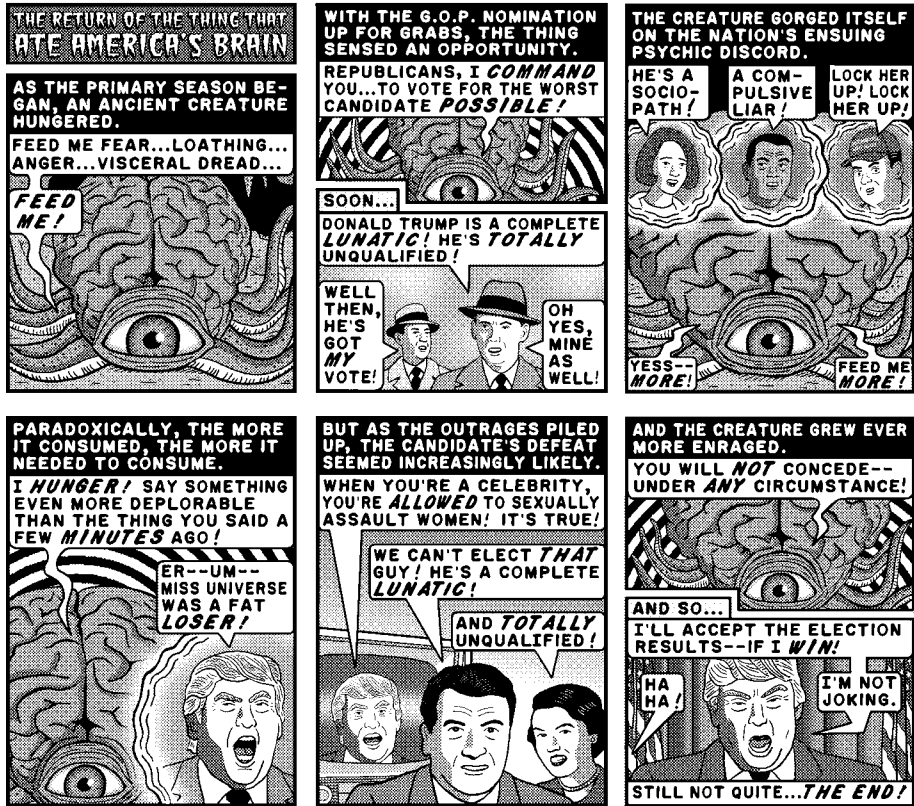


THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



schools with vocational ed, more college-credited classes and support to keep freshman on track: These are evidence-based programs that work.

*Katharine de Baun
Eugene*

SHOCKING DONATION

Eugene's Ward 1 is lucky to have two candidates for City Council that share progressive values.

In particular, I appreciate Emily Semple's desire to see free public transit for all. Thus it came as a shock to see she had accepted a donation from Bob Macherione, the spokesman for the anti-transit group Our Money, Our Transit. Macherione has also contributed to the campaigns for Republicans like Mike Clark and Pat Farr and libertarian Kevin Prociw.

Moreover, Brian Weaver, who frequently opposes transportation and housing options, recently published an untrue "hit piece" against her opponent. That Semple associates with such malevolent actors — and has allowed her campaign to go negative — causes me to question the fidelity of her ideals.

Ms. Semple is also short on specifics. Where would she find the \$7 million per year needed for free bus service? In contrast, Joshua Skov has a proven track record in working to realize the ideals most of us in Eugene share, and detailed plans to make more progress. He is endorsed by numerous progressive organizations and individuals. Please join me in supporting Joshua Skov.

*Marshall Wilde
Eugene*

Editor's Note: See our story in this week's issue. And go online for all the election letters we couldn't fit in print!

SKOV LETTERS

I find it odd that our local newspapers are being flooded with a barrage of letters supporting Josh Skov for City Council. What is even odder is that they all seem to

be re-writings of the same letter. They all go on and on about how qualified he is because he has served on city commissions.

I have nothing against city commissions — some of my friends have served on them. But when did this become a requirement for holding a City Council seat? And, more importantly, when did this become the sole requirement for holding a City Council seat?

Several re-writings of the Skov letter also criticize George Brown and Bonny Bettman McCornack, former Ward 1 councilors, for having endorsed Skov's opponent, and for having voted "no" on various issues. One correspondent claimed that they did this because they had not served on city commissions, but had gone directly to City Council.

If the point of sitting on these commissions is to train people to rubber stamp everything that city staff proposes, then I think I will refrain from voting for people who have served on them. Wayne Morse has provided us with a sterling example of what having the courage to vote "no" can do. So have George Brown and Bonny Bettman McCornack. And so will Emily Semple.

*Lee DeVea
Eugene*

OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Rick Brissenden is my choice for Lane County Justice of the Peace, a position that provides important access to justice for community members.

I have known Judge Brissenden for many years and have been impressed not only by his knowledge of the law, but also the clarity of the reasoning behind his decisions. He has been a judge in Lane County for many years, and currently serves as the municipal court judge in Florence.

Judge Brissenden has already served several months as Justice of the Peace in Florence, as he was appointed by the governor to replace the retiring justice. His

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