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**THIS MODERN WORLD** by TOM TOMORROW



SO WHAT DO THESE WALL STREET PROTESTERS WANT, ANYWAY?  
HECK IF I KNOW! BUT MAYBE WE CAN GET SOME ANSWERS FROM OUR NEXT GUEST--  
--AN ACTUAL WALL STREET DEMONSTRATOR! TELL ME, SIR--WHAT, EXACTLY, ARE YOU PROTESTING?  
ECONOMIC INJUSTICE.  
SORRY, WHAT WAS THAT?  
ECONOMIC INJUSTICE.  
STILL NOT GETTING IT.  
ECONOMIC INJUSTICE! WE ARE PROTESTING ECONOMIC INJUSTICE!  
HIS LIPS ARE MOVING, WANDA-- BUT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND A WORD HE'S SAYING!  
IS THAT EVEN ENGLISH-- OR JUST RANDOM GIBBERISH?  
ECONOMIC INJUSTICE!  
E-CO-NO-MIC--IN-JUS-TICE--  
WELL, HE CERTAINLY SEEMED TO BE WORKED UP ABOUT SOMETHING!  
HARD TO KNOW WHAT!  
IT'S A MYSTERY TO ME!  
OKAY THEN! COMING UP NEXT-- ARE THE PROTESTERS FRIVOLOUS MINNIES WHO JUST WANT TO PLAY BONGO DRUMS AND SMOKE MARIJUANA?\*IN WHICH CASE, WHY DON'T THEY OCCUPY-A-BEATNIK-COFFEE-SHOP-IN-1957?  
ALSO: WHAT DO OUR FRIENDS IN THE TEA PARTY THINK?  
FIRST THESE MESSAGES.  
\*AS SUGGESTED BY CNN'S ALISON KOSSIK

**LETTERS** TO THE EDITOR

**HARM REDUCTION**

Wet beds (*EW* 9/29)? Why not dry beds? That is what seems to be needed. As a newcomer to Eugene, I did not know what services might be provided for addicts on the street, but the need for shelter of any sort seems acute. To deny shelter to people who are in great need is clearly both inhumane and counterproductive. The question of "harm reduction" for those who really cannot help their state is forcefully expressed by Canadian psychiatrist Dr. Gabor Maté in his book, *In The Realm Of Haunted Ghosts*. To make miserable human beings even more miserable, and at large public expense, has never seemed a very ethical or practical response.

If the powers that be would provide a coherent structure for service, I have no doubt that the citizens of Eugene, a really decent city, would contribute, not only for the sake of their unfortunate fellows, but also for the image of the city itself.

Patricia Spicer  
Eugene

**SADLY INHUMANE**

Thanks to Alan Pittman for drawing attention to this issue (*Wet Beds*, *EW* 9/29), which Eugene has ignored for far too long. It is sadly inhumane to see the number of people on the streets because they suffer from the disease of addiction. The idea that addiction is a "moral failing" is an archaic concept, and nowhere is that more true than in the AA and NA programs. Better review your basic text, Norman Riddle, before you imply that 12-step programs and proponents of "hard-core abstinence" would prefer to see people dying in the gutter instead of giving them a warm bed. Or for that matter, a wet bed.

Christina Blake  
Springfield

**EPD BREAKING LAWS**

Earlier this week I read an *R-G* article about the EPD's "trash downtown" program. I was disgusted with the tone of the article, which was crowing proudly about how our smart and thrifty officers had come up with yet another way to thwart and harass those pesky streetfolk. Usual drivel from the regional mouthpiece of big

business. It was hilarious to see the city's hasty about-face yesterday, unlocking and hauling away all those bikes! Another instance of law caught breaking the law. But I digress. I am writing a call to awareness for all Eugene's leaders and elected officials.

Hear well that we, the public, are very aware that the EPD and other branches of city government selectively ignore, arbitrarily enforce and regularly break the law to pursue their agendas. This has been abundantly obvious for many years, done blatantly for all to see. We, the public, observe that city agendas are not really in the best interests of all of us. We do perceive which side of the bread is getting buttered. But listen well that we, the public, resent our hard-earned money being boondoggled away. We are sick of debts racked up in our name. We are tired of corruption and graft. We are outraged by criminal police. We are fed up with all these atrocities. It is evident that the city, especially the EPD gang, is governed by the morally bankrupt.

Wake up and smell the new breeze blowing, you corporate kleptocrats and tin-pot mafiosos. We, the public, can see you, and we know you are our mortal enemy. The day comes where the public no longer has a place for your destructive games.

Michael McFadden  
Eugene

**SAVE THE COWS**

When the final solution comes, doesn't every member of a family deserve to meet that moment of despair together? That wolves are released back into the state and then single out a roaming cow from a herd for eating causes irreparable, emotional damage to the cattle left behind. A profound sense of loss will be felt by the mother, father, sisters, brothers, cousins, aunts and uncles of the cow, as they prepare themselves in a distant feedlot for eventual slaughter.

I say to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife: Don't let that happen! I implore you to make the compassionate choice by not releasing wolves. Keep those bovine bonds of family together, as they jointly prepare for their eventual stunning