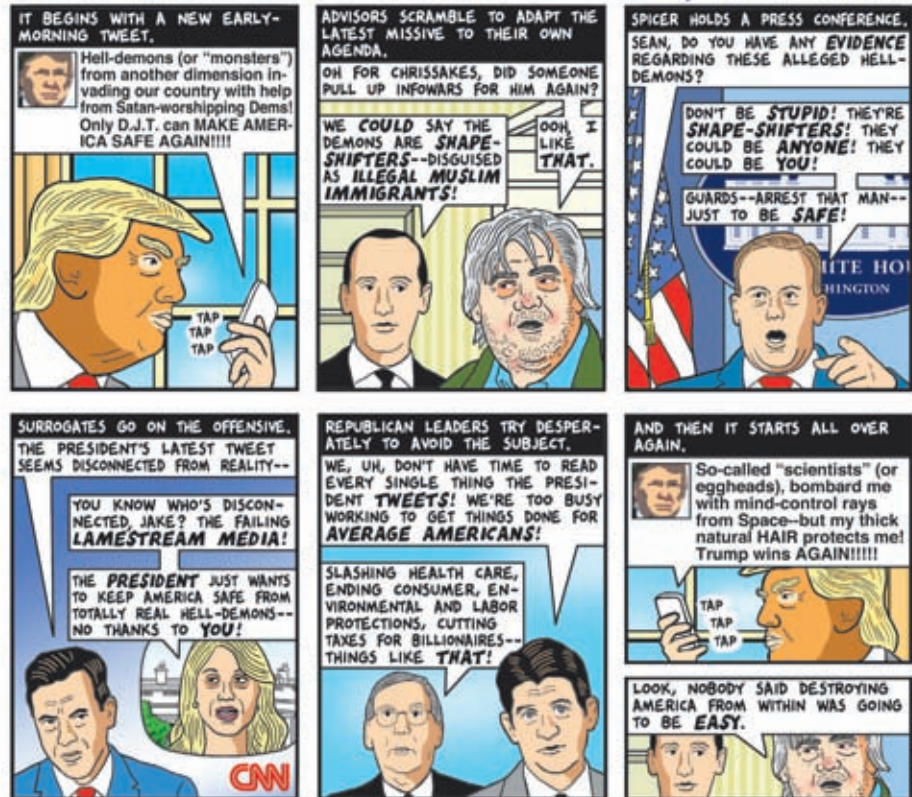


# THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



to groups that lobby in Washington for a carbon tax.

There are many examples of actions being taken by concerned and noble citizens today, both direct and indirect, but “those rallies you’ve attended, phone calls to senators, and petitions you’ve signed” are all indirect ones.

I just thought your readers would want to know this before the next social event where they brag about all the “direct actions” they have taken indirectly.

Breckon Neat  
Eugene

## EMPOWER THE PEOPLE

I am so grateful to have heard Arun Gandhi speak Feb. 16 at Lane Community College, sponsored by the Lane Peace Center. His message of non-violence could not have been more relevant as a reasoned foundation for a call to action, in response to current local, national and global realities.

It is now more important than ever that we empower local dialogue and non-violent action, and authorize local lawmaking because not only can we not count on the federal government for help, but the new administration is making life in our communities increasingly more difficult and dangerous.

By invigorating corporations to engage in environmentally destructive practices, by fueling racial tensions and dividing families by deporting individual members, by attacking labor unions, etc., the feds are begging for a response from the People, at the local level, where we live. Our indignation is obvious and appropriate.

Community Rights Lane County will continue to challenge unjust laws that favor corporations by empowering local citizens to write and pass laws that protect our health, safety and welfare. This is non-violent democracy in action.

We empower ourselves and our communities as we strive for social, economic,

racial and environmental justice, because there is no justice when our government and our laws embolden corporations to put profits over people and planet. Please join us! [CommunityRightsLaneCounty.org](http://CommunityRightsLaneCounty.org).

