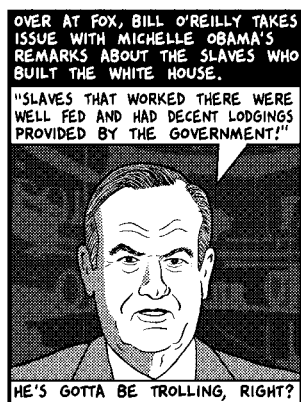
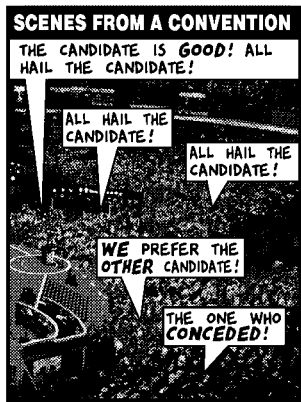


THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



Between the World and Me; Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow*; unsung activists in every town, city and state.

How many more centuries do African-Americans have to wait for whites to "pay their respects" to dignity, fairness and decency?

Sean S. Doyle
Corvallis

DREAM OF A FUTURE

It is true that we Americans have it better than people in many places in the world. There is a place for patriotism and celebration. However, the founding principles of this country, those such as democracy, liberty and equality, are not being well cared for and could be lost. These ideals have been eroding due to the agendas of greedy corporate interest and power-hungry politicians as much as from public disinterest and neglect.

The habit of ignoring problems with superficial solutions has become the norm in American society. Coping is the currency of capitalism. But understand that democracy, liberty and equality are living things. They cannot be protected only by a piece of paper or law. Rights like these are protected when people are active in practicing and developing them further. Until we as a society mature to this truth, we may as well expect to be taken advantage of by others who are more cunning and greedy.

So let's dream of a future to believe in. And not just dream, but also act, embody, practice, investigate, encourage. Get educated and involved with local political or activist groups, and aspire and support each other to be our best possible selves.

Luke Grossmiller
Eugene

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GENERATION GAP

When I was born (1936) there was no TV, internet, artificial intelligence, computers, Medicare, DNA, stem cell, freeways, jet engines, air conditioning, digital printing, digital music, automatic transmissions and a very long list of other things.

I wonder — will the trend continue for another 80 years? Will people born today want to advance/change society? What do young people want today? Is the age of the "Brave New World" over?

Another thought — for young people — should old people be allowed to determine the future?

Old people are certainly not going to be around for the next 50 years to pay for or put up with the laws, court decisions and policies put in place today.

When one reaches a certain age, should the right (power) to vote, hold elected office or sit in judgment be terminated? If so, perhaps certain qualified old people should have a "formal" way of providing advice and counsel to the younger generation.

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