

STUPID ARTICLES

I am stunned that the *EW* editors would choose to print not just one, but two poor quality reports on the Magaña case, both written by Alan Pittman. "Blow Job" (6/10) reads like some teenage boy's attempt to write a dirty story. It may have been clever for the prosecutor to prepare jurors for the thousand repeats of that phrase, but Pittman's choice to use it as a theme served only to be painfully hilarious. It was possibly quite degrading to the many survivors/victims of sexual assault. I once volunteered three years as a crisis counselor at Rape Crisis Network. I also taught for three years at The Child Center in Springfield, which provides treatment for severely disturbed children, many of whom have been sexually abused. In all the intake reports I have read, and in reading news articles, survivor stories, etc., people have always used professional language in describing the actions and/or body parts. It is only appropriate to use trashy slang in a direct quote.

In Pittman's second attempt, "Rape by Cop" (6/17), he cleaned it up a bit, but still missed the boat in my opinion. It reads like a hasty attempt to save his job. And he still doesn't get the language issue. "Butt" may be less innocuous and less graphic than "blow job," but it is still trashy slang for a body area. And why does the reader, or anyone need to know about Magaña's erectile dysfunction? Mr. Pittman, I suggest you do some homework before your third attempt. On the other hand, you could take it to the extreme — throw in a little more degrading

terminology, maybe a few Viagra jokes and you might just have success at the entertainingly stupid articles that are typically printed in *EW*.

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CRIMINAL ASSUMPTION

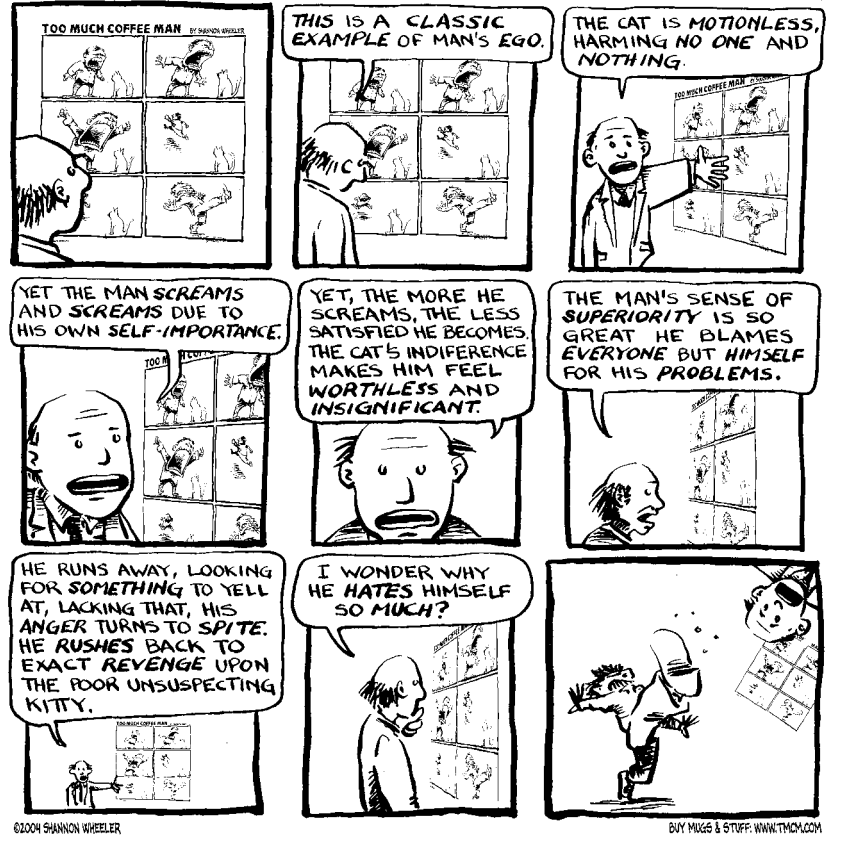
Why I do not shop at St Vincent De Paul Society of Lane County: They fingerprint you if you write a check for purchases. I find this act intolerable. After a long discussion with them about this policy, and their admission that they have lost customers over this policy, none of the offered rationales for this act hold water. I, therefore, choose to support other nonprofit societies that do not assume you might be a criminal when paying by check for purchases.

Darlene Schanfald
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RESPECT PERFORMERS

I also attended the May 26 Jolie Holland show and would like to offer a different perspective of the situation (letters, "Be Good Jolie," 6/17). Being a performer is not always an easy job and there are off days. The fan in question requested Be Good Tanyas songs a few times. Jolie tried to politely ignore her. When performers have carefully constructed a set it can be incredibly frustrating to be asked to perform songs from a band they are no longer with. Paying any amount of money to see a show should not entitle the audience to ownership of a musician's creativity. I certainly do not condone

TOO MUCH COFFEE MAN BY SHANNON WHEELER



telling anyone to fuck off. However, we are not privy to the experiences of the performer that led to this faux pas. There are the frustrations of bad sound, the exhaustion of weeks of traveling and performing that take an enormous toll.

I thoroughly enjoyed Jolie's performance and would love to see her again. I would encourage anyone who has not experienced her

to do so. She is a wonderfully talented artist, who deserves another chance to make an impression.

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