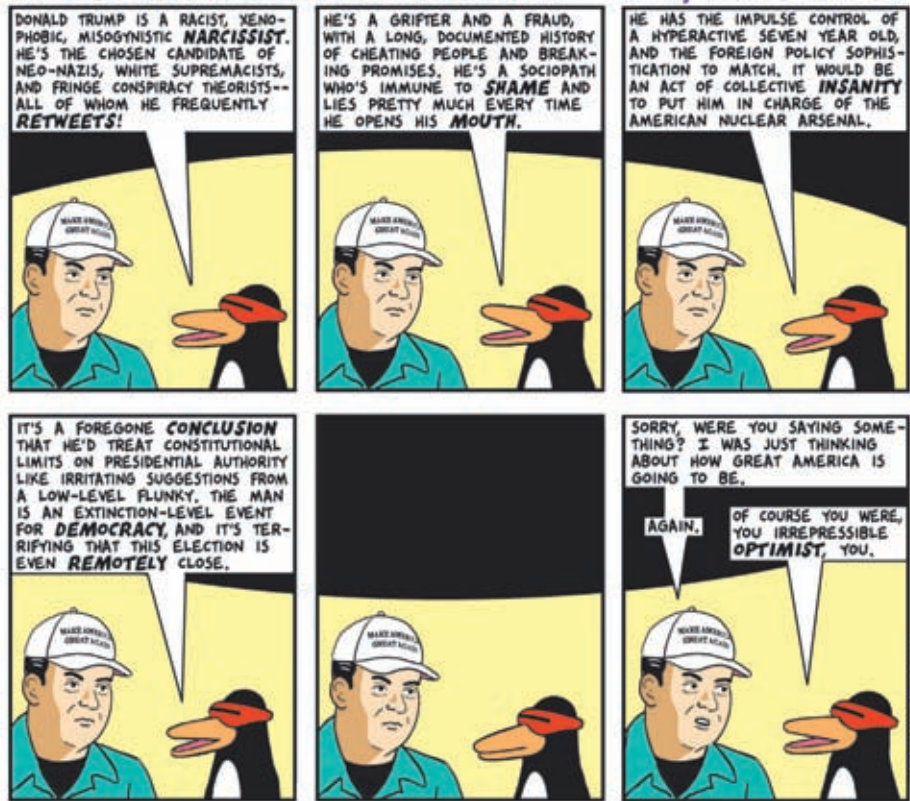


THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



SIDEWALK SLEEPING

Eugene's homeless problem is growing. Our downtown is turning into a haven for sidewalk campers. Apparently, this is of little concern for our city manager, John Ruiz.

Mr. Ruiz has issued a statement to our Eugene police that "unless the person is blocking the sidewalk or on private property we will not cite sidewalk camping."

What great news for homeless people in Oregon! Come to Eugene and sleep downtown! Don't worry, downtown business people don't mind. They love getting to work and cleaning up crap. The smell of urine and vomit in the alcoves is no problem, either.

Eugene should change its motto: "Welcome to Eugene, a great city for arts and outdoor sleeping downtown." See you soon!

John Carlson
Eugene

R-G QUESTIONS

I appreciate EW keeping us informed about labor relations at the R-G Media Company, but the recent articles on the lawsuit and firing raise more questions than they answer. It's time for their union, the Eugene Newspaper Guild, to raise their voice. As profit margins shrink or disappear in the print media business, the stress toll rises.

Serena Markstrom Nugent's lawsuit claiming "disparate treatment, discrimination, harassment, intimidation and hostile work conditions" at the *Guard* is troublesome. The judge's dismissal of the case based on the deletion of emails reinforces her claim of harassment and intimidation. The underlying issue of work conditions was ignored.

The subsequent firing of Guild co-

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