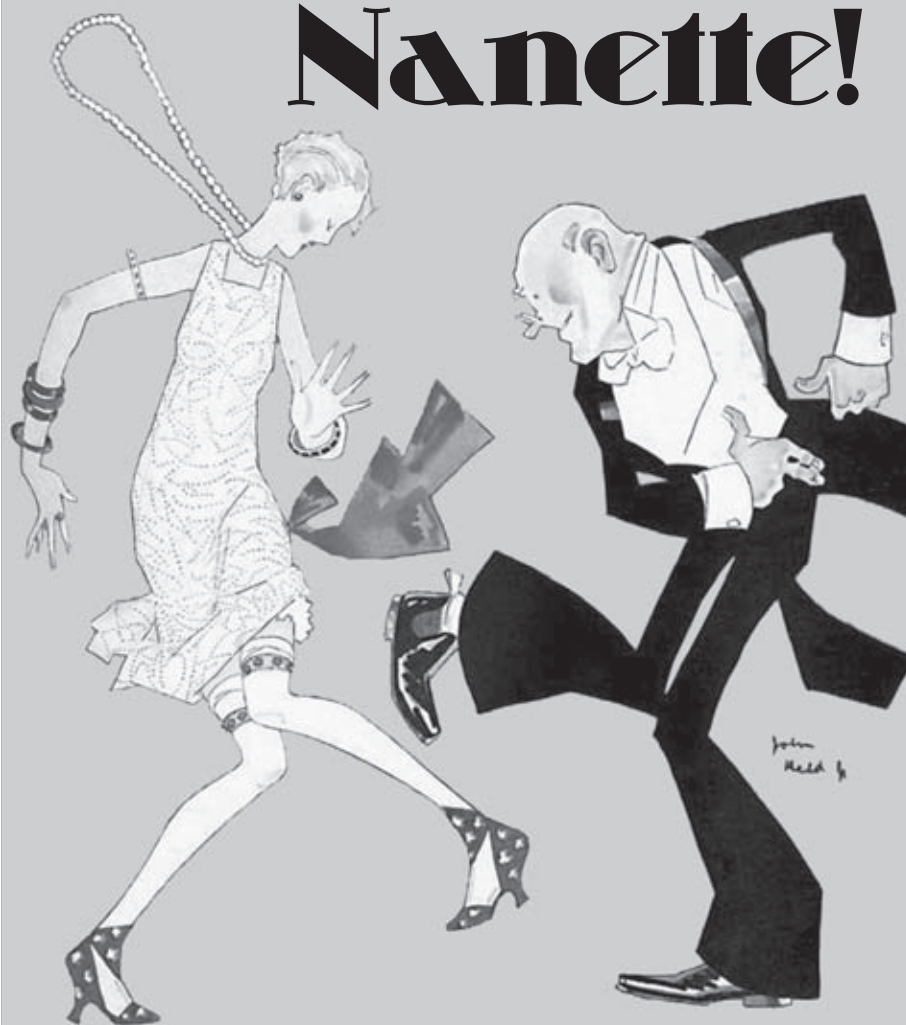
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