

Jane Mara, Bethroot Gwynn and Jennifer Council wearing costume designs from Tee Corinne's *Cunt Colouring Book*.

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FEMINIST STATE OF UNION ADDRESS AT UO

Bethroot Gwynn's *Women: The Longest Revolution* recreates the *herstory* of the second wave of the feminist movement Friday at the UO. In the tradition of personal theater, the piece highlights the experiences of Oregon and West Coast women using intimate stories, historical events, poetry by Gwynn, humor and song. The performance promises to speak to anyone interested in social change and particularly feminist, gay and women-centered women.

Gwynn describes *The Longest Revolution* as "a feminist state of the union address." Commissioned for the 2003 30th WomanSource Fall Gathering outside of Ashland, Gwynn wrote the piece around the questions, "What has changed for women in these past 35 plus years?" "What have we accomplished?" and "What have we yet to do?"

Starring Bethroot Gwynn, Jane Mara and Jennifer Council, the piece includes cameos by seven other women from the area. Eugene residents Lory McClane and Judy Goldstein will share stories of their feminist work during the '70s, including participation in the Women's Press, Starflower Trucking Collective and Amazon Kung-Fu (a women's self-defense program).

Proceeds from Friday night's performance will benefit the Southern Oregon Lesbian Archival Collection at the UO Library. SOLAC librarians are actively gathering journals, essays, and letters that support research into the lesbian experience in Oregon.

Women: The Longest Revolution shows at 7:30 pm, Friday, April 23, in 100 Willamette, UO. Suggested donation is \$5-\$15. No reservations are necessary. The show will also be performed April 24 at Portland State University, where reservations are encouraged, (503) 232-6003. — *Kate Storm*

COUNCIL BALKS AT BLOCKING BIG STORES

While dozens of cities around the nation have moved to regulate big box stores such as Wal-Mart, it doesn't look like Eugene will be one of them.

The Eugene City Council voted 5-4 April 12 to not impose a moratorium on big box retailers. Councilors Nancy Nathanson, Jennifer Solomon, Gary Papé, and George Poling and Mayor Jim Torrey voted in favor of big boxes and Councilors Bonny Bettman, Betty Taylor, Scott Meisner and David Kelly voted to pursue a moratorium.

The moratorium would have been put in place pending a council meeting May 24 on whether to regulate the size, location, traffic impact and other issues with development of the giant stores. Big box stores are under attack across the nation and in Oregon for

urban sprawl, traffic congestion, pushing down wages, hurting local businesses and sheer ugliness. Most recently, Steamboat Springs, Colo., imposed a three month moratorium on big boxes, and the Central Point City Council in southern Oregon is taking a stand, despite threats of lawsuits, against a planned Wal-Mart "supercenter."

"The intent is to protect local businesses and local workers," said Taylor of her moratorium proposal. "It's way overdue. People are saying now, 'Why haven't you done something?'"

But Solomon said she opposes restrictions on the "valuable service" stores like Wal-Mart provide. "This just feels very anti-business to me."

Nathanson, now running for mayor, said city staff work on the moratorium would distract from higher priorities. She said a moratorium could affect a wide variety of retailers. "Are we saying no more Jerry's, no more 5th St. Public Market?"

Taylor said her proposal would clearly not apply to places like 5th Street, with many small stores in a single complex. It also would not apply to a controversial Wal-Mart expansion in West Eugene because the corporation is grandfathered in with an already submitted application.

Bettman said the city needs a moratorium before it addresses the big box issue May 24. In the past, developers have rushed to file permits for structures that wouldn't be permitted under proposed city code changes. "If we don't have a moratorium, then it just sends out a signal that now is the time to get your application in."

Bettman said preserving local jobs against poor-paying big boxes should be a city priority. The city spends a lot of money on economic development, she points out. "I think we can also spend money to protect local jobs."

