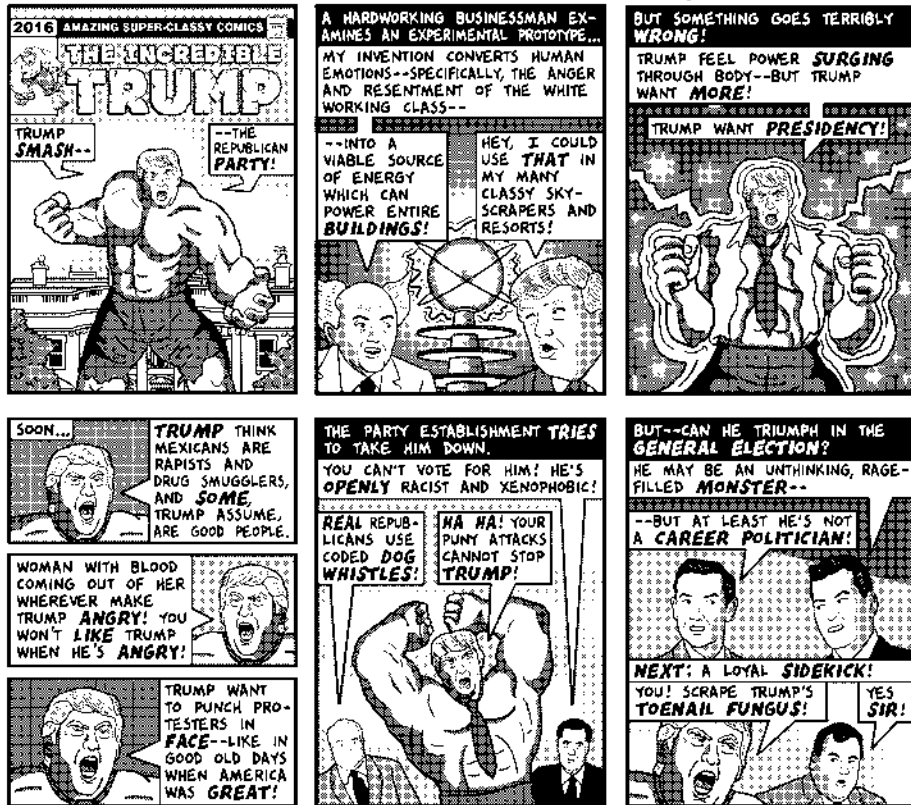


THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



clean up after the homeless, then it's time to begin seeking creative answers to this problem. Better solutions can be found for the use of taxpayer money. Contracts and check-ins with CAHOOTS, sharps collection sites, mental health services, yes — a CAHOOTS type model can be very effective at filling social service gaps.

The city has no problem handing out property tax wavers to unnecessary private developers, but when it comes to accountability in leadership with creative ideas to make progress in this livability issue, the only sound I hear is a can kicked down the road, and the taxpayer cash register chiming. Leadership is needed. Please begin to get serious about this subject.

Terry Steiner
Eugene

CARBON EXCHANGE

What might happen if carbon credits were given to everyone, not just corporations? A system that gives every adult citizen the quantity of carbon credits proportional to the carbon release, which we target in our efforts to reduce emissions. Individuals would be able to use, buy, sell or trade credits based on their free market value. Credits would be easily accounted for with utility billings, debit or credit cards, or with special carbon credit cards (carbon currency, a carbon standard). Companies will need to purchase credits from a collective credit pool made available by individuals. Citizens who squander their credits with big vehicles, large homes or jet travel will need to purchase additional credits at the market price, as will industrial users.

I, and others, will no longer be subject to emissions without compensation, and both companies and individuals will have strong market-based incentives to save energy and reduce emissions — hopefully by walking or pedaling. Some individuals may wish to withhold their credits to further reduce environmental harm, which I would do, because helping the environment was a

large part of my decision to build and use a Velomobile.

Ed Gunderson
Creswell

JUST CLICK BAIT

The editor of *EW* should apologize for Ben Ricker's vitriolic diatribe March 10 regarding Springfield's downtown nightlife. The polemic on one man's experience on one night was devoid of any journalistic value. No alternative viewpoints were offered — and I know there to be many. The purpose of the article (apparently) was to put to rest "rumors" that Ricker has been hearing. But really the article was nothing more than a vehicle for Ricker's self-absorbed attempt at mean-spirited wit.

I find it impossible to reconcile the language, tone and sarcasm in the article with the *Eugene Weekly's* mission statement. Rumors the author heard hardly rise to the level of "prevailing wisdom and authority" that *EW* claims to so boldly question in its mission statement. The characterization of the homeless and "convenience store rats" hardly sounded like a voice of the oppressed and dismissed. The article smacks of being "click bait" designed more to generate web traffic revenue by stirring things up than to provide any useful public discourse. *EW* can and should do better. The residents of the city of Springfield deserve an apology from the editor.

Spike Joseph
Springfield

OUR DEFINING ISSUE

Thank you for *EW's* story on climate change leaders ("Change the World," March 10). Climate change isn't just another issue, but is the defining issue of our time. We are already experiencing rising average global temperatures (with local variations), melting ice caps and glaciers, more severe storms and flooding, increasing droughts and wildfires, and shifting ecological and agricultural zones. Absent significant action,

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