

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



couldn't have done better.

Anyone who hears of "the one percent" or "Main Street vs. Wall Street" understands those references perfectly.

Example two: Today we have Bernie Sanders advancing the understanding of people's rights vs. the corporatocracy.

Example three: Although gravely misguided, the "Trump-ets" are a significant population who recognize that they are not being treated fairly and want economic security that they justly deserve.

At home here in Lane County, the fight is being waged by the people to establish and secure our basic lawful rights of choice and democratic self-determination. Community Rights Lane County (CRLC, communityrightslanecounty.org) has for three years been trying to get a charter amendment on the ballot that would secure our rights to local self-governance.

Finally, although obstructed by endless corporate money and \$600-an-hour corporate lawyers, petitioners managed to get the "Freedom from Aerial Spray" charter amendment and the "Right to a Local Self-Government" charter amendment ready for signature collection. If the corporate push-back is any indicator, the value of these laws to our rights is huge.

Although our strength lies on the grassroots, local level, this is not a single issue campaign. The structure of law must change so profit is not the sole priority

above the access of the people to health, justice and security.

Richard Gross
Deadwood

TOW TRUCK HERO

On June 20, there was a house fire at a home in the Skinner Butte area on 2nd Street, near High. A passing tow truck driver was the first person to alert the authorities of the house fire, and he also aided in the rescue of a person sleeping in a slightly detached back studio.

It was impossible to walk down the side of the house because of the flames, so he went down the alley and tore down a section of the fence (using either a crowbar or his body) to get to the sleeping tenant's door.

Our neighborhood community would like to give a shoutout of gratitude to this unknown man (he left as soon as the firefighters arrived). We would also like to thank the firefighters. When you wake up at 1:30 am to your next-door neighbor's house on fire, then see the courageous firefighters show up, who then put it out, you give thanks for living in a community that has such services.

Robin Quirke
Eugene

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