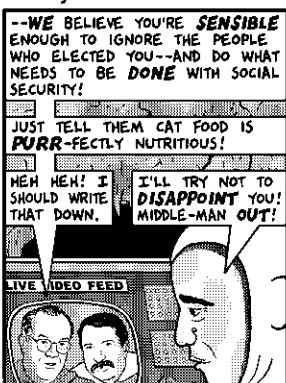
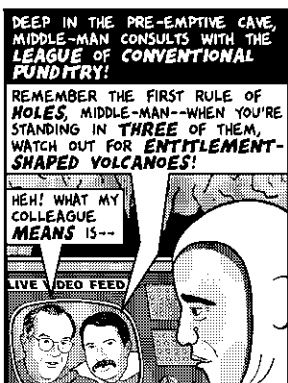
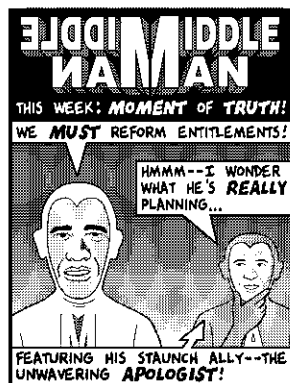


THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



military to take the necessary steps to stop the sexual assault epidemic.

Please come to the next local showing of the Oscar-nominated documentary film *The Invisible War* at 6:30 pm Monday, April 22, in Room 175 at the Knight Law School, at 15th and Agate. It is free and open to the public and part of the UO's Sexual Violence Prevention Week activities.

Come, increase your knowledge about military sexual trauma to a deeper level by viewing this important, impactful film. Then join the effort to get the change needed from Congress and the military to stop this abuse of power.

Carol Van Houten,
Community Alliance of Lane County
Shelley Corteville,
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STRANGE INDEED

The "Strange Bedfellows on City Fee" news brief by Shannon Finnell (4/11) reveals how "progressive" ex-bureaucrat Bonny Bettman McCornack has found common cause with the most shameless defenders of privilege and inequality (9.12 Project Lane County, a motley group of right wing-nuts generously described as "Glenn Beck fans") to oppose a fee designed to save, amongst other things, some of the most vital services for low-income, homeless and mentally ill members of our community; you know, the type of people Glenn Beck fans think are mainly responsible for the problems of the world. The fact that Bettman McCornack has warmed herself to them should make *EW* cringe, but apparently that's not the case.

According to *EW* (Slant 4/11), "red flags are popping up all over this fee proposal, and so far the arguments in favor of passing it are pretty superficial, all about how much we need the popular services that are threatened." Apparently *EW*, which became anti-tax conservatives this month in a brazen show of spontaneity uncharacteristic of their tame publication, is more convinced by the arguments of Bettman McCornack and her followers.

Bettman McCornack speaks as a jaded former politician hell-bent on giving the city government grief. Her arguments are laden with bureaucrat language that must be carefully decoded to be understood. The supporters of the city fee speak in simple, tangible terms: These services are essential and must be saved or our problems, fiscal and otherwise, will worsen. Why *EW* is choosing to listen to followers of Bettman McCornack/Glenn Beck instead of their usual friends at the Democratic Party or Mayor Kitty Piercy or social service providers is beyond me.

There are other strange bedfellows at work as well. Mayor Kitty Piercy is joined by former mayor Jim Torrey in supporting the fee. The Eugene police and fire departments, who hardly embody liberal touchy-feely values, are joined by more left-leaning social service providers in supporting the fee. People who are actually invested in the health, safety and well-being of the Eugene community support the fee. Quasi-fascist tea-baggers and washed-up "progressive" former city councilors may be too blinded by their own narrow agendas to do what's best for the community.

Rudy Golden
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DON'T BE FOOLED AGAIN

Last week I went to a well-attended meeting of the Jefferson Westside Neighbors (JWN) where there was a "debate" between proponents of the city fee/tax (Councilor Alan Zelenka and Stephen Johnson) and opponents (Bonny Bettman McCornack and Councilor Greg Evans).

Like me, most JWN residents are generally progressive and supportive of funding government services. So, if the reaction indicated by questions and comments from JWN members that night is representative of other progressive voters, this fee/tax is goin' down, baby!

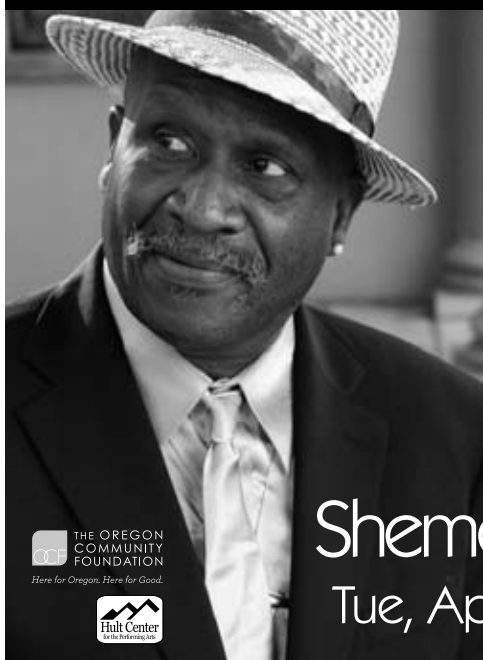
I may be biased — this will be the first ever local government revenue measure I've voted against — but the reactions of most of my neighbors in attendance ranged

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