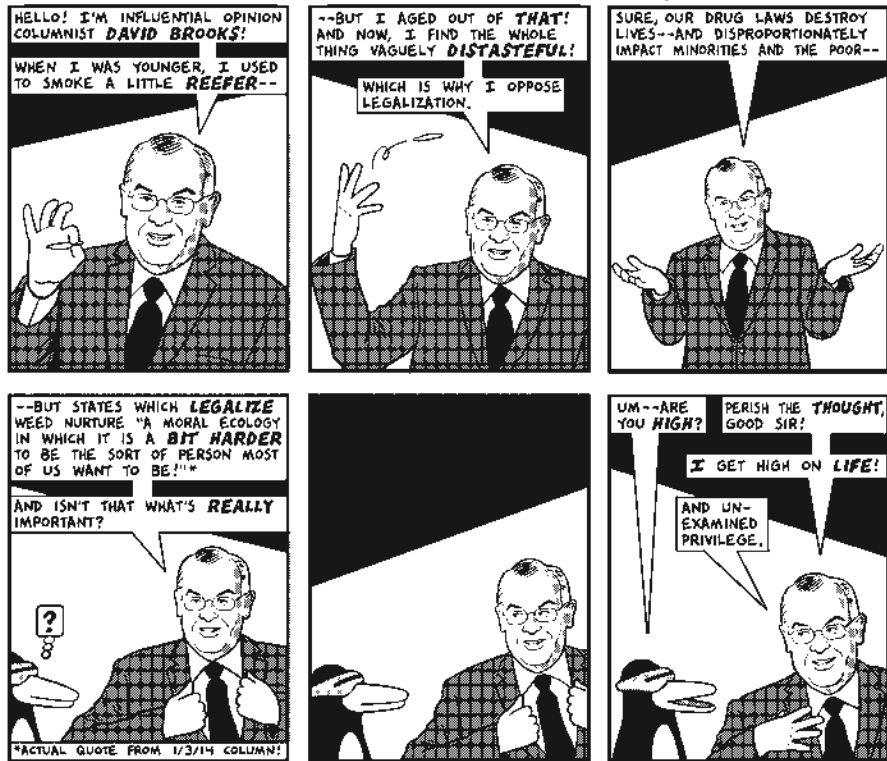


THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



SECRET KILLERS

Thank you EW for the balanced and truthful cover story "(Out of) Animal Control," [1/2]. I'd like to clarify a few points.

The lawsuit filed by the fired whistleblower, Heidy Hollister, was settled for what Hollister's attorney called "a substantial amount of money." Greenhill paid up rather than divulge further discovery, such as medical files for certain animals.

Greenhill is not a no-kill shelter, even though they sometimes claim they are. Their statistics are self-reported and undocumented; they are suspect. Greenhill flatly refuses to release any documentation. They continue to kill adoptable/treatable animals in secret.

There are \$500,000 reasons Greenhill should be transparent and accountable and in compliance with the contracts, yet they are allowed by our elected officials to continue to thumb their nose at the taxpayers. Most of the Lane County Animal Shelter budget was union wages and benefits. Greenhill's employees' pay is far less. The \$130,000 gap isn't as big a deal as they would like you to think.

No Kill Lane County can be found on Facebook, and our documentation regarding Greenhill is on our website, NoKillLaneCounty.org.

Tamara Barnes
No Kill Lane County

FIGHTING OVER ANIMALS

We don't know which story was more heartbreaking — that thousands of abused, neglected and abandoned animals go through Lane County's Animal Shelter, or that the wonderful and compassionate people who love animals are using up their precious energy to fight each other over the care of these animals.

We stand in awe at the strength and tenacity in which each of you (both sides) possess. You roll up your sleeves and make a difference in the lives of these adored creatures. You get down in the trenches. We love animals, yet find it almost unbearable

to even go to the shelter and volunteer. We give money, donate food and support any fundraiser that comes our way.

So, when we read how those of you who are waging such a good fight for such a good cause work against each other, it is just as heartbreaking. We want to give you whatever tools you need to continue this battle without seeing you turn on one another. It's a new year and I encourage all of you who love these animals to allow yourselves to wipe the slate clean.

Let's come together and start monthly meetings for animal lovers, join hands with both sides and make a circle of love and protection for these four-legged friends! We could build donation boxes and put in supplies as needed. Greenhill and 1st Avenue Shelters could put an updated request list on their website. How about "One Dollar Day?" Everyone in Springfield, Eugene and surrounding communities could give a dollar!

Please, let's come together as a "village force" and focus on the real reason of this article — take a moment and look into the eyes of those dogs in the photos. We did, and this is what moved us to write this letter. And if you need another reason to further honor Madiba's life, reconciliation would be the antidote.

Jaye and Stephen Dibos
Eugene

DOG TURD BRATS

Regarding the letter by Caitlin Joy Jan. 9, my wife and I have experienced the dog turd situation in our regular walks along the river. We even see bagged turds on the ground that the owners were unable to carry to a trash barrel. Too much effort, I guess.

However, I don't agree with her options on solving the problem. Option 1 (put out posts for scooper bags) has been tried and failed. Option 2 (signs advising grown-ups to clean up after their animals) are everywhere. Option 3 (pay people to clean up after slob) is ridiculous. Why should our tax dollars go there? Option 4 (dog owners clean up after your animal) is right on.

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- 2.8 Boz Scaggs (Hult)
- 2.13-20 The Jazz Kings: Give Me A Song
- 2.19 Brian Blade Fellowship
- 2.20 Keb' Mo'
- 2.21 Cécile McLorin Salvant
- 2.22 Dan Tepfer
- 2.25 Grace Kelly
- 2.27 Mike Marshall & Chris Thile
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- 5.9 Steve Martin w/ Edie Brickell (Hult)
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- 5.31 Moombah! Skyscraper Caper!
- 6.11 CM: Looking Back Lane County
- 6.12 Dave Douglas Quintet
- 6.19-29 Musical: Oh, Kay! (1924, Gershwins)

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