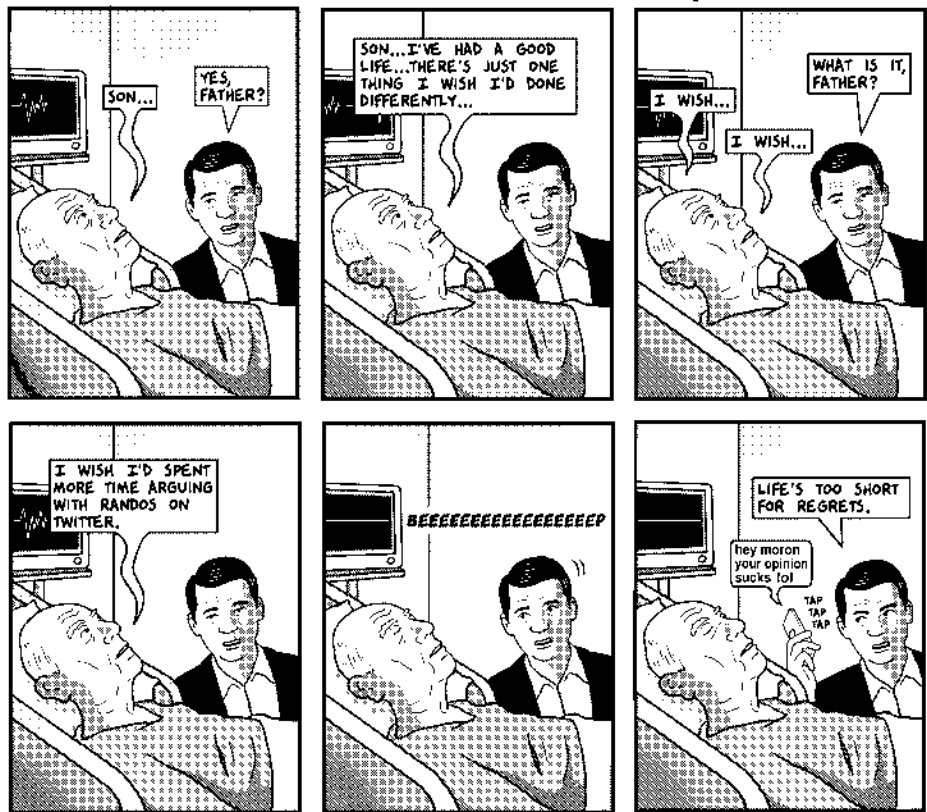


# THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



particularly vulnerable situations from predatory behaviors by unscrupulous “professionals.” To be fair, critics of licensure often argue such rules serve to protect incumbents and are inconsistent — Oregon requires new cosmetologists to have 2,300 hours of training whereas Washington requires only 1,600 — but “less competition” does not mean “no competition at all.”

True statutory monopolies are rare, but can be found in the phone book under “professional football” (the NFL) or “cable franchise” (Comcast).

*Keaton Miller, Ph.D.*

*UO assistant professor of economics Eugene*

## ABOUT KESEY SQUARE

I have worked downtown for more than 20 years. The above is not an inviting place to visit.

*George Carlson Eugene*

## GARBAGE HEROES

To all of the men and women whose daily job it is to pick up our garbage and haul it away to the landfill: You are also our heroes — no less than firemen, EMTs or police. All of you drivers look great and we thank you for helping us keep our neighborhoods looking great, too! But is it fair to expect homeless individuals to be their own garbage collector, hauling and removal service?

Privatizing the service of garbage disposal for companies to handle is fine, because we all live in such a wasteful, throw-away society, so it is very convenient, efficient, it creates jobs, and without these companies, we would all be living in junkyards, having neighborhood garbage wars with each other.

But the convenience of that service is only available to those who live in an apartment, or a home with an address, and can afford to pay for it, or at least has it included in their rent.

This is where government’s compelling interest in the sanitation, health and safety

of all community members should be assisting the homeless to do what they are unable to do for themselves. But that is not what is happening.

Because the homeless are not welcome to camp here at all, and anything like public toilets, or garbage service that would further invite, or enable them to do so, is to be avoided, instead. These homeless are merely a nuisance to be abated.

To add insult to injury, their abandoned garbage is being used against them, as part of a strategy to discredit and scapegoat, effectively using them and their waste as a renewable resource for public discontent.

*Danielle R. Smith Springfield*

## QUIT THE GAME

It is time for other football players at the UO to follow the admirable example of teammate Tom Tyner. He quit after the game resulted in injuries to both shoulders. Others should not wait for injuries to alert them to the violence of football. They should get out before such injuries cause them to suffer increasing pains in their later years.

*George Beres Eugene*

## AFFORDABLE WAGES

A panel addressing the controversy of minimum wage was held at the UO Feb. 24 by the Student Labor Action Project. The question was whether small businesses can afford to pay wages such as \$15 an hour.

The Department of Labor a few weeks ago stated that 50 percent of businesses don’t last more than four years as is. Also, the expenditures a small venture devotes to paying workers is relatively small compared with other expenses. This supports the idea that minimum wages don’t majorly influence businesses’ survival and *can* rise.

But should they? A country that considers itself “the greatest in history” and cannot supply its workforce with the

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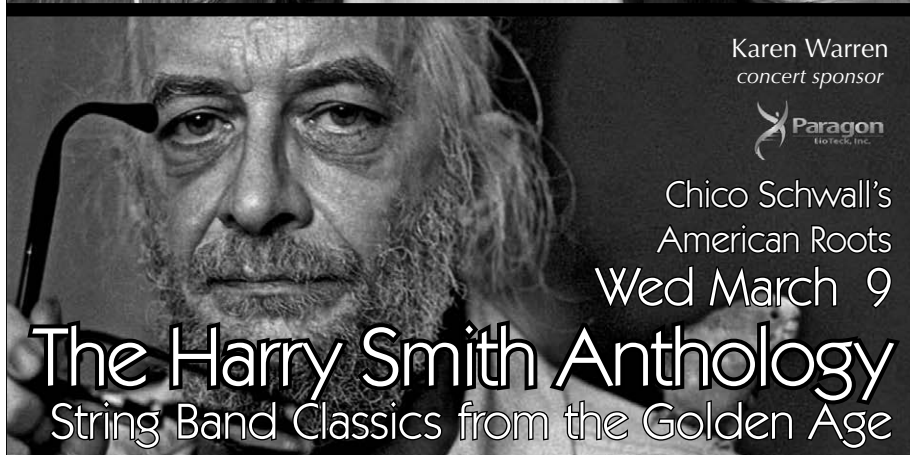
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- 3.31 Loudon Wainwright III
- 4.1 Karla Bonoff
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