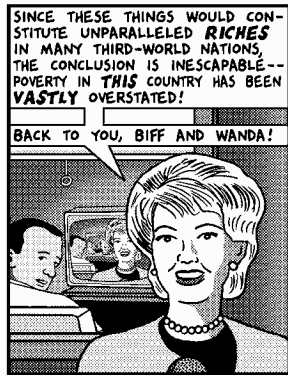
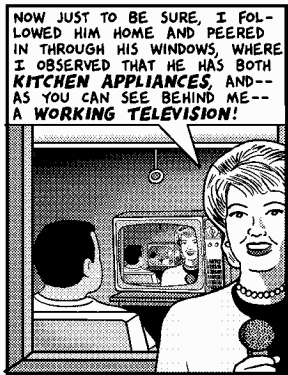
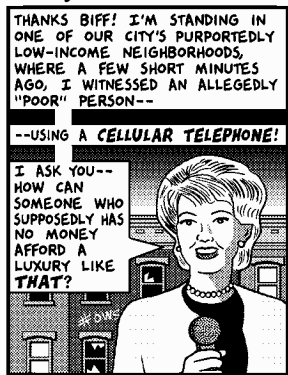
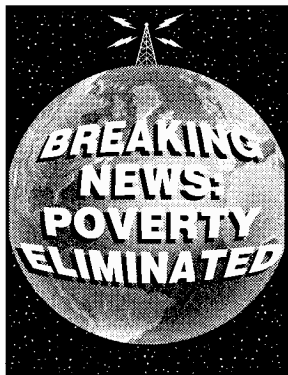


THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



blew off the deadline to explain its position and instead relies on the filing of Stanton Long — advocating the timber industry's interests — to answer for our local government's own actions to stop this initiative.

Lane County Commissioners must be held accountable for this gross failing of our local government's stewardship of the people's initiative process.

*Richard Gross
Deadwood*

LAME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

So sad, another beautiful mountain-landscape scraped clean by the awful practice of clear cutting. The twin curses of clear cutting and aerial spraying carry on in full force, despite the growing toll on ecosystems, public health, recreation — the list goes on and on.

How, I ask, can this go on in an area as progressive and ecologically oriented as Lane County? Well, one needs to look no further than our Lane County Commission.

In the midst of the initiative process, four out of five of our county commissioners decided to enact an arbitrary, non-mandatory rule that discredits the signatures of more than 15,000 Lane County residents. Never mind the hubris of four individuals de-legitimizing the signatures of thousands of people, but this is not what democracy looks like. Not to mention that the number of stories relating to sickness from communities being sprayed continues to stack up.

It is not okay that these stories are falling on deaf ears.

Nothing less than a groundswell of

speaking out and people's voices is needed at this point to keep this initiative alive. This has been tried before; the commissioners attempted to change the initiative process itself so that petitions that were deemed "unnecessary and taking up too much time" could be arbitrarily thrown out.

No wonder Lane County is called the Texas of Oregon. Let's change that. Get on the phone, and get with others to reverse this trend poisoning our environment from the inside out.

*Kerstin Britz
Cottage Grove*

FEATHERING THE NEST

How about "Loons" for the new South Eugene High School mascot? It's gender-neutral, and is appropriate for the area. Plus, they're very pretty birds, although they cry a lot.

*Jerry Ritter
Springfield*

LASER SHOW

Hello Eugene! Did you notice the posters all over town for the laser light show at Science Factory Museum through the end of this month only? Well, in case you didn't, there is a kick-butt laser light show being offered at the Science Factory Museum until the end of January on Friday and Saturday nights! Check out their website for details. We saw the Queen laser light show and it was awesome, there is also a Pink Floyd laser light show and a Beyonce one too...

So, come on, support your local plan-

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