

# HIPSTERS And Hobos

I HAD THOUGHT BY GROWING A BEARD THAT I'D NOT ONLY BE SAVING MONEY ON RAZOR BLADES...



BUT I WOULD COME TO EMBODY TWO PORTLAND TRADITIONS: HIPSTER AND FISHERMAN. UNFORTUNATELY,

'BEARD' SHARES A ROOT WITH 'BARBARIAN'! THESE FUZZY FACES HAVE BEEN INVADING CIVILIZED CITIES LIKE ATHENS, ROME, AND PORTLAND. HENCE:

## Backpacks and Beards

UNWANTEDS ARRIVE ALMOST DAILY...

...HOBOS BY BOXCAR...

...AND DERELICTS COURTESY OF THE BOSTON POLICE.



HERE'S VER, TICKET LAD, MIND YOU NOTICE IT IS A ONE-WAY

IN THIS CLIMATE I'VE BEEN HASSLED AT THE PORTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY...

...BY SOME AT-RISK YOUTH...



NO SLEEPING HERE, SIR.



HEY! BACKPACK! HOW MUCH MONEY DO YOU HAVE?

PART OF THE PROBLEM IS MY LL.BENNY SALVATION ARMY BACKPACK.



IF YOU ARE TIRED YOU CAN WALK AROUND

WILL YOU STAND HERE AND WATCH MY LAPTOP?

IN THE PARKING LOT OF A LARGE BAYSIDE NATURAL SUPER-MARKET



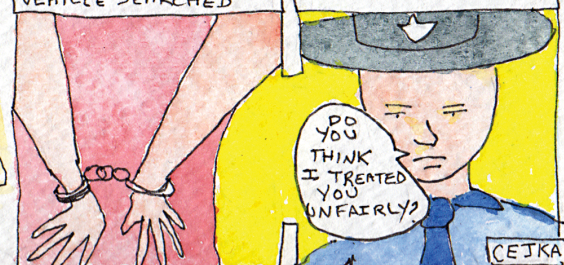
LEAVE MY LOT NOW OR I'LL CALL THE COPS!

FOR WHAT? PARKING WITHOUT A CAR?

IT WAS JUST AS WELL THAT SHE REALIZED HER MISTAKE BEFORE CALLING THE COPS BECAUSE A FEW MONTHS LATER I WAS FACIALLY PROFILED WHILE DRIVING ON I-295.

PLACED (BRIEFLY) UNDER ARREST AND MY VEHICLE SEARCHED

FOLLOWED BY A CURIOUS REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK



DO YOU THINK I TREATED YOU UNFAIRLY?

CEJKA

THE PROBLEM IS SEMIOTIC: FOLKS CAN'T READ THE SIGNS. SO HERE IS A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE:

ACADEMIC	HIPSTER	GREENMARKET VENDOR	Hobo	DERELICT	ISLAMIST	FISHERMAN	LUMBERJACK	BIKER
WEARS COMFORT FOOTWEAR	LOOK FOR SIGNS OF IRONY	SAME AS HIPSTER, BUT WAKES-UP EARLIER.	FACE RED FROM SUN & BOOZE	SAME AS HOBO BUT FOUND LYING DOWN ON PORTLAND STREET	WEARS A YARMULKA	N/A (THERE ARE NO FISHERMEN LEFT IN PORTLAND)	LOOKS LIKE TODD PALIN	SIMPLY ASK: "IS THAT A HONDA?"

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