

that our friends in Dublin should offer as a special. I call it "Twin Towers:"

Fill two tall Collins glasses with ice. In each glass, pour 1/2 oz. vodka, 1/2. oz Triple Sec, 1/2 oz. gin, 1/2 oz. rum, 1/2 oz. sweet and sour mix. Fill with tonic. Wet two raw sugar cubes with Bacardi 151. Place each wet sugar cube on a half-slice of lemon. Place a sugar cube and lemon on each drink. Drizzle droplets of Grenadine into each drink. Light both sugar cubes and serve!

*Caleb Fegles
Corvallis*

REGULATE SEX WORK

I am writing in response to all the letters on your sex industry ads. I have been a feminist for 15 years and I am a self-defense teacher at SASS. Twelve years ago I picketed porn stores in Portland, and I felt very worried about sex workers from my middle class, white position in the world.

While I still think Andrea Dworkin is a genius and agree with many of her ideas, such as actors who are raped in porn being able to stop circulation of the product, I think the best way to achieve this is through legalization of prostitution.

Sex workers do not need our condescension. They need to be protected under the law, and need the rights that so many legal and illegal workers need and do not have. This would improve health and safety and chances of changing jobs if desired. Sex workers do not deserve criminal records, or being shamed, made invisible, and blamed for x, y and z.

Yes, sex work used to be an honored vocation in many places and, for some it still is. Some have been able to, and have chosen to, claim a heritage of pride in their work. It is obviously an oppressed industry because a) it is illegal, and b) this is patriarchy. We hate women, and most sex workers are women, though by no means all. Childcare work is an oppressed industry that compares in some ways. It is devalued and has class stigma and sexist stigma because it's women's work. But it is legal and also has the safety of being acceptable for women in this patriarchal climate.

If sex work were regulated and legal, there would be less profit for traffickers of sex slaves, and law enforcement and community could focus on busting these crimes and eradicating child prostitution and pornography. The rape and murder of sex workers would be a lot easier to stop, and sex workers would have more credibility, thus less vulnerability to rape and murder.

*Mandy Sturgill
Eugene*

FROM THE BOTTOM UP

To all you folks who are calling for a Nader vote in November, because he represents the progressive voice much better than Kerry I ask, where were you in May? Don't get me wrong. I think Kitty, Bonny, Betty, Andrea and David are just great, but none of them are registered as Greens or another third party. They are all registered Democrats.

Why is it that there is such a call for us to vote a third party on a national level, but not such a call on a local level? When are we going to have a *serious* local campaign run by someone who seeks out the Green Party or another third-party endorsement?

It simply makes sense to me — build the party from the bottom up, not the top down. To have a true affect on the national outlook with a third party we need to start with our City Council, our mayor, our state house and up. Without a solid local and statewide base the chances of a national third-party candidate (Green is my preference) as our president one day are none.

*M. Brooke Robertshaw
Eugene*

JUST THE FACTS

I am continually amazed at how puritanical this "progressive" little city is. Once again, the "porn"-in-the-back-of-the-paper issue has reared its stupid little head again. So let's review the facts...

Fact: *EW* is a *free* paper that supports *local* businesses by providing a well-read advertising forum for what I can only assume is a reasonable price.

Fact: There are many industries in this town that rely on advertising to speak to you, the customer, about their product.

Fact: If you do not want to support said industries, the best way to do so is to not purchase their products. Contrary to popular belief, griping about it does not make it go away.

So, that said, can we focus on more important issues than the "porn" that graces the *last* pages of this periodical? As I have said before, I will support the *EW's* right to procure funds from whomever they desire. If I find I do not like their product (or the people who fund it), I will not purchase/pick it up. I advise you to do the same.

*Justin Bengtson
Eugene*

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