

RADICAL LOONIES

I have been an avid reader of *EW* for just under four years now, enjoying everything from the coverage of the smallest bands and artists in the music scene to dance and entertainment and the various stories that portray a great picture of how awesome Eugene really is. I am extremely appalled, however, at Kera Abraham's five-part article on the history of eco-terrorism in Eugene.

Environmentalism is one of the greatest causes in the world and I am proud to say I live in one of the greenest cities in this country. But Ms. Abraham's blatant bias towards something that has cast a black cloud on environmental issues in the past years shines far too brightly to me. After reading two parts to this article, it is obvious to me that Abraham supports these radicals and all the damage they've done over the years in the name of their "cause."

Memo to Abraham: We see terrorism today as a method of spreading ideals through fear. Just like our silly war on terror over in the Middle East, so do we deal with our own form of terrorism at home — these radical loonies who commit arson, defy police and protest law (peaceful protesting, my ass) and destroy for the sake of telling these big logging corporations "look at me, look at me."

Sure, there may have been little to no human casualties on the side of those against these morons, but what if there were? How would Abraham feel if these acts resulted in dozens of accidental deaths? Would she still be in favor of blowing up a gas-guzzling Hummer or killing a logger or firebombing a warehouse to build a treehouse in a tree marked for cutting?

What these radicals have done fits the definition of terrorism better than our own president could define (which is to say he can't). It's sad that Abraham has to resort to pushing such nonsense on the readers of this publication when she clearly has let her head get bigger than her pen, or keyboard. I am sad to see the *Weekly's* political agenda take charge over its normally strong content in the past few months, and I notice that Abraham is clearly spearheading the stories that do manage to make the cover. Why else would she be allowed such a large and unnecessary story? If this is supposed to be the work of the best journalist in town this year, thanks to your own awards, I must say I'm extremely disappointed in its integrity.

Michael "Ike" Terrance
Eugene

SAVE THE HOLE!

Once again the city of Eugene and developers are looking at the downtown with grand plans for its future. This has to be stopped.

If downtown is to remain a deserted, ugly

hulk, we must, must stop any half-hearted, spendy attempts to revive it. Like the Woodbury Hole on Willamette, it is vital the Sears Hole remain a monument to the poor city planning it so eloquently represents.

We can not allow another miscued ploy to create a bustling, lively environment for people to live or stroll about on a warm summer night after a concert at the Hult Center or the WOW Hall. A place where art galleries and cafes thrive to bring folks to the center of town. Oh no.

While this potential shining example of urban development wastes away like a ignored anorexic, the south town district blossoms like a popular debutante. As it should. We can not allow the library, bus depot and the McDonald Theatre to be swamped with desirability. We can not maintain the easy flow of traffic for cars and the future express bus if the area is developed. We can not spend our time complaining and engaging in sarcastic commentary if brighter minds got their way.

No, save the Sears Hole and save the whiny, conservative, loser mentality that is the hallmark of Eugene.

Alisa McLaughlin
Eugene

COMPASSIONATE ACTIVIST

I want to thank you for the kind words contained in Part I of your series "Flames of Dissent" (11/2): "But here in Eugene, where most of the alleged saboteurs have lived, those faces are familiar to hundreds and dear to many. *EW* spoke with more than a dozen local people who described the accused as compassionate, Earth-loving people, influenced by a time that also shaped Eugene."

These words touched my heart because through my work I met Kevin Tubbs, his dog Pujo (both pictured in a much younger and wilder time in the article) and his partner Michelle in August 2005. A tearful message on my answering machine from Kevin led me to a house call to see if anything could be done to help their 15-year-old dog recover from a terrible infection on his neck. I met a sweet, caring couple who cared deeply for their old friend. I could tell they were dedicated and capable of the nursing care needed if Pujo was going to get better. After three to four weeks of daily bandage changes and medication (coaxed by many dog treats), Pujo fully healed from the infection.

During this time I greatly enjoyed their company as we shared stories about the animals in our lives, how to live more sustainable ... your basic Eugene "kindred spiritism" that makes living here so wonderful.

Eight months later I got another call from Michelle that Pujo was starting to have more difficulties. It was then I learned of Kevin's arrest and incarceration earlier in the year, and Kevin's grave concern that Pujo would



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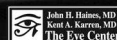
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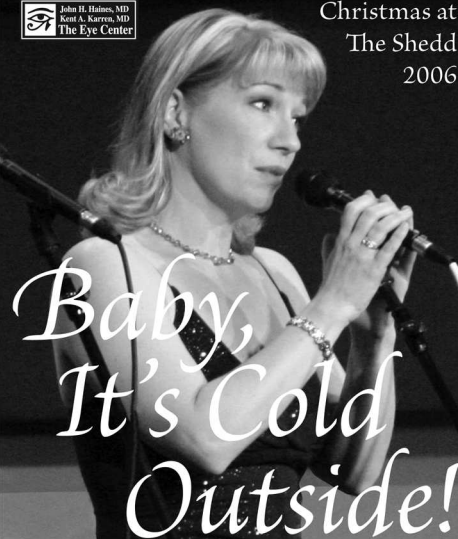
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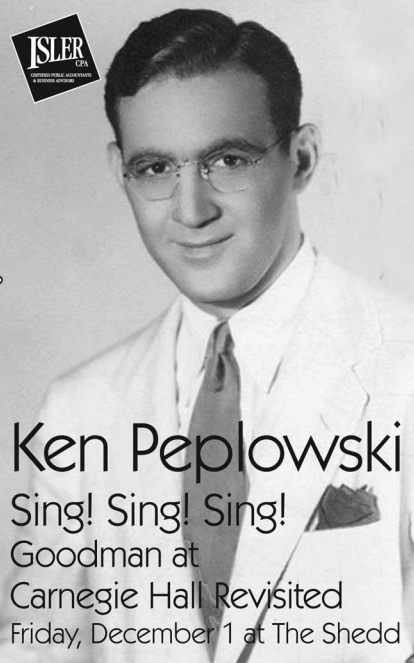
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