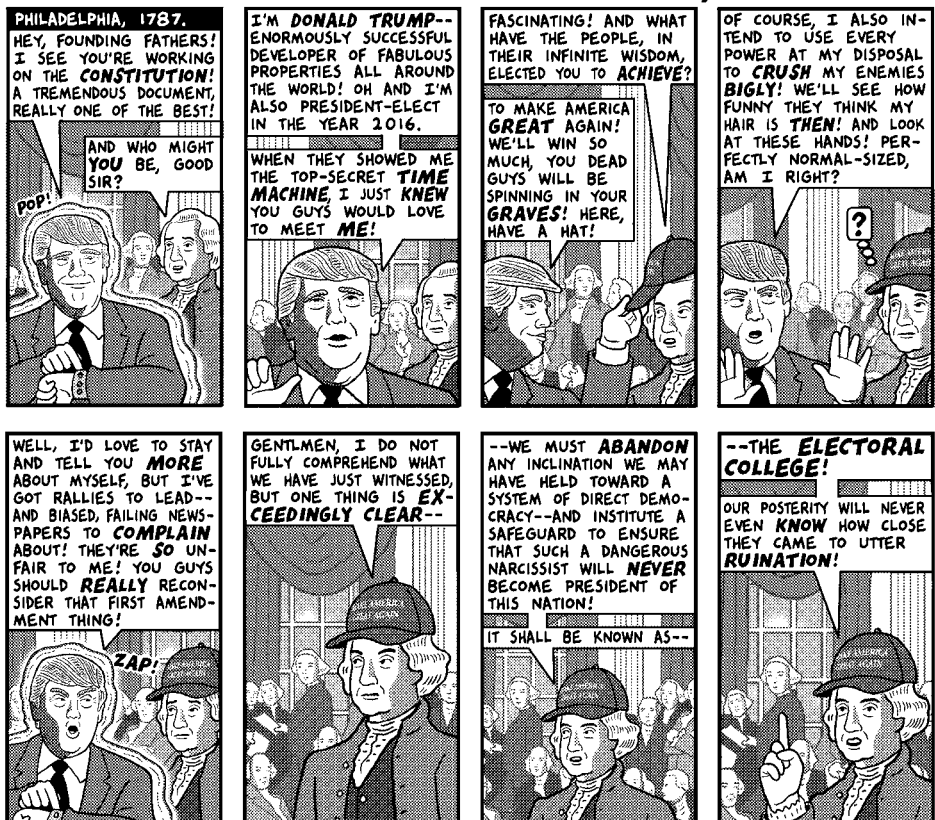


THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



people who serve us that are considered "poverty wages." So they qualify for federal assistance.

According to research from People's Action Institute, a living wage needed to cover food, housing, utilities and clothing, along with some savings to handle emergencies, would be \$17.28. The daily news tells of strikes and protest all over the country in an effort to do something about the blatant inequality in living standards that is caused in part by these low wages.

Pay attention to the action of our city council — or better, speak to them about it.

Bob Cassidy
Eugene

NEW ZONE REBORN

People living in Eugene have much to be thankful for. For three months, downtown has been missing what is perhaps the greatest art venue ever devised.

Fortunately, New Zone Art Gallery opened its doors at its newfound location, 220 W. 8th Avenue, on Friday, Dec. 2, at 5:30 pm. It includes New Zone's traditional Holiday Store.

New Zone members worked diligently making this happen, searching every nook and cranny for space. Our combined efforts came to be known as "Phoenix Rising" as we applied for grants and eventually crossed paths with the Hood family.

We thank the Hoods from the bottom of our artistic souls for the opportunity to share our artwork with our extensive Eugene family once again. We have missed you all so very much. We'll keep the door open for you.

Hito
New Zone Art Gallery member
Eugene

MESSAGE OF INDIFFERENCE

The day before Thanksgiving and a mere week before paychecks would be disbursed, the University of Oregon decided to break its promise to its employees that it would cooperate with the Fair Labor and Standards Act regulations. Some employees for months now have been counting on a fair and reasonable increase to their sal-

ary to reflect new standards and fair wages.

Due to an injunction in Texas, the new regulations are on hold based on the expectation that they will disappear once Trump takes office. Some institutions have made the moral decision to follow through with them anyway or instituted the regulations early and decided not to renege.

However, the UO is among the many that have decided they care more about money than their employees, and sent some workers, including my husband, home to grieve with their families at Thanksgiving over not only the significant impact to their livelihood, but the clear message of indifference their employer has toward them.

Please help us show the UO the mistake they have made by calling the office of UO President Michael Schill directly and asking why they would make such a heartless decision.

