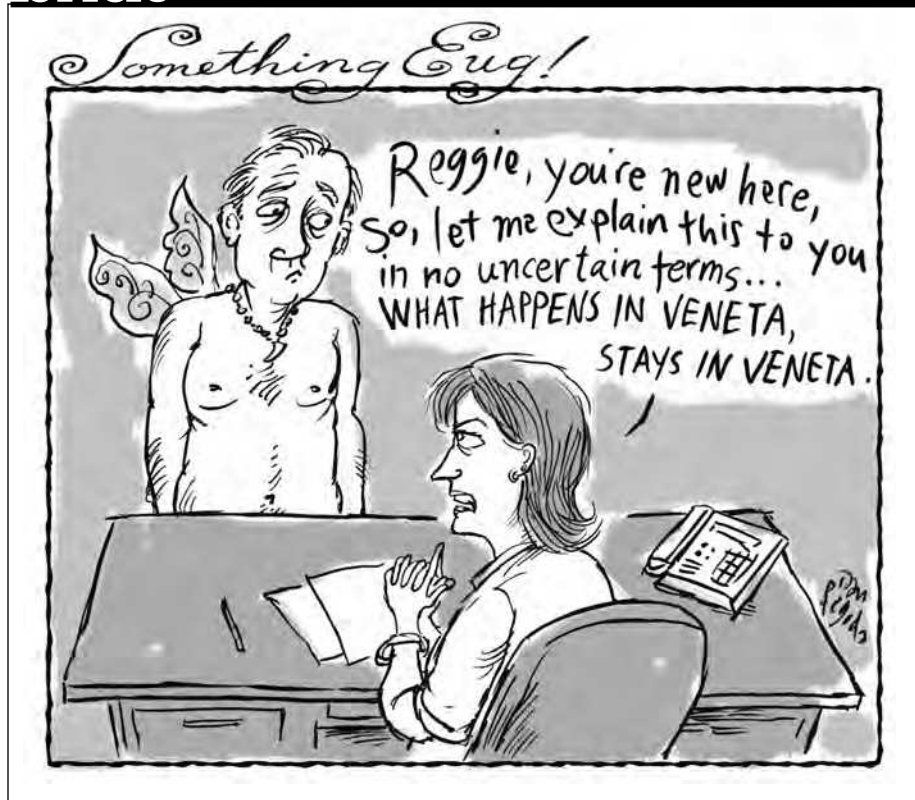




an insider's viewpoint. I have fortunately been places that provided wonderful reviews of local restaurants, addresses and maps of gallery walks, etc. in many cities. This benefits so many small, local businesses, as well as giving a cosmopolitan impression of the city. You had an opportunity to showcase the wonderful things Eugene has to offer.

Eugene has been seriously blemished by your publishing of this article.

Brenda Monroe
Eugene

DIGGING FOR DIRT

What a pleasure it was to read the July 3 edition of *EW*! Every article was positive and well written and there were few if any references to our elitist alternative schools, malicious police and nefarious multinational corporations.

This edition was a very pleasant change from your usual endless and repetitive diatribes against these entities. Your pre-Olympic Trials issue (6/26) hit a new low with Alan Pittman's article detailing all of the perceived injustices that have taken

place in Eugene since the founding of the city, so it was particularly refreshing to read the latest issue. Realizing that he had an even larger crowd to whine to, Pittman dug deep to find all of the dirt that he could possibly find. He behaved like an undisciplined child who waits until the relatives are visiting so that he can tell everybody all of the family problems.

It wasn't until I finished the July 3 edition that I realized why the issue was so positive. There were no articles written by Pittman. Keep up the good work, *EW*, and let's keep *EW* Pittman-free.

Dave Taube
Eugene

EDITOR'S NOTE: The July 3 issue was not entirely Pittman-free. He wrote the informative news story on five proposals for the Sears pit. We like to think of Alan Pittman as the conscience of Eugene, constantly reminding us of the work we still need to do in order to create a better city and county. And last time we counted, his investigative reporting has earned 50 state and regional awards for journalism excellence.

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