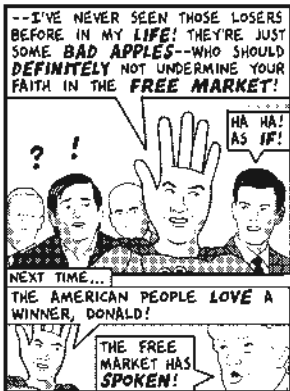
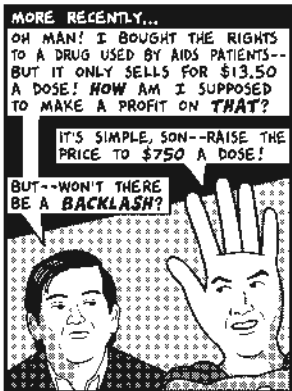
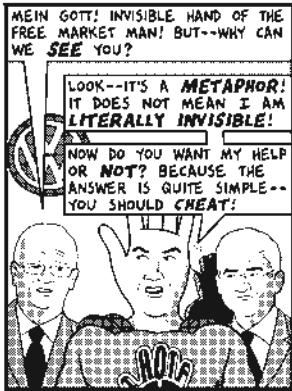
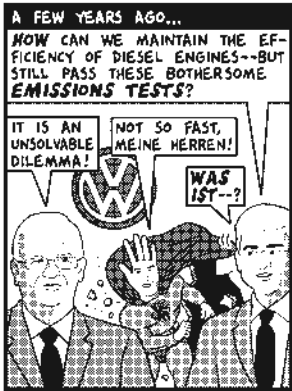


THIS MODERN WORLD

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to my attention that there may be some misunderstanding as to the mission and culture of my simple establishment. It seems that some of the local population may consider the hostel a “squat” for local and non-local transients. Although there is no harm in the idea of providing a place to stay for people in need, and I have done this from time to time, during the “high” season (pun intended), I have a fairly strict “no locals” policy intended to provide space for “travelers” from the U.S. and abroad. During the summer more than half of the hostel guests are from outside the U.S. On the day of this writing I have guests from Spain, Argentina, Australia, New Zealand and New Hampshire (that’s a foreign country, isn’t it?).

During the infancy of this precarious project, this was not a popular policy. Anyone who has lived in the Whit or dabbled in the culture knows what a wonderful and whimsical web we weave here, and also the potentially argumentative nature of the inhabitants, and as a newbie nine years ago, I caught it. I have a clear memory of one fateful evening in Tiny’s being hotly interrogated regarding this issue.

Maybe in the early years my policies were fairly liberal. I have a slight anarchist bent and prefer to allow people to act on their own while respecting the needs of others. This attitude has evolved through the years, and as of this writing we

currently have a no smoking policy (yes, that includes pot) and prefer that guests only drink on the weekends, particularly focusing on the community potluck on Sunday.

I simply have the feeling that folks are projecting their own impression on the hostel without actually investigating. Please search the internet for Eugene hostels. HostelBookers, TripAdvisor and Airbnb will all have real photos from real people doing real things at the hostel as well as reviews about what goes on here. I want a great, clean, wholesome place for international travelers to stay while they visit this interesting city of Eugene and explore the surrounding areas — and maybe have a beer or two.

Mac Hines
Eugene

A GREAT WEEKEND

After a 40-hour work week in the social service world, I look forward to my weekends. A recent weekend started with a visit to the Saturday Market. Despite the current suds controversy, the Saturday Market still stands as a brilliant cooperative which subverts the dominant paradigm every week. On Sunday I rushed to the library and found a spot in the standing room only appearance of one of my favorite cartoonists, Dan Piraro. He was hilarious, and the community laughed heartily.

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