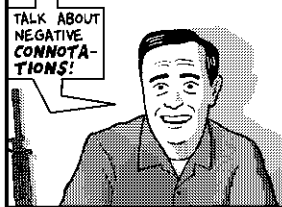


THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

GUN TALK WITH YOUR HOST, THE GLIB SOCIOPATH

THANKS FOR DOWNLOADING MY SHOW! TODAY WE'LL BE DISCUSSING GUN MASSACRES--SPECIFICALLY, THE TERM "GUN MASSACRE!"



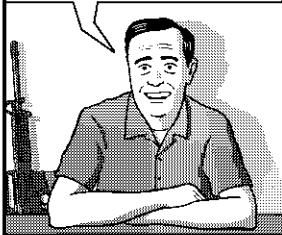
NOW, I UNDERSTAND THAT PEOPLE CAPABLE OF EXPERIENCING ACTUAL HUMAN EMOTION PERCEIVE THESE EVENTS AS TRAGEDIES!

AND I CAN MIMIC THAT RESPONSE!



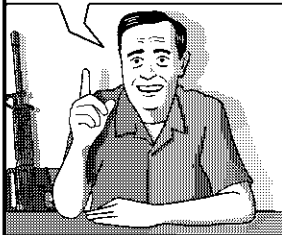
I PREFER TO THINK OF THEM AS "REGRETTABLE CROWD-RELATED INCIDENTS WHICH HAPPEN TO INVOLVE FIREARMS!"

I MEAN, YOU COULD KILL A GROUP OF PEOPLE IN A HOT TUB IF YOU THREW IN A TOASTER!



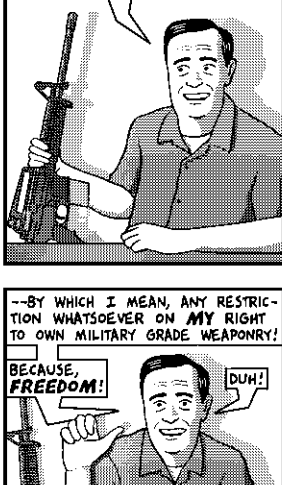
BUT LET'S KEEP THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE! EVERYBODY'S GOTTA GO SOMETIME, AMIRITE?

IN THE MEANTIME, WE CANNOT ALLOW POLITICIANS TO EXPLOIT THESE INCIDENTS TO JUSTIFY AN EVEN GREATER TRAGEDY--



SO WHY MUST WE SCAPEGOAT INNOCENT GUNS--WHEN VIOLENT MOVIES AND VIDEOGAMES ARE SO CLEARLY TO BLAME?

--BY WHICH I MEAN, ANY RESTRICTION WHATSOEVER ON MY RIGHT TO OWN MILITARY GRADE WEAPONRY!



NEXT: THE GLIB SOCIOPATH EXERCISES HIS FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO BRANDISH AN AR-15 IN PUBLIC!

WHY IS EVERYONE RUNNING AWAY? I SIMPLY DON'T UNDERSTAND!

If he should cry, it will be all the way to the bank.

George Beres
Eugene

BEYOND OBSCENE

So it's 2013. Oh say, have we not seen violence and pleasure and the difference between? How could this have truly been? Is this all a reality television scene or an actual reality murder seen? And do our children know the difference between? Bullets real and imagined continue to careen, in our schools, streets and home TV and computer screens!

Speak up for compassion and morality, someone please convene. Greed at what cost, arms sales, this is beyond obscene! Time to return to the manners of old, the times of Mr. Clean, when magazine meant *Life* or *Time*, not 30-bullet magazine. Child, teen, tween, human been and any age in between: America, from guns can we wean?

Tim Boyden
Eugene

MORE ART FOR JUSTICE

The article, "The Art of Restorative Justice" by Alex Notman [1/10] was excellent. Not included, however, was an additional arts presentation included in the "Prisons, Compassion, and Peace" events in March. There will be a poetry reading, "Voices from Inside," featuring poets familiar with the experience of incarceration in Oregon prisons, including the currently and formerly incarcerated as well as family members of incarcerated persons. The poetry reading is part of the Windfall Reading Series sponsored by the Lane Literary Guild and the Eugene Public Library and will be held at 5:30 pm Tuesday, March 19, at the Downtown Eugene Public Library.

Tricia Hedin
Eugene

LOSE THE ATTITUDE

What have the words "to serve and protect" come to mean? Toward the end of

a wonderful Christmas day and in the last 20 minutes of my shift, I used the phone to call the one I love for that long-needed ride home. I started cleaning, emptying the garbage cans and dimming the lights; by then she was already pulling in. I ran in the back to hurry and count my end-of-the-day till before dropping it in the safe. I headed back to the office to lock the door as I saw a Eugene police officer pulling up and turned around to the police officer raising his voice to my girlfriend and I kindly said, "Is there a problem here, sir?" Officer Trotter stated he was called out for a suspicious driver trying to pump their own gas. I reassured him that everything was fine and that it was my girlfriend just here to pick me up.

I turned around to thank him for coming by to make sure everything was OK. As I extended my hand to shake his in appreciation, he gave me a rude look and simply walked away. This is what our tax dollars are paying for, pure rudeness. I can understand being cautious with criminals, but I was a store employee in full uniform, just trying to thank him for serving and protecting our community. I think the police need to be cautious when out working the streets, but lose the attitude.

James Whitcombe
Eugene

DETROIT IS SAFER

Detroit, Mich., may be slightly safer than Eugene if you are a woman. According to www.city-data.com and www.areavibes.com, Eugene had almost twice the amount of rapes committed per capita as Detroit in 2010 (Eugene had 80 per 100,000, Detroit had 45 per 100,000). For five years straight (2006 to 2011), Eugene had more rapes per capita than Detroit (2012 stats were not available). Eugene has a worse record protecting our women than the "murder capital." That's absolutely unacceptable. Hey boys — be a man. Protect our women. Don't prey on them.

Terry C. Dunham
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