



comments on the productions, I would suggest that she apply her high standards for acting to her own writing and eliminate the self-indulging complaints about her own discomforts and biases against community theater.

*Karen Creighton
Eugene*

COPS SHOULD QUESTION

I respect police who honor their code of conduct, who do this difficult work. For other police who may act counter to that code and the public trust, we're all capable of changing. And I hope police know we see much of the problems are systemic, that they are often placed in situations demanding they act counter to what is right, such as that Portland officer who refused an order to shoot rubber bullets at a crowd he felt did not deserve this. He was fired; his union backed him; he was reinstated. I'd like to shake that man's hand and the union that stood by him. Perhaps there will be more such incidents of police refusing wrongful orders.

I understand why police lobbied to have Tasers added to the EPD arsenal: to avoid lethal force. I doubt any officer really wants to shoot and kill. The Taser proposal has some merit — Taser or bullets? But it's a distinction lost on the 300 people who have died after being Tasered. Death by multiple Taser is surely a horrible way to die; given the choice, they may have preferred a bullet. There must be a better tool to protect police and others without causing

death. It appears there have been many incidents where it didn't rise to the level of lethal force, yet Tasers were still used. I understand you'll be reviewing this again. I hope we can find a safer alternative.

Thank you for the time you take from loved ones to do this essential work.

*Carol Berg-Caldwell
Eugene*

SECRETIVE CITY

Currently under way are private meetings about massive spending of public funds. The UO/Nike arena now has reached a price of a quarter billion dollars (including the parking garage).

What is a "public-private partnership"? In short, it means private, closed-door meetings are held to decide how to spend massive amounts of public money. Our new all-powerful city manager and our shady Ward 3 City Councilor Alan Zelenka are participating in closed-door meetings related to enabling the UO/Nike arena building permit. The new city manager came in with claims and promises of open government, accountability and transparency. The schedule of arena-related meetings our city manager and Zelenka are participating in is not being posted in the list of city meetings published in the local paper and is also not available upon request. Also, no minutes are being recorded at many of the meetings.

The city of Eugene and secretive foundations and "partners" are aiming to combine resources and streamline development of the infamous public private

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