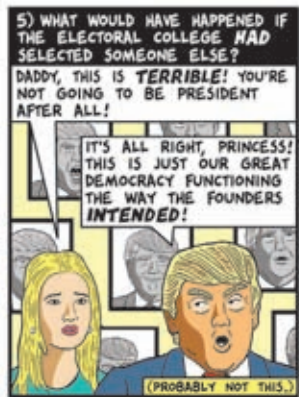
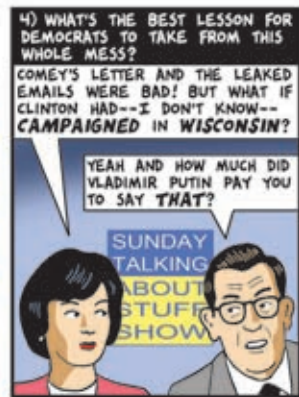
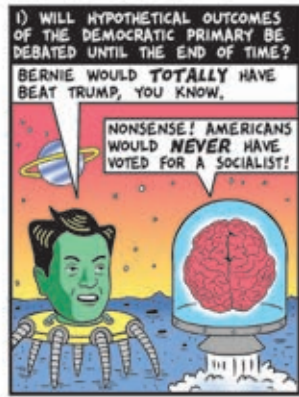


THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



At the end of two years, screw and fake tooth in place, I was good to go. About two weeks before this Christmas, the “implant” started to ache. Since the tooth and roots were gone, I worried it might be an infection of some sort.

When I called my dentist’s office, the billing woman checked my coverage and said my insurance would not cover any more services in 2016, informing me that I could self-pay or they could see me on Jan. 3, 2017. I opted for the January appointment, knowing that the x-rays and possible treatment needs could really cost and hoping the pain wouldn’t get too bad.

What a strange reality that, in the most “powerful” country in the world, citizens have to spend holidays in pain, waiting days for the new-year insurance eligibility before getting dental healthcare.

Citizens suffer while health insurance CEOs rake in big bucks, i.e. Cigna CEO \$27 million and United Healthcare \$66 million, just to name two. This is not fair!

When will citizens demand single-payer healthcare for all?

Debra McGee
Eugene

BETTER CALL SAUL

After considerable thought, I am forced to accept that the letter that appeared in *EW* of Dec. 8 [“Sodom and Orlando”] was a cruel and thoughtless attack on my faith. My faith is so much greater and more important than some “ranting” letter in a “rag” of a newspaper.

The “radical left” has no problem defending Islamic terrorists, and yet their open disdain for Christians and religious faith is apparent in every aspect of American life today. There is something much greater than a “God the father.”

The rules and laws of all this infinity of which our world is the smallest part show that there is something, some law or power behind it. I have always believed we are part of a tremendous whole of which we have no conception. We may be the insignificant part, but we belong.

The Bible, which I read daily, to me is a series of simple stories to illustrate the benefits of living by the code, and the punishment of living outside it. Read it. Perhaps Mr. Shaw should look at himself in a mirror before he calls someone a bigot.

Just one word more — I cannot refrain from saying it. I am not one of those that have the least anxiety about my faith and principles it upholds. I have seen fools resist providence before, and I have seen their destruction — utter destruction and contempt. That faith will prevail is as sure as that God reigns. Thank you.

Lon Miller
Drain

LYNCH MOB CONSERVATIVES

Our workplaces should be politically neutral, but “hate radio” turns public space and privacy on its head.

The alt-right intimidates logic and truth with a relentless 24-hour media blitzkrieg.

Menacing, right-wing broadcasts are financed by a secretive wealthy fringe, its circus peanuts underwriting rabid elephants like Rush and Hannity — 30 pieces of silver for their moral betrayal of America.

Trump’s financial warlord, Carl Paladino, is another modern lynch-mob conservative vomiting through a megaphone. Paladino insults Obama’s wife and wishes death on our President. Those who warn that “it has an off button” are only half right.

Every two minutes these septic tanks of radio broadcasting should be forced to repeat “mine is not actual news,” because it isn’t.

Why has the FCC allowed rubbish and lies to get swept in as evil entertainment and bogus opinion?

If you are subjected to “idiot radio” at work, you can easily complain to the FCC via e-mail. Include the station and time of broadcast, the personality speaking and the exact comments made. The FCC does respond and significant fines can be assessed for egregious lies.

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