Sydney Georgieff
Eugene

A NEW HERO

The recent Standing Rock victory is a temporary step forward. A new struggle lies just around the corner with vigilance still necessary. Chris Turley is a decorated veteran of the 101st Airborne in Afghanistan and member of the Osage Nation. He recently arrived at Sacred Stone camp after a prayerful, two-week, 800-mile trek mostly on foot from Osage Nation Reservation in Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Turley cited his military vow to support and defend the Constitution "against all enemies, foreign and domestic"; the Dakota Pipeline and the police violently confronting peaceful water protectors, he said, pose precisely that domestic danger to "my people, our people, your people."

Standing Rock feels like home to us — a place to defend the values that form the basis of a healthy, earth-respecting, peaceful, community-building world that millions are seeking to give birth to across this nurturing planet. We all can and must do something to be the path with a heart.

Standing Rock, like Occupy and Black Lives Matter, calls out to us because it represents the intersection of so many things

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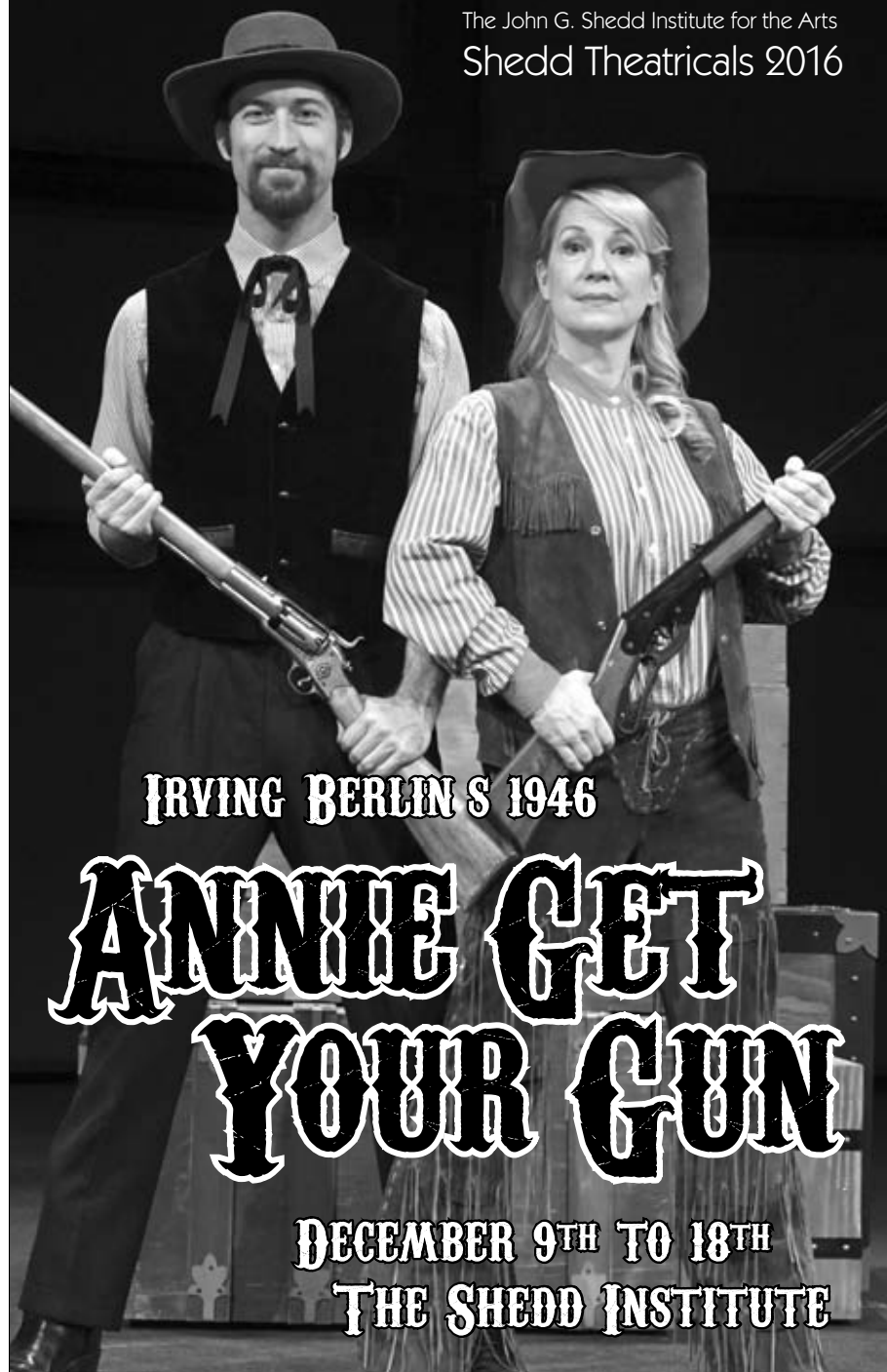


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