

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



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Betzi Hitz
Eugene

CORPORATE VILLAINY

It is no wonder that Judge [Suzanne] Chanti rendered a judgment against OCOR (Our Community Our Rights) on our initiative "Rights of Local Community Self-Government." The guys in the \$1,500 suits were there arguing the case for industry.

The same type of corporate lawyer was there representing the railroads back in the 1860s when the 14th Amendment was made law. Then the railroad's cadre of lawyers argued that the amendment's second reference to the term "persons" applied to corporations!

Fast-forward to 2010, where they successfully argued before the Supreme Court for "Citizens United," declaring, once and for all, that corporations are people. There is perfectly fertilized ground for corporate hegemony. The system constructed over time is not broken. For the guys in the \$1,500 suits and their clients, it is a finely tuned and fully functioning machine.

Regardless, the great ideals of democracy and the consent of the governed are worth fighting for and must be founded.

Richard Gross
Deadwood

FUNNY PAGES

I am a "comics guy" and I love the art form of the comic strip, so it was not only disappointing to see *The Register-Guard* canceling one of the best comic strips ever written, *Non-Sequitur*, but, yeah, even worse to see their pathetic excuse for doing so.

They want us to believe that this corporate media company somehow lost the "trust" of our community because of this one comic strip.

Editor Alison Bath calls for sending a clear, discernible message that they [RG] will not tolerate actions that could "potentially" erode the confidence of our readers, etc.

Too late, RG, you already have proven that you are not a community newspaper — what a pathetic way to treat the readers of this community, and then to have the temerity to say that you will not tolerate something you don't like. This community is built on tolerance. Take a look at the *Eugene Weekly* if you want community.

My real grievance with the new corporate media thing here in Eugene is that they have decimated the comics. The old RG knew the value of a rigorous comics section. Sunday morning just isn't the same without the six pages of comics in the *Guard*.

Now, of course, it is down to four pages, and it just doesn't have the same vibrancy. And if you want to get rid of comic strips, then get rid of *Beetle Bailey* and *Dagwood* and *Family Circus*, because they haven't been funny for years, nay, decades.

Richard Blackstone
Creswell

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