

rhetoric and stereotypes can easily evolve into acts of harassment, discrimination and other unjust treatment. The city's human rights resolution sends a message that such acts will not be tolerated in Eugene, a message that needs to be widely heard, acclaimed, and respected.

Ken Neubeck
Eugene

EYE ON THE CENTER

On behalf of WREN, I would like to thank Mary O'Brien (6/8) for bringing the importance of the West Eugene Wetlands Education Center and programs to the attention of your readers. The West Eugene Wetlands Education Program has been operating on the proposed Education Center site. In the past four years, more than 11,000 students, young and old, have attended education programs despite the limitations of the current, primitive facility.

The proposed Education Center site is ideally situated, close to a variety of transportation modes (bike path, bus and automobile) and adjacent to natural areas to optimize experiential learning. Through appropriate site design and landscaping for the new Education Center, the site can be substantially improved to make it much better for Fender's blue butterflies than the site's current condition, allowing visitors the opportunity to see these rare creatures in their native habitat.

Even though the most recent studies conclude that the site is not considered critical habitat for the Kinkaid's lupine or Fender's blue butterfly, upland prairie restoration will be one of the primary values considered in the final planning and design.

The time is ripe to perfect the plans for the Education Center, and to collaborate as a community to decide how best to blend the land, the buildings, and the infrastructure to reflect the values and dreams of our citizens.

Tim Whitley
WREN Board President

SHE SPEAKS FOR ME

Whenever I sit in on a City Council meeting, I am always pleased that I don't have to always jump out of my chair or take the mic to offer rebuttal to the input from special interests; though, rest assured, I have and will if necessary. Why? Because Councilor Bonny Bettman generally hits the nail on the head (see cover story 6/15).

It's a tough gig having to represent the citizens of Eugene against developers who think they know what's best for us. And we can't always be involved 100 percent of the time. Frankly, I think it's a big personal sacrifice to brandish that shield full time. And it tickles me that she won't let them run roughshod over our desires and our vision for the community.

They can be insulted by her "uppity broad" stance as much as they like. Me? I think it's damn sexy.

Davy Ray
Eugene

DENIAL IS EXPENSIVE

Good for the gritty and bold women of Eugene who looked intimidation and fear in the face to get Roger Magaña and Juan Lara, two rogue cops, off the streets of Eugene.

This is a leadership problem that should not be tolerated. People in various positions around Eugene had to have heard the rumors, but no one had the courage to deal with these corrupt cops. Denial and looking the other way is expensive.

The line has been drawn in the sand, and I will be shocked if other women walking in these shoes do not come out and blow the whistle on other perverted, corrupt thugs around the country.

Lou Cinda Black
Emmett, Idaho

LONG MAY SHE REIGN

Thank you for the enlightening and informative piece on natural burial (6/8) featuring Cynthia Beal, aka 2002 Slug Queen Radia. However, one small thing could not escape my eye. While Cynthia IS the former Red Barn owner, there are no "former" Slug Queens. Likewise, no past, no previous, and no ex- Slug Queens exist in this realm or the next. The proper term for a Slug Queen who has stopped "raining" is Old Queen, although it is equally acceptable to refer to her by her year, as in "2002 Queen Radia," or simply as "Slug Queen Radia."

Once she reaches her 10-year anniversary she becomes a Very Old Queen and 20 years earns her the venerable title of Very VERY Old Queen. OK, now that we've got that under control, will everyone out there in ReaderLand please repeat after me: Once a Queen, always a Queen.

2000 Slug Queen Accordionna,
Supreme Sovereign of Squeeze

GIVE A BIG HUGGLY

After reading a couple of Sally-bashing letters in the EW recently, I am compelled to write and say, "Sally, you carry on, girl!" I appreciated your column on the baby-making decision and co-parenting a fledgling adult. I enjoy reading your contributions to the EW and by the way — to those readers who get irked by her point of view and style, I say *don't read her columns!* There's plenty else in the EW to peruse. Lord knows I don't read everything printed in an issue. So Sally, you keep that lovely, self-satisfied goddess "simper" of a smile, and a big huggly snuggly for you too!

B.R. Bishop
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