

coward, and would have fairly earned the respect of the truly brave men and women he had placed in harm's way.

But that's not our president's style.

*Norm Waddell
Eugene*

READ THE BOOK

In such times of strong national and international issues, it's sometimes hard to remember those which are closest to home. I don't mean state or even local politics, but something much more important to everyday living: traffic safety.

Since moving to Eugene three years ago, I have become more and more appalled at my fellow citizens' difficulty following the most basic of traffic laws. I dread four-way stops, for I never know who will think it is their right-of-way; I'm afraid for children when I see stop signs run near daycare centers.

But by far, the most common violation I see is the running of traffic lights. I regularly see yellow and even red lights run with total disregard for the safety of pedestrians and fellow drivers. Yes, it is frustrating to wait for a light at times, but that is no reason for endangering yourself and others.

In closing, I'd like to encourage everyone to have another look at the Oregon Driver's Manual. Remember, traffic laws aren't created to hinder us, but instead to keep us safe.

*Murray Sampson
Eugene*

NOT VIGILANTES

In a recent *EW* (10/16), Jennifer Hess raised some valid questions about the guns

and training of the Oregon Rangers Association. Since our sole purpose is to help the public and the environment, we feel it is important to be open and responsive to all valid questions and concerns.


The Rangers operate as an armed security agency, though we exist solely on donations. As such, we are required by law to adhere to the Department of Public Safety and Training's (DPSST) strict rules and regulations.

Oregon is known in the business for having some of the most strict guidelines in the country — the DPSST website will give you the details. On top of this, all Rangers are trained in non-violent conflict resolution (verbal judo, as police call it) and have firearms training at a level that nearly doubles most police agency requirements.

The reason most of the Oregon Rangers are armed while on volunteer work is truly only for our protection, though we will not hesitate to protect anyone in need. It is a dangerous world out there, especially when you are known to marijuana growers and meth manufacturers as someone who will not hesitate to report illegal activities to the proper authorities.

The Oregon Rangers would never seek to put ourselves in a violent situation, but I assure you, we are trained to defuse situations peacefully, quickly, and with as little violence as possible. We are volunteers, EMTs, firefighters, animal counters, environmentalists, freedom and forest loving people — not police officers or vigilantes.

*Andrew Jensen
Public Relations Director
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