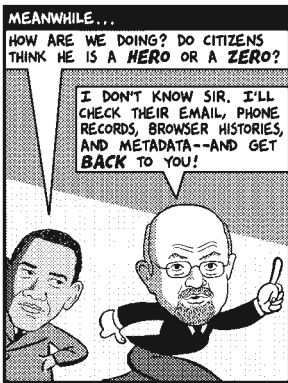
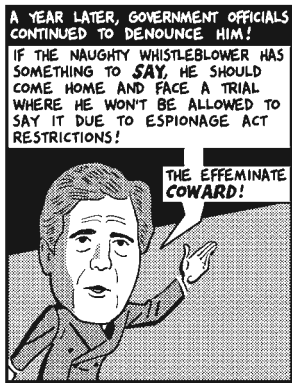
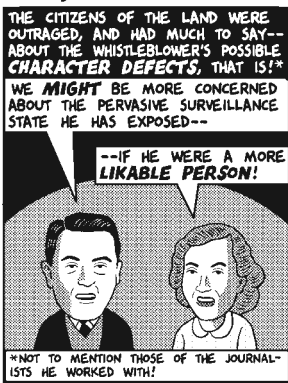


# THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

## The Very Naughty Whistle-blower



a situation where there is chugging, popping, snorting, twerking and grinding going on.

And in the real world it *does* matter what people wear, where they go by themselves and who they choose to hang out with. That's not blaming the victim; that's called reality. It would be great if women could put on their high-heeled sneakers and low cut sweaters and expect the men around them to deal with it, but that's La-La Land thinking. America is not Somalia and this is not a perfect world so let's all take a deep breath, stay in reality and use logic instead of emotion when dealing with male/female interactions.

Annie Kayner  
Eugene

### OUTSIDE THE GATES OF EDEN

A few weeks ago, a friend and I traveled to French Pete in the Three Sisters Wilderness Area about 60 miles east of Eugene. In a grove of old-growth Douglas fir it was so peaceful, quiet, alive and beautiful. The air was pure, the sky deep blue and the South Fork of the McKenzie River's water crystal clear — and cold.

Being there feels sacred — at least sublime if not divine. The dark, green ancient forest evokes paradise, especially when shared with a good friend. The relentless deer flies reminded us we were definitely outside the Gates of Eden.

But then, on our way back to Eugene, we encounter a northern spotted owl flying as if from another reality. The owl lands on the branch of a tree on the side of a road, perching 30 feet above ground. Amazed at

this rare appearance, we are compelled to pull over and look at the owl.

We know the owl indicates the ecological health of the Earth's region in which we live and that it is a species threatened with extinction. At one point, the owl seems to bow its head as if in solemn prayer — and then turns its head looking directly at us with penetrating wise eyes imploring, "You must change your life."

Sam Porter  
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### CROTCH FLAGS VIOLATE

Cultured debauchees flaunting the flag [cover photo and story, 7/3] are obviously products of poor parenting and public education; they look to be constitutionally ignorant, morally vague, spiritually confused and pre-diabetic. I pity their babies watching Dad down a pint. Their ancestors were probably "know nothings" who knew but didn't tell Mom and Dad about parenting and responsibility.

Claiming the rights of a nation by wearing the flag around your crotch is to be a "know nothing" who really does not have a clue, but! The *Weekly* ought to be more responsible; using the flag for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever denigrates it and the republic for which it stands. Prostituting the flag is in violation of federal law. Fortunately for the *Weekly*, the rule of law has been prostituted too; corporations wave the flag because they are proud, and have manipulated the fine of \$50 a day to be



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