Michelle Holman  
Deadwood

## ON THE BUS FOR JERRY

I first met Jerry Rosiek while I was completing my graduate teaching program at the University of Oregon’s College of Education, where he was a widely respected professor. It was clear that Rosiek was not just an incredibly bright guy, but also a funny, dynamic, empathetic and skilled educator who cared about his students and was deeply committed to his work.

Since then, I’ve gotten to know Rosiek as a parent and an education reformer. Our children attended the same elementary school, where I witnessed Rosiek engage with parents and staff members, working diligently to make our kids’ school better.

But Rosiek isn’t just working to improve his child’s school; he’s interested in making every school better. He’s a fierce advocate for children and a champion of education. Rosiek has been on the front lines pushing our policy makers to reform a woefully underfunded school system, trying to break the stranglehold of standardized testing.

While Rosiek has been fighting for school reform for many years, he’s an outsider in regards to the status-quo education establishment. He’s not afraid to take on the powerful interests that have oftentimes obstructed reform and he’s also the kind of guy that can engage people and bring them together.

Jerry Rosiek is a man of integrity who will use his knowledge, skills and abilities to leverage the power the school board has to deliver the best education we can to our children. I’m with Jerry!

Joshua Welch  
Eugene

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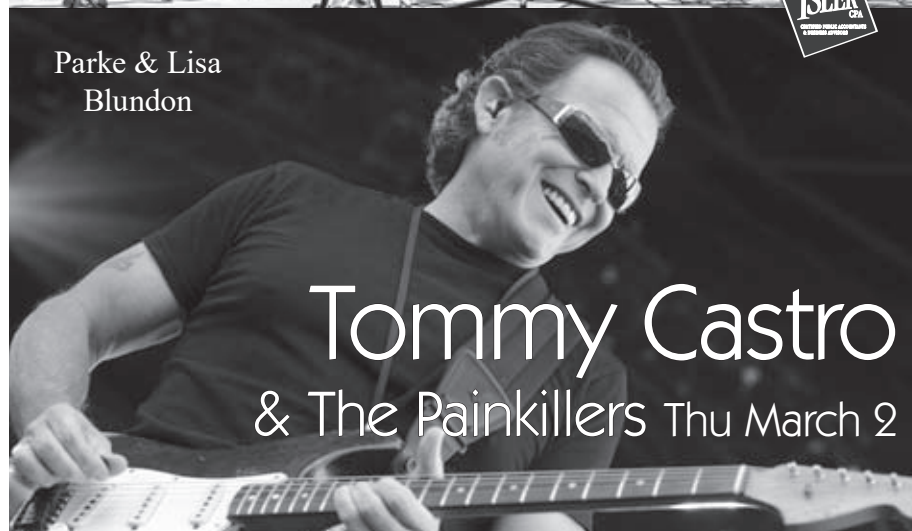
## Villalobos Brothers

Wed March 1

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LAW OFFICES OF  
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## Tommy Castro

& The Painkillers Thu March 2

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## Jake Shimabukuro

Fri March 3

Con & Mary  
Sheffer



## Chuck Redd

My  
Finest  
Hour

March 9

## Other shows coming up at The Shedd

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|------|------------------------------|------|--------------------------------|
| 3.19 | MTA: Puttin' On The Ritz -   | 4.6  | Carl Woideck: Miles Davis      |
|      | The Songs of Irving Berlin   | 4.14 | Honey Whiskey Trio             |
| 3.21 | The Shedd Choral Society     | 4.15 | A Night of Vocal Arts          |
| 3.22 | Dervish                      | 4.20 | Väsen                          |
| 3.23 | Keola Beamer & Jeff Peterson | 4.22 | Alasdair Fraser / Natalie Haas |
| 3.24 | Davina & The Vagabonds       | 4.26 | Helen Sung                     |
| 3.30 | Ana Popovic                  | 5.03 | Marc Cohn                      |