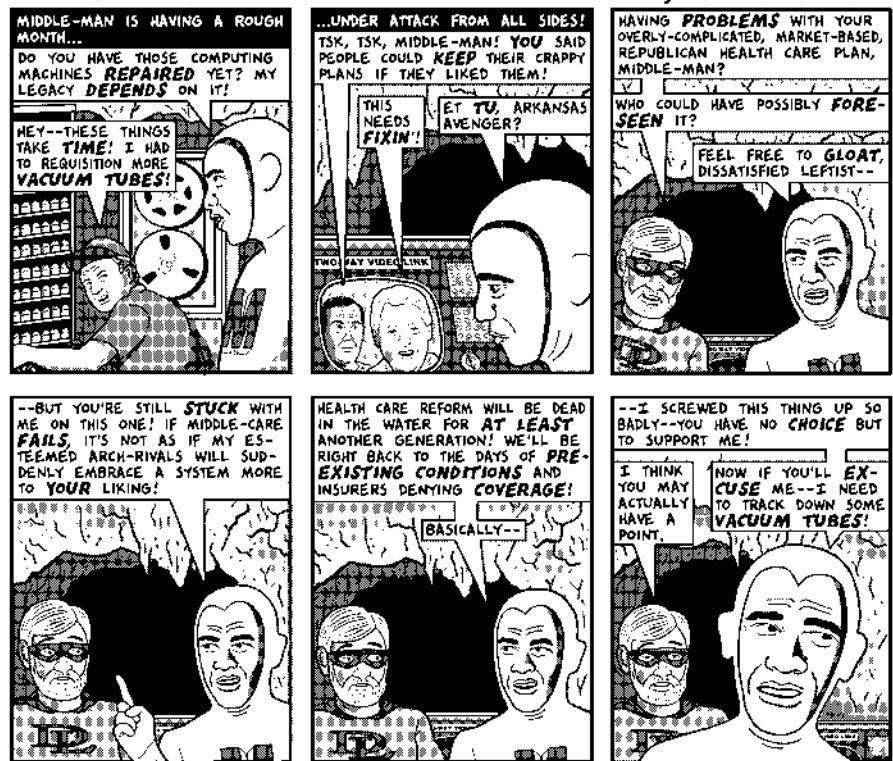


THIS MODERN WORLD



ity. And with an issue like Civic Stadium, so important to the future of our business districts and our economy, I have to question their priorities when they try to create false issues in such a divisive manner.

*Carlos Barrera, vice chair,
Friendly Area Neighbors*

UNFAIR AUCTION

I think the Eugene School Board should be sent on a sabbatical — to Eugene in 1938. They should be forced to look at the pride of accomplishment by the ghosts of old, forced to look at the children with smiles curving to their ears. A new recreation field! A new stadium! Safe places where their children could go.

Seeing that joy, our current school board members might reason differently. Despite 25 percent unemployment, our descendants had created something solid. It was not just the stadium; it was that the School Board and City Council worked together for the right reasons — community and children.

Now fast forward to the present. What we have is a School Board waiting breathlessly for Kroger's [Fred Meyer's] highest offer. If they accept that offer it would not be a community achievement, it would be a corporation for-profit achievement. By accepting that offer they will be throwing the children and members of this community in the back seat, making our grassroots initiatives and dreams baseless confetti. Our community cannot be proud of their efforts, but then a Scrooge is a Scrooge.

For Pete's sake, put an end to this unfair auction and do what is right — put the Y and Civic Stadium at Civic. Our community would be proud of that.

*Joe R. Blakely
Eugene*

A SIMPLE SOLUTION

This entire [proposed] performance auditor function should be put in the hands of a nonprofit entity, perhaps to provide audits to several local government entities, funded entirely with tax-deductible contributions by the private sector, the citizens, grants, volunteers and anyone who

wants to contribute. It would be reportable to the elected officials, the public sector, the private sector and the citizens, or a website where everyone could have access to the reports and the responses by elected officials.

Everyone outside of government should have access to these reports and the responses. But both the auditor's report and the response should be released at the same time.

The state auditor and the CPA audits are not an acceptable substitute. The CPA audits do not perform any of the performance auditor functions and the state auditor is always too little, too late.

During my four years as an internal auditor with the U.S. Treasury Department we never had any trouble justifying our existence. Sometimes management agreed with us — sometimes not.

For any government entity to continue to get funding, it needs creditability.

*Frank Skipton, CPA
Springfield*

WHO'S AFRAID OF AUDITOR?

Forget about auditing the Eugene budget, that's a puppy dog compared to the real troublemaker, the Big Bad Wolf disguised as the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

You say you never heard of it? That's because it's the brother locked away in the basement that the city never talks about. It's time we let an honest performance auditor analyze it, so we can get it out of the basement and into the daylight where it belongs. It's been giving Eugeneans nothing but unnecessary taxes for years.

Bet you didn't know it has \$117.9 million in available funds it's keeping from us. It invests those funds in some of the largest and detrimental corporations on earth, like Monsanto. Watch "Jerry Day CAFR" on YouTube.

*Abraham Likwornik
Eugene*

EDITOR'S NOTE: See our story on the budget and Eugene's unaudited CAFR in our Mar. 28 story, web archives at wkly.ws/1ml.

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- 4.26 The Ungar-Mason Family Band
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- 5.9 Steve Martin w/ Edie Brickell (Hult)

