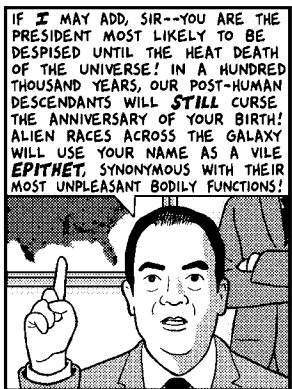
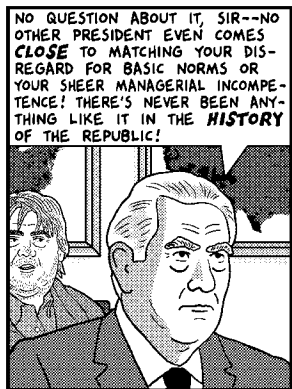
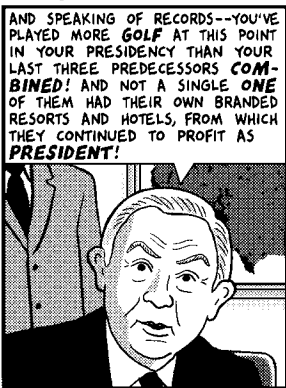
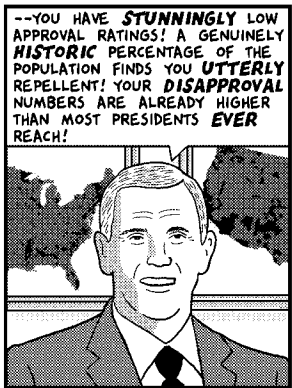


THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



STAND UP TO BIG TIMBER

I just read a blog online from Oregon Wild that had information about Lincoln County voters deciding to ban aerial spray in their county [see also EW's 6/15 article]. This is great, and it is really exciting to hear about, especially from the coast.

However, we don't need more county initiatives that only protect a few Oregonians from aerial spray. We need statewide changes to logging and chemical laws. One of the things I learned from Oregon Wild is that we have the "weakest logging regulations in the West," and I want to know how that is possible.

I live in western Lane County, and drive to the coast often and see the ridiculous clearcuts hurting our rivers and fish and people; the lone tractors clearcutting entire hillsides, providing no jobs; the piles of logs at export terminals creating no jobs. I see corporations laughing at us all the way to the bank, as they find token "family foresters" to put up as the face of the logging industry.

The final thing I learned from that blog: Senator Arnie Roblan is the one blocking state reforms on these important matters, but his district was just the first in the nation to ban aerial spraying.

Will we start losing Democratic seats in Salem soon because the Democrats are too scared to stand up to the industry? I hope not.

Grow a backbone Salem Dems, you're

losing the environmental vote quickly!

*Phil Eugene Cragmussen
West Lane County*

MAKE EUGENE INCLUSIVE

June 13 at Harris Hall, the community rose strong for an Inclusivity Ordinance for Lane County. After all that was expressed with words of compassion and insight by well-informed citizens, I was discouraged to hear the chairperson of the Equity and Access Advisory Board refer to a resolution instead of an ordinance. We the people insist on an ordinance.

Please visit the Lane County Commission website and view the Board Meeting Webcast for June 13 as your neighbors spoke before a standing-room-only crowd. View the sympathetic words of each of your commissioners.

Then hear the chairperson of the work group speak of "one sticking point of considerable size."

The city of Eugene has a Protection of Individuals and Groups Ordinance, contrary to the information shared by the Equity Board Chairperson. As Eugene has, Lane County can and must protect individuals and groups with an ordinance.

As hero Taliesin Myrddin Namkai Meche lay dying after supporting and defending strangers on the Portland Max train, he spoke words of love. Just a few hours later after her son died, Asha Delivrance released this statement:

