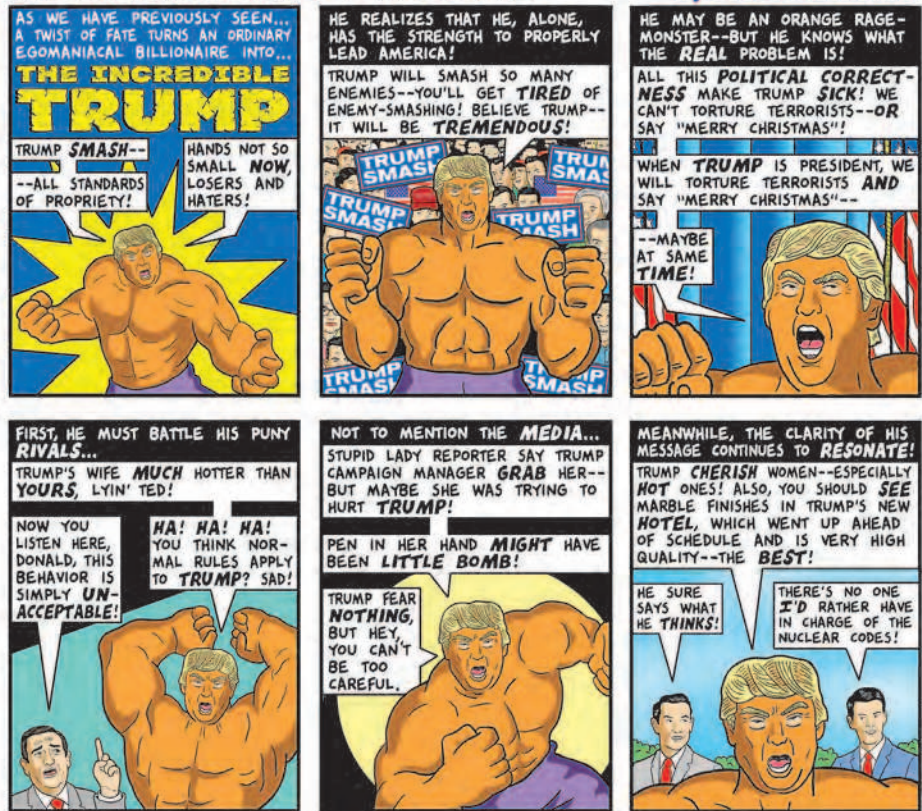


THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



shoulder-to-shoulder with us on the picket line. Chris contacted media, recruited coalition partners from the community and helped secure support and action from elected leaders.

Chris is an advocate for working families and he has proven he possesses the knowledge and energy needed to grow community coalitions that consistently show up and speak out.

We especially support his advocacy on behalf of renters in Eugene. Many graduate employees rent their homes, and tenant issues such as the high cost of rent and no-cause evictions greatly affect our members. We support his work with the Eugene Community Alliance of Tenants and his proposal to require 90-day notice for all no-cause evictions in Eugene.

Our graduate employees understand our community endures because of our commitment to one another, and we are excited to work with Chris Wig to build a better Eugene together.

*Kadie Manion
GTFP VP of political education
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GUNNING DOWN WOLVES

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife recently shot and killed four members of the Imnaha wolf pack: OR-4, OR-39 and two yearlings. How do you feel about that? I am disappointed, angry and heartbroken.

OR-4 played a significant role in the history of wolf recovery in Oregon. He sired OR-7 and numerous other dispersing wolves that have been critical in re-establishing this native predator to the Oregon landscape. Science shows that a healthy wolf population makes for a healthy ecosystem.

Why would our state waste taxpayer money recovering Oregon's wolf population only to now gun wolves down? This makes no sense. And it is heartless. Wolves were here first and have a right to continue to exist in what remains of the Oregon wilds.

Old prejudices and old ways have to change. We need new leadership with a

21st century vision informed by science, both at ODFW and on its commission. Let's round up the usual suspects — Oregon's politicians — and insist that happens.

*Benton Elliott
Eugene*

DISEASED HILLARY

You have made it quite clear that you hate Hillary Clinton with that hideous "artwork" on your cover of March 24. I actually laughed because it was so blatant. Diseased skin, huge wrinkles and actual blood dripping around her. All I can say, I guess, is that I am a fervent supporter of this tough, brilliant woman. She is bloody but unbowed. Viva la presidenta!

*Deanna Kuhn
Eugene*

BURDEN TO SMALL BUSINESS

Seth Clark's Viewpoint column [March 31] raises one easy question and several difficult ones. His easy question regarding Oregon's new minimum wage law is, "How come I didn't get to vote on this?" The simple answer is, "You did." Clark got to help choose the lawmakers who passed the wage hike. Perhaps his preferred legislators were not elected, or he'll change his mind next time. Such is representative democracy.

A harder question is, "Why did Salem settle for a simple but misguided solution that will cause multiple negative repercussions?" As Clark states, people deserve to make a living. A blanket wage increase is not a great approach. Unanswered questions include: How will the state help cash-strapped small businesses manage higher wages and payroll taxes? Will consumers readily accept increased charges for traditionally low-cost goods and services? Will Salem increase payments to social service agencies facing burgeoning personnel expenses? When will government realize that adding to the burden of small, local

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