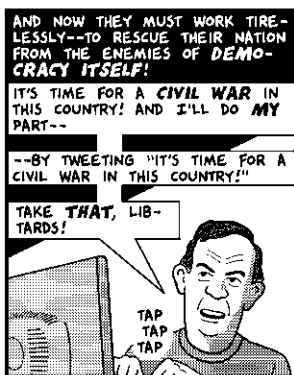
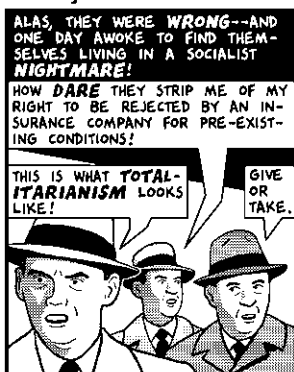
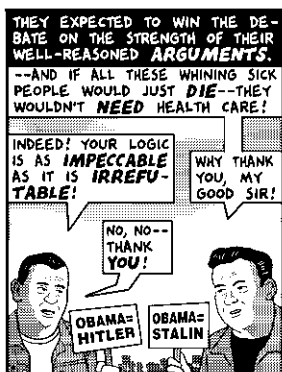


THIS MODERN WORLD

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measure will be put on the ballot next year in November. Currently, the website reports 91,034 signatures gathered.

This state is nearing a tremendous moment in its history for all people, not just members of the LGBTQ community but allies as well. With this petition, Oregon is getting closer to a state of marriage equality for same-sex couples. This state, which I have called home all my life, could finally become a state that allows same-sex marriage, and I hope that many others will gather to make Oregon be its own state of celebration for straight, gay and lesbian couples alike.

To all those out there reading this, here are some ways to help. You can sign the petition here in Eugene at the corner of Broadway & Olive as well as at NE 24th and NE Irving in Portland, or you can even become a petition circulator yourself by calling the petition hotline at (866) 493-6792 and requesting a petition circulation packet of your own.

Rai-Lynn Trotter
Eugene

A GEM AMONG US

Sally Sheklow is an absolute gem. Whenever I see her Living Out column I smile. I look at her photo and see integrity, honesty, playfulness and joy. And I smile again.

There are many gifts in my world and Sally is one. Thank you Sally and EW.

Neil Van Steenberg
Eugene

FLOOD PLAIN FOLLY

"OMC is what smart growth looks like," says Will Dixon in his Oct. 3 Viewpoint. He is supposed to be an educated, experienced person that others would likely look to for good judgment not only in his field of architecture but in land development. What the Oakleigh Meadow Community (OMC) is to him and the other people who had their rose-colored glasses on when they bought into this deal was a seemingly beautiful setting for like-minded people to live in complete Nirvanaland.

What OMC really is is yet another very bad, even dangerous place in which to site any kind of residential houses. Why? I'll give you two reasons: Dexter and Lookout Point dams. Putting houses or businesses in a flood plain is just plain stupid.

We see this happen again and again all over our country. People insist on building along rivers, levees, coastal spits, etc., and when (not if) natural disasters occur, those foolish people want to have our tax dollars bail them out! The people who have owned this property over the years have been selling it to others with the knowledge that they dodged a bullet. The OMC now has the "old maid" card and the naïve people that will take the chance that those very old dams up river won't crack or that there won't be an earthquake (yes, we in western Oregon do live in an active subduction zone) have their collective heads in the sand.

There is nothing wrong with cohousing. I'm all for it, but for heaven's sake, do your research and don't be duped by a nice walk by the river or educated people who should know better.

Annie Kayner
Eugene

LOVE VS. NASTY

Hmmmm, we're a new restaurant downtown — and we're "hip-ish" (we hang art, not TVs on walls, work with local farms, employ tattooed moms) — and we've been fortunate enough to get votes from Weekly readers in the past. Might we be one of the snooty "classist" award-winning restaurants alluded to in David Wilson's letter to the editor Oct. 3? Maybe. Perhaps. I am not sure. Vague bit of nastiness there.

Though, I am sure that from day one, five years ago, I and the awesome people who have worked at Belly have aspired and perspired to add a lot of love to Eugene. I am also certain that moving downtown to a larger site (turning up the love volume) was a challenge that sometimes left us dazed, daffy and at times deplorably cranky. I also know — and this amazingly enough without a shadow of a doubt — that this

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