

senior master sergeant. So I do things like pick up my dog's poop as a responsible dog owner. On June 26 I picked up poop and seeing a garbage can still in the street I dropped the biodegradable bag in it. As I was walking away a woman came out of the house yelling she didn't want poop in her can. Not wanting a confrontation I continued to walk away. She yelled that she will follow me to my house and then called me an asshole.

I walked my dog home and stewed about it and then the integrity in me said I should go back and get the poop. As I pulled up in front of the house I saw a Eugene police officer. I followed him up to the front door and he asked me if I lived there. I said, "No I'm here to get my bag of poop." He chuckled and asked how I knew about it. I told him she seem so upset about the poop I thought I should come back and get it. He asked me to return to my car. I saw the bag of poop that she must have taken out of her garbage can and threw into the street. I retrieved it.

The officer came out grinning and he said he wouldn't ticket me for "theft of services," which the woman probably wanted, and he thanked me for saving him a trip to my house. The woman must have followed me home. He did need to check me for warrants, so I gave him my driver's license and we chitchatted during the wait. He said this was the first dog poop call he's ever had in 17 years on the force.

I wonder who is the thief here? Me or her, taking a valuable law enforcement asset off the street over dog poop. This was the day 30 prisoners were released from jail due to budget cuts. I will say the policeman was polite and professional during the whole situation.

*Tim Bennett
Eugene*

OUR TROUBLES ARE OVER

The City Council's decision to grant extensive tax breaks to the Capstone housing project is good news indeed: It means that our fiscal problems are over at last! Just think, only last year we closed the swimming pools and told the kids to sit on the couch for a month so we could save a mere \$200,000. Now we can afford to give away millions to people who can make a profit without such tax breaks.

We must be in really good shape! We can expect more police on bikes downtown, infrastructure maintenance and possibly a kick-in to our underfunded local schools. I'm glad to hear the city is in such good financial shape.

*William (Chico) Schwall
Eugene*

WATER SNATCHERS

In regards to the water grab that Willamette Water Company (Greg Demers

is one of the owners) is attempting: I have not seen any mention of the studies that concludes our water supply in Oregon is in danger of being reduced by about 50 percent from decreased snow pack due to climate change. One of the scariest new strategies of corporate resource grabbers worldwide is the privatization of water. Without water, there is no life.

We must keep water a public resource, especially in these times of climate instability. Look around: record high temperatures globally for the last 10 years, floods, droughts, wildfires. Beware of ALL water privatization efforts.

*Pamela Driscoll
Dexter*

EDITOR'S NOTE: Take a look at our December 2010 award-winning series, "Mayhem on the McKenzie," dealing with climate change and water speculation on the McKenzie River. <http://wkly.ws/1ba>

JAUNDICED EYESORE

Well, it is nice to see the LCC building downtown is almost finished. As a neighboring business, the reduced traffic and congestion will be most welcomed.

Is it just me or is the new building ... er ... ugly or what? I asked when they were going to paint the marigold yellow tiles and they said that this is the finished product. If this is the finished product, someone really dropped the ball at R&D because this thing is an eyesore!

Sorry LCC, not what I would call a masterpiece.

*John Carlson
Eugene*

STORM'S BACHSIDE?

I finally got it! That's pretty "punny"! On page 2 of your Oregon Bach Festival Guide June 21, you started out with Storm Large's "back" photo!

*Mark Jaquette
Eugene*

EDITOR'S NOTE: We enjoy pun-ishing our readers, and as long as you keep reading us, we won't be de-pressed.

FREE TO PROWL AGAIN

Gee, it's too bad they had to let all of those inmates out of the jail, including the one that was just caught breaking into the Cornucopia Restaurant in my neighborhood. Good thing they got that fence up around the city councilor's house; that just-released breaking-and-entering guy won't be going in there.

*Elena Rae
Eugene*

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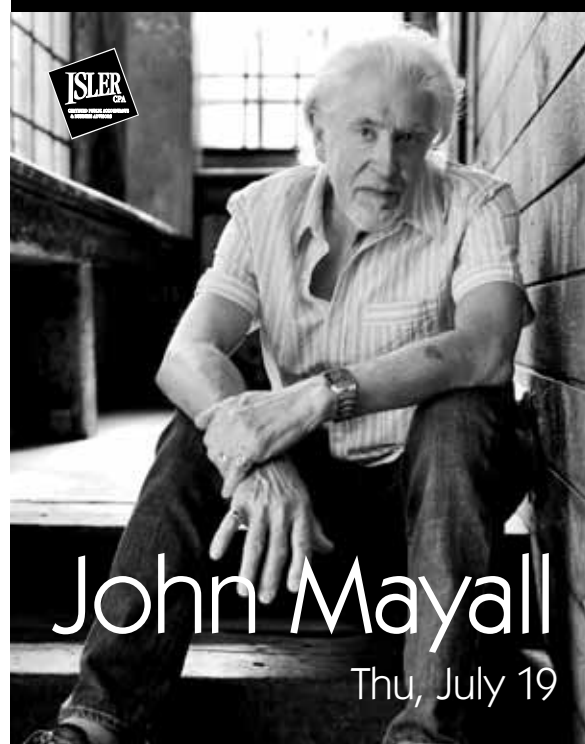
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