

THIS MODERN WORLD

SUNDAY TALKING ABOUT STUFF SHOW

by TOM TOMORROW



tape, get back!" I told her there wasn't any police tape, when another male cop looking like a pit bull started yelling at me from half a block away. He was extremely rude and loved this opportunity to bark orders in my face and act like a dumb ass.

Several other people who witnessed how I was treated commented about how rude the cops were and what dip-shits they were. One woman shared her own complaint about past experience with Eugene's cops.

If there is no police tape barrier defining a crime scene, it is my opinion that citizens can be as close to the scene as we choose. If cops don't want you there, they can request politely that you move back. Insulting people who pay their wages is not necessary. There was no need to get crazy with me.

Wayne Pierce
Eugene

GOP BACKS WORKERS

Minimum wage is zero if you can't find a job. Minimum wage doesn't mean maximum hours. Democrats in Salem are halfway to their goal of taking away local control and setting artificial rates. SB 1532A has passed the Senate and is now being voted on in the House. It appears they don't care if you lose paid hours, lose your job or lose control of your future. You lose.

Let's get some new ideas to start helping working families to win right now:

Poverty is caused by 30-hour workweeks. Full-time workers could earn \$4,700 extra per year at minimum wage. Temporary part-time work schedules are the real culprit to financial insecurity. Get an immediate 25 percent raise going from 30 to 40 hours. Government regulations are strangling your local employers. Help them employ you full-time.

Empower minimum or low hourly workers by supplementing their paycheck with a percentage of the payroll tax, going to workers instead of Salem. Net neutral

for the employer, but the worker gets more. Legislators should contribute a fair share from government budgets to prevent unemployment.

Republicans want all Oregonians to prosper. Republicans are the minority in legislature; if you want out of poverty and want a job, you need to get to work on the Democrat representatives in Salem. Republicans are already on your side.

Cindy Land
Lane County Republican Party
Chairperson

WORDS TO LIVE BY

Happy New Year! Good time to hit reset, start over. Let's start with a new motto for our fair city. The "World's Greatest City..." thing was not going to last, and it didn't. So what are we left with? "A Kinda Sorta Great City for the Arts. And the Outdoors." The latter is not standing up to scrutiny in a town where we cut down everything with bark. (And what's left we hide behind big cheesy buildings.) And as for the arts, I don't see that much.

Yes, we have great live theater, a vibrant music scene, several professional orchestras, galleries that hang in there. But beyond the generous philanthropy that keeps the Symphony, The Shedd, etc. invested, most of what happens in the arts is done by the artists themselves. No recognition, few opportunities for development. No, that doesn't work either.

So I suggest a motto that's really about us, that conveys what our community says to newcomers and old-timers alike. Here it is: "Eugene, Oregon: We Drive Like Idiots." We run red lights, tailgate, roll through stop signs and drive all over the bike lanes. Solid white lines, stop lines at intersections — they mean nothing to us. I tried to see how far I could drive from home without someone doing something rude, reckless or illegal and I couldn't get half a mile. It's weird to live in a town where everyone can use a smart phone, but

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