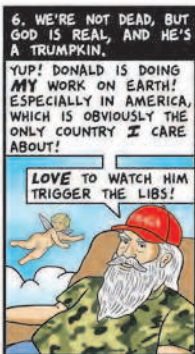
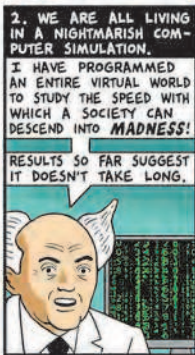
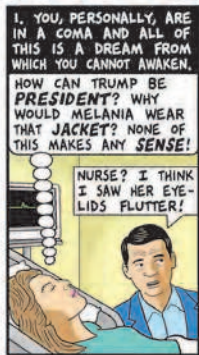


# THIS MODERN WORLD

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## POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS FOR THE CURRENT MOMENT



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these tragic deaths. It's about time the nearly 200 co-sponsoring members of Congress bring it out of committee and pass it.

It's about time we speak up and see that these preventable deaths come to an end. It's about time we make a call, write a letter or visit those who represent us, asking them to do this.

Remember: Exercising our rights in a democracy makes it stronger. So, thanks again for the title, it is about time, and how we use it. Why not make a difference with some of yours?

Willie Dickerson  
Snohomish, Washington

### BIG TIMBER ATROCITY

Lane County: a paradise of universities, rivers, gorgeous forests draped in lichens, good social programs, etc. It's also a place being swallowed up by clearcuts so fast it is making my head spin.

Lately, the forest cover has been vanishing at an alarming rate and speed, and the clearcutting is the worst in the two decades I have been here. Someone please tell me: What is going on around here?

We are witnessing a large theft from the commons on a gargantuan scale. That this is occurring after last year's fire season is nothing less than outlandish. The atrocities of the timber industry are on full display. The fact that no-spray petitions signed by nearly 20,000 people are held up from the ballot is a wake-up call like none other.

This is an all-hands-on-deck sort of time to stop the rampant spraying and cutting imperiling us all. We are blessed to have lynx, weasels, bald eagles and osprey populations living in and around neighborhoods and workplaces. Their populations are not compatible with the land practices allowed, and it takes our collective effort

to stop them.

Cascadia Wildlands, Oregon Wild and Community Rights Lane County are all working full tilt to mitigate what is happening. Please, in whatever ways you can, join this movement.

Kerstin Britz  
Cottage Grove

### DON'T PICK ON THE LITTLE PARTY

Bill Barnett's letter ("Nader Blame," 7/5) shows why it's questionable that the Democratic Party will save us from a Trump re-election in 2020. Continuing to blame minor parties for the inability of the DNC's national convention to pick a winning candidate belies a huge blind spot to the self-defeating actions for which the Dems have become notorious.

If the DNC continues to cling to their old-guard, corporate-Dem leadership, what will be different in 2020? They need to let the millennials into leadership. This newer generation is showing moxy and winnability in elections; they push a progressive platform; they are the upcoming big voting bloc. Will the DNC listen, or continue shooting itself in the (left) foot?

Of course it's the all-or-nothing nature of the defacto two-party system that's really to blame. The one thing Dems and Reps have always agreed on is maintaining their Republicrat monopoly of our democracy. Adopting a proportional representation electoral system would lead to multi-party democracy; more voter choice; no vote splitting or spoiling. The need for this is exactly what the 2016 election demonstrated.

James Stauffer  
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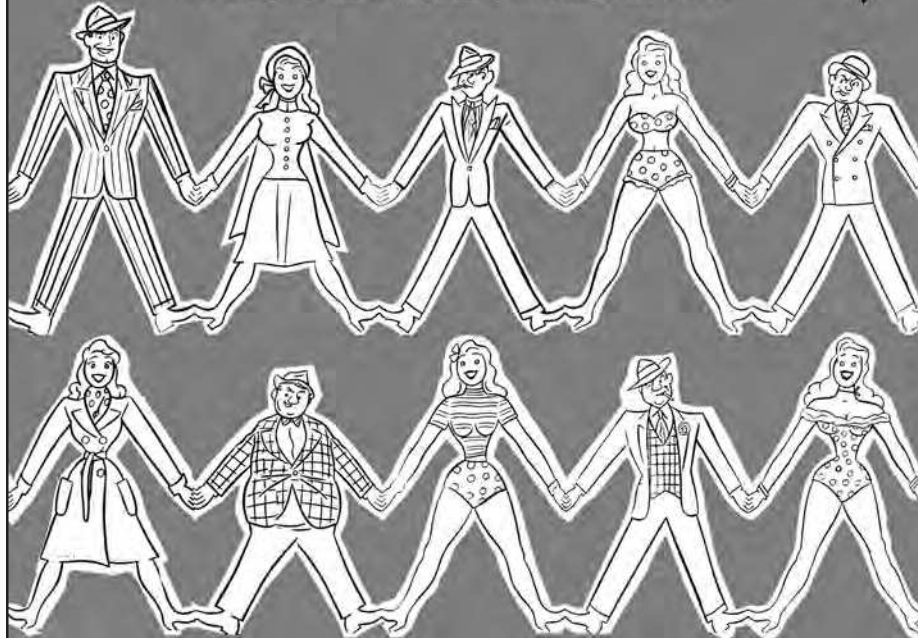


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