

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



QUESTIONABLE ACTIONS

District Attorney Patty Perlow's statements regarding the shooting [Sept. 10] of Edgar Rodriguez are a classic example of blaming the victim.

It "doesn't make sense" to her that Rodriguez would "come outside armed to 'greet' police officers," but I can think of a very good reason why he would not want to leave a loaded weapon in his apartment when two drunk people were engaged in a fight.

When people call 911, they have an expectation that police will drive to their residences with lights flashing when they respond. Not only did both officers come in the dark and park their cruisers out of sight, but one of them actually approached Rodriguez from behind the apartment. He walked around the apartment listening for a dispute.

Although the officers didn't know Rodriguez was an Iraq war vet, sneaking up on someone who is armed (according to his 911 call) can be a dangerous thing to do.

If Rodriguez had been aware that the police were there, he probably would have put his weapon down.

More relevant than Rodriguez's five shots of liquor is the history of Officer Timothy Hunt's questionable actions, which have been given nods and winks by the police investigator and the DA's office.

Steve Hiatt
Eugene

HAPPY HIPPIES

I just want to thank the hippies and other colorful folk who ride tricked-out bikes

past my house on River Road and on the bike path. Their freak flags and happy music always make me smile. There are some who ride by at night with their bikes all lit up with neon. It's wonderful! In a world that seems so dark, these people lift my heart.

Toni Hanner
Eugene

STORY OF RECOVERY

I was homeless in Eugene and ready for suicide attempt number three when my spiritual helper from above caused it to rain that morning, sending me from the wet alley where I was sleeping into the Eugene Mission, only to seek shelter, warmth and food. Definitely not for help; I was done asking for help.

Once there, a flyer on their bulletin board gave me the number to a crisis line that referred me to Willamette Family for drug evaluation. I enrolled in treatment, stayed clean and became a nationally recognized published author of more than 10 recovery articles. I have written about my experiences up to this point. In a five-month period, three of those articles are due out in print in a respected literary journal in April and May. This story is full of miracle after miracle, all in the infancy of sobriety!

I was just interviewed by a nationally recognized recovery podcast that wanted to be the first to share my story on the national level. This is just a brief synopsis of my story. It is truly a miracle.

My story gives reference to three social service agencies in Eugene for their part in saving my life, and nobody in Eugene real-



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