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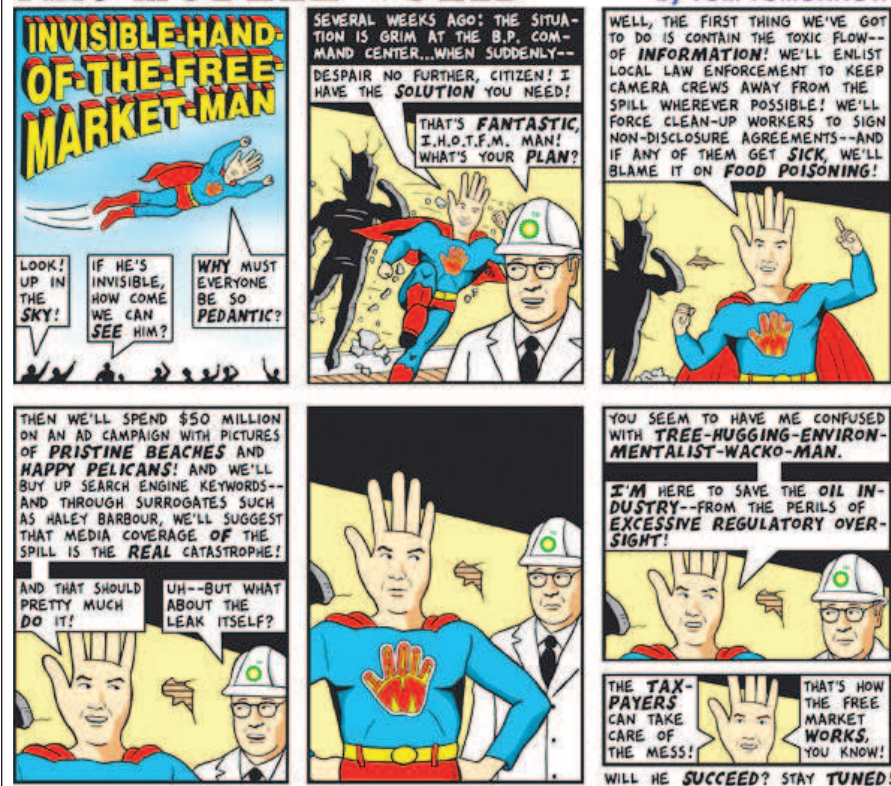


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Somebody Gets Off the Couch!**

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THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DISILLUSIONED

Hello, my name is Indigo Amarys, and I am 10 years old. This letter is regarding the photo on your Summer Guide cover (6/3). What is wrong with that picture? They're smoking, they're drinking; they're littering; they're not wearing sunscreen and I see no lifeguard! My biggest concern is that they're smoking and drinking beer. Are you saying this summer that young people like me should be sitting in a baby pool drinking and smoking cigarettes? That is the message I got from the photo. To be honest, I think that was a very poor choice of photos. It was not necessary to add any of that! The cigarettes, the beer, or the littering! Why are there six cans on the ground? If you're trying to tell us that smoking, drinking and littering is a fun choice for this summer, let me just say I completely disagree!

I hope that I am not the only one who saw this and was as disgusted, especially considering that most of the time I love EW! I was very disappointed to see something like that!

Indigo Amarys
Edgewood Elementary
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VIOLATING MY RIGHTS

I have lived here in Eugene for about 16 years and did not want to become a victim to any police corporation, but it happened to me Saturday, June 5.

I had done the drum circle that day and had paid for a sword called "Sting." This sword is used for acting because it has no tang to it; in other words, it has not been sharpened, although you cannot tell this if you have seen it in a spy camera such as the one that we have at our drum circle at 8th and Oak at the Lane County Courthouse here in Eugene. I definitely did show this sword there because I'm trying to get a pair of Renaissance-type boots made for the fair season.

That night I was on my way home with a friend when one of the corporation of the UO safety officers yelled at me that I did

not have my lights on. I told him that no one else had their lights on either, but he ordered me to pull over. I did, and then he ordered me to get off my bike and sit in this muddy puddle. I told him that I was not going to do that. He pulled out his Mace and ordered me to do this thing again. I refused, and a police-type car rushed up behind me, and the officer got out and was behind me. I told the officer that that this situation was a traffic event and asked if I could have the ticket so that I could be on my merry way. The officer commanded me to the puddle, and when I did not comply, I was tackled and they tried to go in my pockets. At this time I was handcuffed.

They were after "Sting" the sword. I told them they were violating my rights and they had no probable cause to torture me and try to go into my pockets. This part I did fervently resist, so they cut my \$337 Gore-Tex jacket in two places and removed my property "Sting" from my large jacket pocket. And when I was knocked from my bike, my Gore-Tex pants were ripped. I do believe that I should be compensated for this loss.

Darrell Richard, aka "D"
Eugene

EDITOR'S NOTE: Darrell Richard has told his story to Tim Lewis for an upcoming "Picture Eugene" video interview to be posted on YouTube.

A BETTER LIFE

I agree that illegal immigration is a problem. Honestly, I don't have a good solution. My husband is from Mexico, and not the resort-filled Mexico. I'm referring to a *rancho* where there is no running water, no paved roads, no telephone lines and only spotty electricity. He was working with his dad by the age of 4. If you grew up like that, wouldn't you want something better?

My husband did initially come here illegally. We went through an attorney to acquire his green card, paying thousands of dollars, waiting nearly three and a half years and experiencing such horrendous