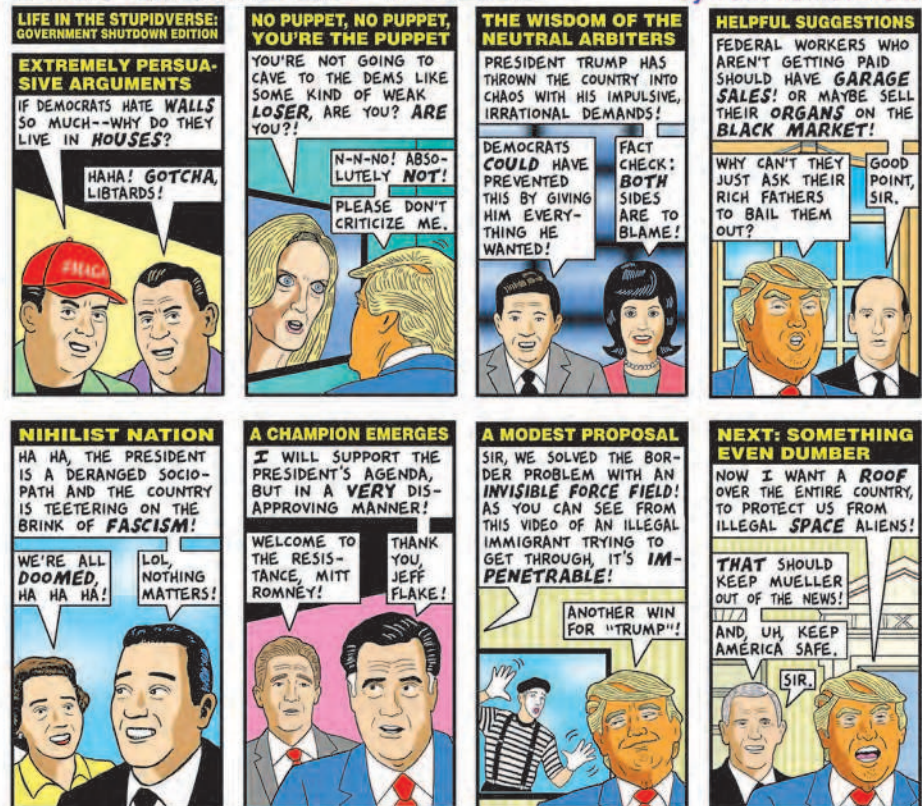


THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



those (like me) with sensitive or weakened lungs.

This is precisely the kind of problem we have government to solve. Those who have received exemptions from the soot limitation for economic reasons are readily identifiable. I propose that we all chip in, through our county government, to subsidize or outright buy new stoves for those who need to heat with wood but can't afford the necessary technology.

Robert Roth
Eugene

OUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

To say it is a pong would be an egregious disservice to the stench of body odor that is embedded in the carpets, furniture and permeated throughout the inhabitants. Men lounge about in various states of consciousness. A man curses as he knocks over his soda bottle. Then he returns to slumber as it pours out all over the floor.

I try to focus my attention on my task when the fetor of marijuana strikes my nostrils. I look up to see a man rolling a large blunt with total impunity, fervently licking the edges only a few feet away. I try to tune out the tumult as a woman's delirious wails slice through my concentration, her vociferations much resembling those of the northeastern screech owl.

The book I'm reading, and the table and chair I'm sitting on, all seem to be bedaubed with some mixture of grease and urine. Defiant youths repose with dirty feet on tables and chairs. A man staggers over, smelling of liquor. The phone he carries with him is playing expletive laden rap music loudly through the speaker. He sits down next to me, unfettered by anyone's desire for peace.

This is the Eugene Public Library that we voted for and paid for.

Eric Harris
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SAVE AMERICA

Citizens of Lane County and patriots everywhere: Donald Trump is an adulterer, a womanizer, a misogynist, a compulsive

liar, a racist, a tax cheat, a conspirator, a collaborator and a bad example for our children. He is America's greatest threat to democracy.

Hold hearings. Get the facts. Expose corruption. Go where the facts lead! Admit the truth, defend Democracy ... this is not a partisan issue. I have Democratic, Republican and libertarian tendencies, depending on the issue. God save America!

Bill Dwyer
Springfield

THE GREAT MIGRATION

I am proud to be the child of immigrants. One branch of my family emigrated from Holland in the 1600s with the Roosevelts and settled in the Hudson Valley when New York was still New Amsterdam. Another branch emigrated from Scotland just in time to fight in the Revolutionary War to free this country from England, and later fought in the Civil War to free African Americans from slavery.

On my mother's side, my grandfather emigrated from France, arriving alone at Ellis Island at the age of 13. He would work his way up to own a successful landscaping business in Chicago.

I am proud of all of them and proud to live in a country that welcomed them and allowed them an opportunity to achieve the American Dream. They, and hundreds of thousands just like them from all over the world, built this country and made it great.

Now I am ashamed to live in a country that elected a draft-dodging, philandering president who knows no more about how to make America great than he knows about how to run one of his bankrupt casinos. He wants \$6 billion of our money for his border wall to keep out the kind immigrants who are willing to work hard to achieve the American Dream for themselves and their family.

These are the people who will make America great again, not some spoiled, ego-driven frat boy who thinks he can run this country from his Twitter account.

Don Brasted-Maki
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