

"This discussion fits right in with the work we are doing to encourage more sustainable practices and products."

Looking ahead in 2006, Piercy said the West Eugene Parkway will continue to garner attention. "Over time, circumstances have changed regarding the WEP. The costs have more than doubled, the wetlands have grown and developed, and the city of Eugene is now asked to pay for some of the parkway. It is likely that this parkway will continue to be in legal limbo for years to come. I believe folks want traffic issues dealt with and we should attend to that."

Piercy and the council have proposed a "regional collaborative effort to see if we could make some adjustments, get more community support, and move past this impasse to real community solutions."

She described the collaborative effort as a "stakeholder process facilitated by a neutral skilled transportation specialist. It is an opportunity for all the partners to get beyond where we have been stuck for more than 20 years."

Regarding hospital siting, Piercy said for two years she's been wanting a Triad hospital on the south side of the Willamette River, "because I think that is best in case of a disaster. Thus far, I have not been able to achieve that. In part, it is because the south side locations that might be available are not appealing to the physicians who must practice there. Keeping physicians is key to the survival of MW/Triad."

## CITY SLOW TO CUT EMISSIONS

The city of Portland reported this year that it had cut carbon dioxide emissions from the city to below 1990 levels. That compares with a 17 percent national increase in the key global warming pollutant over the same period.

Portland accomplished the feat through reducing car use with light rail transit, using renewable energy, tree planting and home weatherization programs.

Will "green" Eugene, now in the midst of a "sustainability initiative," do the same?

Assistant City Manager Jim Carlson said the city's sustainability efforts are now focused on cleaning up city government, with hybrid cars, energy efficient buildings and other measures, rather than reducing emissions by city residents and businesses. "We haven't done the citywide analysis," he told the City Club recently. "We still have a ways to go." — Alan Pittman

## RECRUITERS GEARING UP

Military recruiters are preparing for their spring recruiting season with a \$4 billion budget, and are expected to hit hard on local high school students.

"High school seniors, get ready," says Phil Weaver of Eugene PeaceWorks. "No plans after graduation? Worried about stu-

dent aid for college? Needing to learn job skills? Wanting to travel? These are the hooks that will be used to entice you into serving in the military."

Weaver says there are non-military options for all these concerns. "Before you enlist, get all the facts," he says.

PeaceWorks and Community Alliance of Lane County (CALC) are looking for veterans for "counter-counseling" through the Committee for Countering Military Recruitment. The committee will help young people who are considering military enlistment by examining enlistment contracts, promised positions and benefits, and the realities of combat and military life.

A training for counter-counselors is coming up Sunday, Jan. 8. For information, call 343-8548 ext. 1 or 485-1755 or visit [www.countermilitary.org](http://www.countermilitary.org)

Slug Queen Frank Slugsnotra, aka Shandi Sinnamon



## SLUG QUEEN KICKS OFF NEW YEAR

Eugene's multi-talented Slug Queen Frank Slugsnotra, aka Shandi Sinnamon, will be facilitating a workshop on new year intentions, goals and desires from 4 to 8 pm New Year's Day at Cozmic Pizza. The event

is a benefit for Womenspace, and a \$20 sliding scale donation is suggested.

"Intention is a determination to act in a certain way or to do a certain thing," she says. "Do you have intentions you don't even know about? Do you have goals and desires you would like to see fulfilled? Are you willing to delve into your character? Are you willing to play with words and doodles and crayons and specific questions?"

The Intentions Workshop is an opportunity to "explore yourself in a conscious and subconscious way," she says, and it's a "fun, powerful, and a wonderful way to start the new year."

A workbook and other materials are provided. To reserve a seat, call 349-0815.

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