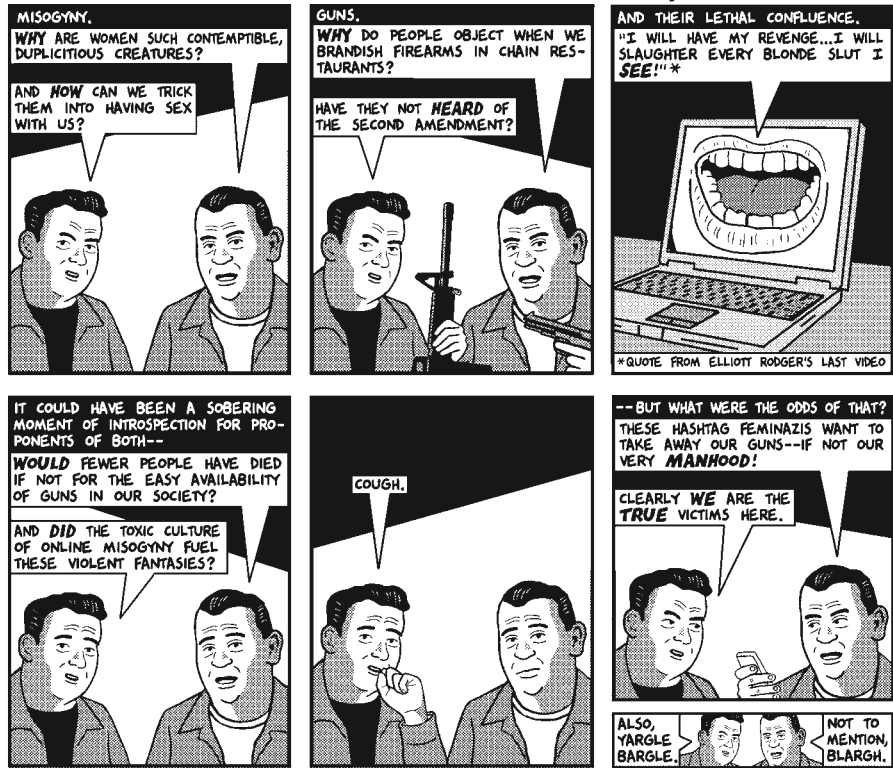


THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



sexual growth, they tend to lag behind girls in emotional development. What a formula for disaster.

Communication differences? Where does one begin? Male lexicon is filled with, "what do women want?"; "they say no when they mean yes."; "they expect us to read their minds." I'll let women describe their complaints about men's communications, but a common one is our perceived inability to communicate, especially on an emotional level.

I cannot read the accounts of the latest UO sex incident without seeing these sex/communication conflicts all over the story. And Huntermoon describing women as always the victim, never responsible for their actions, and it always being the fault of male sexism does not bring us closer to resolution.

She says, "All young men need to be taught." Taught by whom? Most boys are raised by a mother. Is it their fault for boys turning out to be the sexist/perpetrator/rapist Huntermoon attributes to all males?

How about if, starting at puberty, we begin teaching girls and boys about the real differences, beyond simple anatomy? How to avoid miscommunications; how sex is really different; how equality doesn't mean we're the same; and how to attain mutual respect through understanding our differences.

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WHERE TO PUT MEN

It was recently suggested that since rapes at Oregon colleges go back to the 1960s and occur nationwide, women who plan to go to college should attend a women's school and stop putting themselves in such a bad environment.

Wow! Excellent idea! Make UO an all-women's school to ensure that women are safe from rape and other sexual assaults and harassment! Kudos! I have long believed that since men commit the overwhelming numbers of rapes, assaults and violent crimes against women, as well as men, their activities (rather than women's) should be restricted.

But where are the men to be educated? Perhaps in some remote location, where chances of their misbehavior are lessened? However, any location considered would, no doubt, be met by a case of NIMBY as the locals reacted in fear, as they frequently do to sitings of prisons, drug and alcohol treatment programs and mental health facilities.

Think of the possibilities: women safe to walk safely at night, fewer drunken parties bothering the neighbors, fewer traffic jams on the freeway and around town! Fans could turn their attention to less violent sports; women's soccer, basketball and baseball, among others, would flourish. I'm sure Phil Knight would willingly fund a Nike University in another location.

Thanks for the suggestion! I was expecting another "boys will be boys" or "she was asking for it" comment. It was refreshing to see a positive suggestion for change to help women.

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UNLEASHED HORROR

I would like to personally thank [Mayor] Kitty [Piercy] for her welcoming of the homeless. While many are harmless, there are several that tend to survive by thievery. Many Eugeneans can attest to stolen bikes, stolen trailers and endless stolen possessions.

Yes, the unfortunate should be considered when making a future city plan: housing, medical benefits, a simple place to sleep. Yet my son, only 14, attempted to enjoy a Saturday skateboarding when his backpack was stolen. I attempted to help him recover his pack by walking the river path. What a disgusting endeavor I encountered. Human waste, needles, garbage and the lot littering our beloved greenway.

I invite Kitty to investigate the horror she has unleashed on our city. How close is the nearest homeless camp to her estate? Perhaps I will gather their remains and dump it near City Hall.

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