

to do as she is present at events all over the city.

I think all this, and more, qualifies Piercy to be called Mayor of All Eugene. I find her accessibility, warmth and engagement with Eugene and all its factions to be extraordinarily sincere and consistent. She performs gracefully under fire and takes the hard knocks, whether from the left or the right. And she does get them from both sides — when someone draws criticisms from both extremes, that's another proof that she is striving for everyone. Eugene is a better city because of her.

And our mayor answers all her own email. I don't even do that. Do you? I'm very excited about four more years of Mayor Kitty Piercy.

Lynn Dixon
Eugene

DESTRUCTIVE REPORTING

I have read the *EW* since moving here 15 years ago. I will not however be reading it again until the destructive, sensationalized manner you have descended to in your reporting of local school news is remedied. The stories you have been printing are increasingly beneath what your readers expect of you. Eastside School is a community of teachers, staff, parents and students who are artistic, liberal, devoted, positive and kind-hearted (as well as *EW* readers and staff).

Your continual portrayal of the community in such a spiteful, harmful

manner is not constructive for or supportive of our Eugene community. Ultimately it is the children who most feel the effects at this stressful, uncertain time. It takes a village, and that is why we settled in Eugene. The children, your readers and the Eugene community deserve better from you.

JoAnn Hoffman
Eugene

KLCC'S LIMITED OPTIONS

Why isn't KLCC providing the real diverse community radio programming they have a mission or obligation to provide as a public radio station? As a resident of rural Lane county, KLCC is the only public radio signal I receive.

Programming options are crucial to those of us with such limited options. Last week, KLCC hosted a call-in show to allow the listeners to have a say in the radio stations' future programming. So I called. I suggested bringing back Harry Shearer's "Le Show" (which is FREE to any NPR affiliate, including KLCC) and "This American Life" and adding "Democracy Now."

I asked if one of the two weekly installments of "Car Talk" could be replaced with one of these shows. The defensive response I received from one KLCC manager was, "Why do people attack 'Car Talk'?" It is one of our most popular shows." Excuse me, I wasn't attacking "Car Talk." I like "Car Talk," but why is it on twice a week when the opportunity exists to air

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