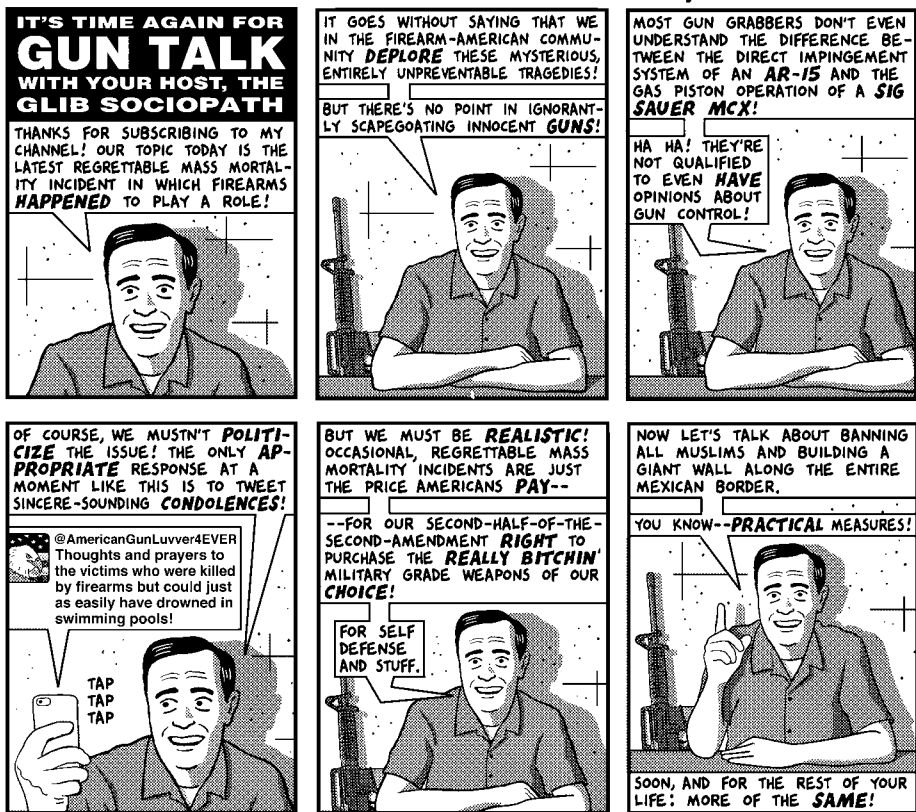


THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



MISFIT COMMUNITY

I went to the Voivod concert on Thursday (with truly amazing opening bands King Parrot, Child Bite and Hiding). The music was a mix of thrash, prog, punk and black metal, and as I sweated with, slammed into and cheered alongside the crowd, I was as struck as I was by my very first punk/metal show — flooded by a sense of support, shared interest and mutual enjoyment, and as an almost perpetual outsider, that I'd found my misfit community!

I just want to thank the incredible artists, the venue and basically the audience — my unique, cathartic, non-homogenous family, who might knock you down, but who are just as quick to pick you up and make sure you are OK! Thank you WOW Hall, Boreal, Old Nick's, Wandering Goat and my crowd!

Steve Boggs
Eugene

VEXED ABOUT VAXXED

Before you spend money going to *Vaxxed*, read the reviews and read what happens if a person gets measles, mumps or rubella. You may decide to spend the money on a lottery ticket.

Dick Ricketts
Eugene

ISLAM VS CHRISTIANITY

Christians haven't been running around killing people in the name of Christianity since the Crusades. The Muslims have been killing each other in the name of Mohammed since 700 AD. Now they are killing us, too. How can Tim Hilton [Letters, June 16] compare what Christians did then to what the Muslims are doing now?

Tim is a moron. Sorry, Tim, but Christianity teaches to love your enemy and the Muslims teach it is their duty, or jihad, to kill infidels. That's you and me, Tim. So Islam is worse than Christianity.

Thomas Laird Twyford II
Eugene

MISSING HAT

I am offering a reward for the return of Old Man Dancing's hat with pins taken from my cart at the Seneca Goodwill Sunday afternoon, June 12. "Old Man Dancing" is still faintly visible under the front pins.

That hat is part of my dance. I need it back with all pins. The *Weekly* has my phone number for reward instructions. Please return it and get some good karma points. I am not angry and I have already forgiven you.

In keeping it, you also have collected some bad karma points. I will give you some good ones and dance for you.

John H. Williamson
Old Man Dancing
Eugene

RAPE CULTURE

Keith Southworth's letter "Rape Confusion" is a great example of how deeply entrenched rape culture is and how easily it can cloud clarity. It is not up for debate that *at least* one out of every four women are sexually assaulted during their lifetime. Many have said that that statistic is conservative, given how many women don't actually report. Southworth's ability to empathize must be brutalized if he is saying things like "Alleged rape victims should either report to the police or move on in life."

This is incredibly callous and reeks of male privilege. Do you know everything about post-rape life, Keith? Do you think reporting to the police or an institution like the UO (which has proven itself more loyal to perpetrators of sexual violence than to survivors) is easy?

My suggestion: Listen to more women. No, really listen. Eventually you might learn that the law and large, male-dominated institutions do not have the interests of women's bodily safety at the front of their concerns.

Dillon Thomson
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