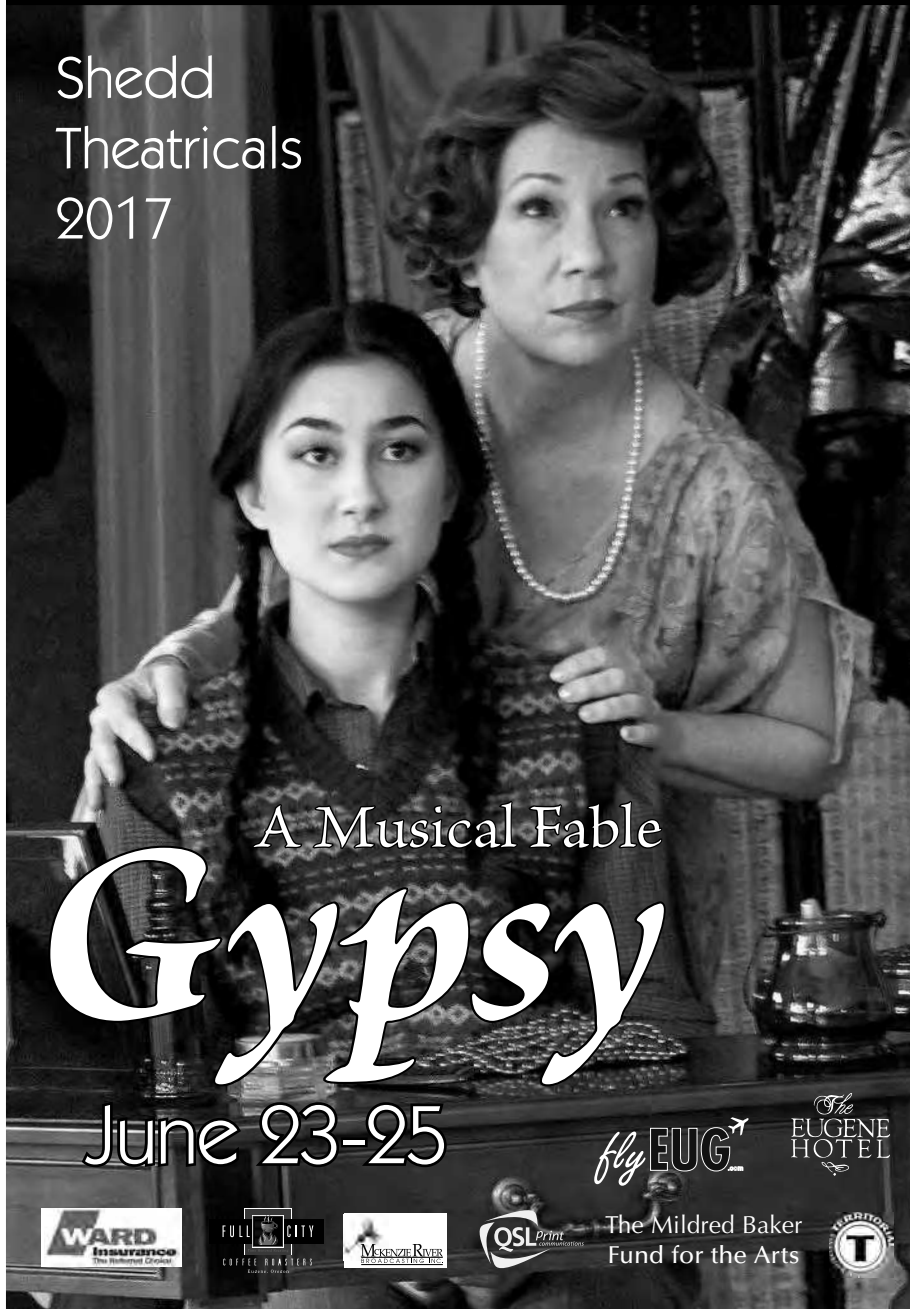
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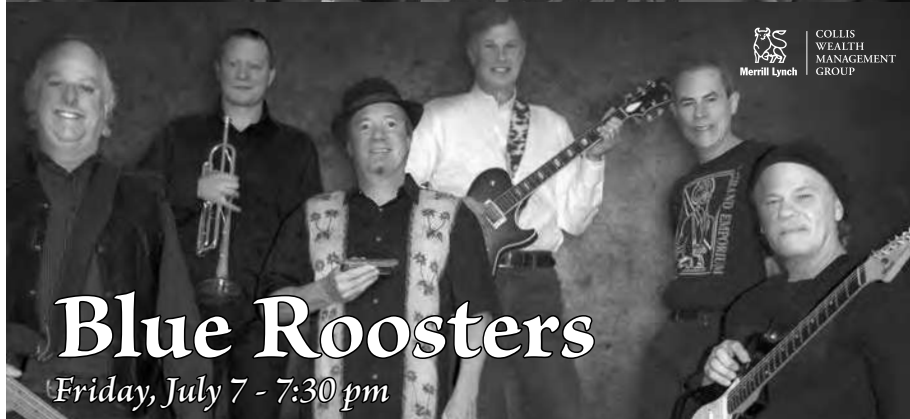
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