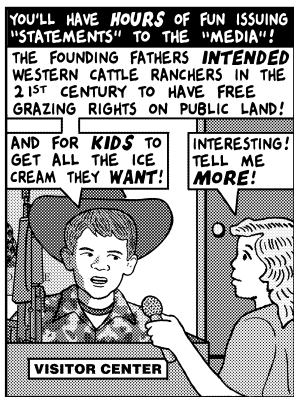
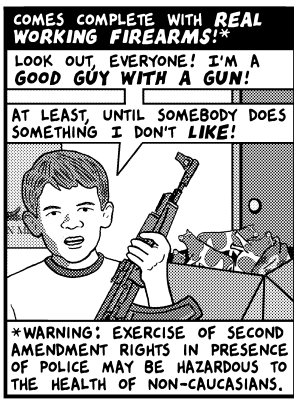


THIS MODERN WORLD



The tragedy of the commons occurs when individuals neglect the well-being of society in the pursuit of personal gain. There has been a constant expropriation of land, labor and resources from indigenous peoples and the "lower classes." Our common air, water and soil have been fouled to the benefit of private corporations and individuals. Why is it that everything's value depends on what kind of profits can be extracted from it?

Adding insult to injury, the developers want to deprive the Eugene community of its common tax base by using the MUPTE to help them steal the square. Development will happen anyway; there's no need for corporate welfare to encourage it.

The developers say the activities that take place at Kesey Square can take place now where City Hall was. Was tearing down City Hall with its still usable skeleton part of the plan for taking the square?

It's time to take back the idea of the commons and take a stand against the developers and their political lackeys. Kesey Square is a line in the sand that cannot be crossed. Never shall we surrender any more of the commons to these despoilers of the earth.

Let's call it what it is, a naked grab of the commons with the voiceless "travelers" used as a scapegoat.

Scott Fife
Eugene

CIVIL RIGHTS IN JEOPARDY

The U.S. has always been torn between the visionary people power of our Declaration of Independence and the gritty reality of a slavery-based corporatist state waging relentless war around the world.

Many are aware of the 2010 *Citizens United* decision by the Supreme Court and the resulting flood of corporate money in politics. Fewer perhaps have considered the connections between *Citizens United* and other Supreme Court decisions, which are rolling back the civil rights gains of the 1960s.

With Peg Morton's passing, we're challenged to dig deeper into our daily realities to understand how we can fulfill the vision she articulated so well for us.

To mark MLK Day, We the People-Eugene is joining with the NAACP to present a forum called "Race, Police, the Supreme Court and Democracy" at 7 pm Wednesday, Jan. 20, in Room 110 of the UO Law School. State Rep. Lew Frederick, sponsor of the successful anti-profiling bill passed in the 2015 Oregon legislative session, will join Eugene NAACP President Eric Richardson and psychologist Bob Doppelt in a conversation facilitated by Evangelina Sundgrenz. With this event, We the People-Eugene hopes to stimulate an ongoing series of public conversations linking our judiciary, economics, civil rights and democracy.

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