A "Wal-Mart is a Bad Neighbor Rally" begins at 5 pm Thursday, April 22 at the corner of Commerce and West 11th in Eugene. — *AP*

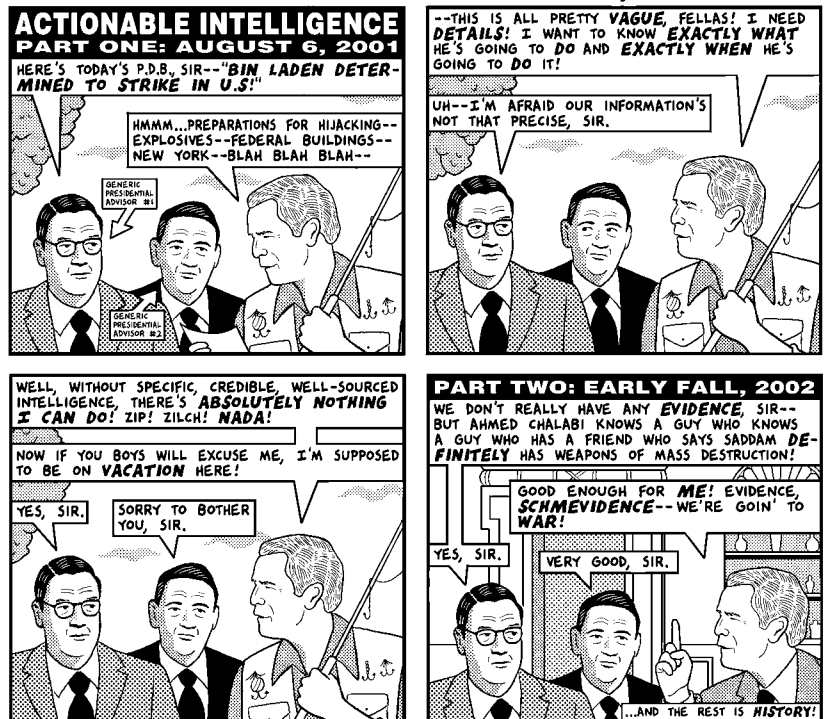
EFN HOOKING UP WITH LOCAL UTILITY

Two seemingly unrelated local public service organizations are making plans to link up to their mutual benefit. Eugene Free Network (EFN), struggling with financial and technical problems, announced this week that it will be turning over its Internet services to Emerald People's Utility District (EPUD).

Paul Harrison of the EFN board of directors said in an *EW* news story (4/8) that the non-profit organization was in a "tight financial situation" and was "looking at all possibilities." This week he said EPUD offered the best solution out of several possibilities.

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



NONVIOLENT PEACEFORCE SPEAKER TO OUTLINE MISSION

EPUD, in addition to providing traditional utility services over the past 20 years, has been growing a sideline, low-cost Internet service in recent years at www.epud.net

"A deal has been worked out so that all of our customers will be offered services, and will be able to receive service credits," says Harrison. "People who paid ahead will see their pay-aheads honored," and the current standard ISP rates will remain the same.

Harrison says EFN will "continue to participate in a scheme that allows low-income people to get discounts on rates and allows non-profits to receive services from OPN, the parent organization."

"We feel like it's really a good thing. EPUD is a strong electric company that has a strong ISP offering, very reliable, very solid, and they are the kind of people who work with a strong public interest motive," says Harrison. — *TJT*



Nick Mele

The idea of civilian peacekeeping is an idea that's been around a long time. In fact, according to Nonviolent Peaceforce (NVPF) spokesperson Nick Mele, who will speak in Eugene April 29, Mahatma Gandhi was working on such a project when he was assassinated. Gandhi's project might not have achieved fruition, but his vision has.

The NVPF is a recent incarnation. It was born when David Hartsough, a longtime peace activist who got his start in the civil rights movement of the 1960s, met Minnesota peace activist and Presbyterian minister Mel Duncan at the Hague Appeal for Peace Conference in May of 1999. The two started recruiting a small group of people at

Happening people BY PAUL NEEVEL

MATT BUTLER

Eugene native Matt Butler grew up in a musical family. "My mom was one of the founders of the Eugene Symphony," he notes. "She plays violin in the orchestra." Butler took up drums at an early age, and played piano through high school. In San Diego for college, he and fellow South Eugene grad Chris Haugen founded the band Jambay in 1989. "Jambay toured relentlessly for eight years," he says. "We did a lot of music, but even more driving!" Now the father of two young children, Butler stays closer to home in Eugene, where he plays local gigs, composes, and produces recordings. He still gets out of town on occasion to manage his personal social-activist project, the Everyone Orchestra, a varying group of all-star musicians that he has assembled to pay benefit concerts in Cincinnati, New Orleans, and now Eugene. The ninth EO performance (since 2001) is scheduled for Thursday, April 29, at the McDonald Theater. "The idea is to get great players together on stage," Butler says. "I call it 'music games' – beautiful things can happen." The concert will benefit Portland's Pangea Project, a non-profit engaging low-income kids in service activities.

