

GLAD OR MAD

Michael Crane's "Awful Writing" letter (5/8) criticizing Sally Sheklow was itself awfully low, for he must have flunked Writing 101. Sheklow is great at catching and holding readers' attention through her catchy unorthodox writing style. Sheklow is no Maureen Dowd, but she knows how to get and hold the attention of readers and make them glad or mad depending on their beliefs and lifestyles. It wasn't her best piece, but one cannot write a best piece every time. Give her some slack, and she will snap right back; just don't put your hand anywhere near her mouth!

Bob Saxton
Eugene

OUR WEEKLY SPRAWL

I sometimes wonder how *Eugene Weekly* would smear candidates or professionals in the business and development fields if the word "sprawl" was removed from the English language. However, I needn't worry. Knowing the *Weekly*, it would surely find a way.

Roxie Cuellar
Yachats

JEZEBEL BUSES

When I was an adolescent growing up in that nearly nostalgic bygone era of the 1990s, I lived with my mother in Albany, and her only stable source of income was the child support money my father sent her every month. A good deal of that money usually ended up at the Mountain of Foolish Spirits (other wise known as Spirit Mountain Casino). Every month she would spend whatever amount she could get away with spending at the wretched place. Usually it was after she'd been badgered into paying the monthly bills, but one night in 1997 I came home to the motel we lived at (our third motel since getting kicked out of our third apartment complex) to find the office light on the phone blinking. Turns out that the management wanted to know where the hell was last week's rent. I told them that mom had shown up at school telling me

she'd paid some bills and was off to Salem to "study for her food handlers card."

The food handlers card bit was a lie I'd heard often enough before to know what was really up. She'd made another journey to the Mountain of Foolish Spirits and left me to the wolves. I spent that evening on the street until almost midnight when a friend's parents talked me into reporting myself abandoned.

I can't imagine for a single instant that I am the only kid that had such hardships befall them because of gambloholoc parents and the institutions that help relieve them of currency better spent on bills and food.

Since moving back to Eugene last year, I've grown accustomed to seeing buses with bold, garish ads emblazoned on the sides. In just this past month however, a sickening sight has started to become all too common, LTD completely covered with advertisements for the Mountain of Foolish Spirits. I find this to be fucking revolting! I don't even want to hear the B.S. of people who'd say "Oh, that kind of advertisement doesn't really work." Of course it does. Why the hell do you think companies keep doing it? Even one mother or father seeing one of those painted jezebel buses and getting the itch to go blow some money on the false hopes of striking it rich is too much.

I have some questions for the LTD administrators: How much money are you getting paid to whore out your buses? Is it enough to help you sleep at night? More importantly, how much money do you think you're inspiring parents to spend there instead of on their children?

Greg Basore
Eugene

HANG-OVER CYNICISM

Deb Huntley ("Eugene Not Exempt," 5/15), you must be off your rocker. Maya Angelou and John Grisham are "very wise writers"? MoveOn.org, the DNC and Obama have "tried everything short of hog-tying" the presumptive losing Democratic candidate? Wesley Clark is considered a feather in Hillary Clinton's cap? Oh, goodness. Worst

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