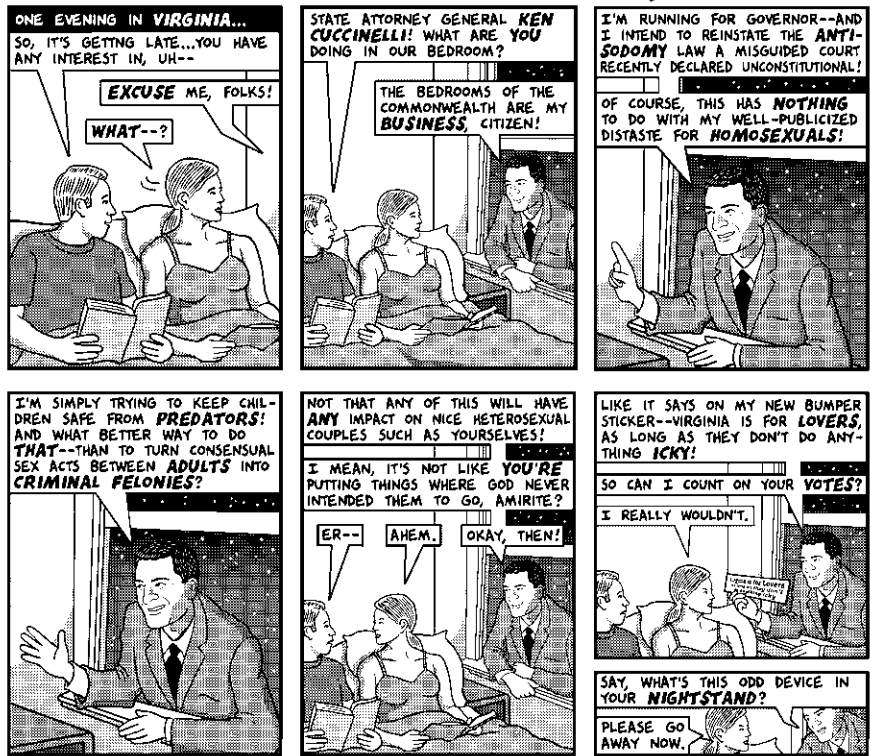


THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



providing a platform for his bigotry. I grew up in this country, in this state, in an overwhelmingly white and racist town — I've heard his viewpoint my entire life.

This viewpoint isn't an alternative articulation to anti-racism, or even leftist anti-racism, but a reinforcement of mainstream white privilege and power.

Ryan Foote
Eugene

COMMUNITY RIGHTS RISING

In the last 16 years small communities starting in conservative, rural Pennsylvania have begun to give more rights to residents of an area than to corporations that are just set up there.

Thomas Jefferson disagreed with James Madison's view that it is the job of government to protect the opulent minority from the majority. He was one of our (elitist) founding fathers.

The movement of community rights started in Pennsylvania with family pig farmers that wanted to keep factory farms from coming into town, polluting everything, undercutting the quality of their (family) products and taking all the money out of the community. Then came fracking and the rights to aquifers.

Sludge (human waste) was being applied as well under the name "bio-solids" to crops and was opposed by farmers, organic and conventional. From the start the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF), a group of pro bono attorneys, moved their work which was now in all of America to the West Coast. In Oregon, Lane, Benton, Jackson and Multnomah counties have submitted ordinances to protect sustainable agriculture, workers' living wages, keep GMOs out and enshrine ecosystems.

So far we've encountered opposition from our very own government but we believe that in the end we will be successful in defending our communities from corporate damage just like over 110 communities did so far. This battle, which pits the small entrepreneur against big corporations who (with their public relation firms) have bought our government, needs

everybody's help.

David Ivan Piccioni
Eugene

THE GREAT IMITATOR

I am writing to bring attention to two issues. One, my husband's medical fund and two, Lyme disease.

Last fall, my husband was diagnosed with late-stage neurological Lyme disease along with two co-infections, Bartonella and Babesia. For 15 years, he underwent a series of tests, procedures, surgeries and diagnoses in an attempt to figure out and correct his ongoing health issues. When modern medicine was unable to heal him, much less correctly diagnose him, he visited a local naturopath and Lyme specialist, upon the suggestion of a friend, a former Lyme sufferer herself.

One visit later and a positive Lyme test gave him the answer to his ongoing health problems.

We have no insurance and are on a fixed income. The treatment of Lyme and its co-infections is expensive and long in duration. We set up a medical fund website (www.gofundme.com/1lg310) and on Monday, Aug. 5, we are holding a fundraiser at Papa's Pizza in Corvallis. Those wanting to attend must bring a flyer. Please email themamatrinity@gmail.com to request one or for more information.

Lyme disease is called the "great imitator" in that it mimics a plethora of other diseases, including anxiety, arthritis, fibromyalgia, multiple sclerosis and chronic fatigue. It's a nationwide problem, having been identified in all 50 states. Not everyone shows the classic bull's-eye rash. In terms of testing, upward of 50 percent of patients tested for Lyme receive false negative results. Lyme-literate doctors treat when symptoms of Lyme are present, even without a positive test. If you or a loved one suspect Lyme disease may be behind your symptoms, contact the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society for more information and ask for a list of Lyme literate doctors in your area.

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