

# THIS MODERN WORLD

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members of DGR so that we may speak for ourselves.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This story led to a letter-writing and voice-message campaign from DGR members and supporters expressing nearly identical complaints. The dozen or so letters are on file.

## BEGIN THE HEALING

I am writing in response to Carolina Reid's article, "Professors To Speak On Anti-Rape Movement On College Campuses" published Jan. 30. I agree that sexual assault and harassment should be reported and that teachers be required to reveal these instances to authority even if found out confidentially. If it goes unreported then it is likely to happen to someone else.

It would be hard to relive the tragedy but if it can save others, why would you not want to spare them from it? The victims should feel comfortable knowing if they can share it with one person then steps can be taken against the perpetrator. These instructors are here to help, not make the situation worse. If the decision is already made not to speak about the incident, then don't worry; this law is for those who want to tell but are scared and maybe don't know what steps to take.

Speak up, don't hide what happened! Only then can action be taken to prevent this horrifying experience from happening to others. Start counseling so healing can begin.

Raina VanVleet  
Springfield

## BULLSHIT REPELANT

The title of the latest anti-Greenhill letter, "The Usual Bullshit" [1/30], absolutely sums it up. The usual bullshit is the relentless and hateful attacks against Greenhill and the 1st Avenue shelters, with especially mean-spirited and vicious attacks against Greenhill's director and shelter veterinarian.

It is not bullshit that there are not enough homes for all the animals, as claimed in the letter; it is reality. Another criticism is not enough volunteers and

adoptions. Is it possible that the hate campaign against these shelters is making people not volunteer, adopt and donate? A lack of volunteers and donations leads to lack of care for animals and fewer animals saved. Precious time and resources are used every time allegations have to be responded to. How exactly is any of that helping the cause?

Every day across our country there are shelters that euthanize literally barrels-full of healthy and adoptable animals. That is the kind of situation that begs for people to raise their voices and demand that it stop. Perhaps the people in this community, who have endless energy for criticizing Greenhill and 1st Avenue at every opportunity, might find a better use of their time there.

Randi E. Golub, CVT  
Eugene

## WASTE NOT

The experience of the Dexter and Blue River communities in their approach to long-term and current water-quality improvement may serve both Goshen and Lane County as they seek additional funding to complete a wastewater feasibility study.

For more than 30 years the Dexter Sanitary District has been dealing with water quality issues. The \$90,000 Blue River wastewater feasibility study was commissioned "to assess the current facilities, and develop alternatives and recommendations for wastewater systems that would allow more businesses to open within the community, provide existing residences with a solution to their failing septic systems and preserve the water quality of adjacent river systems."

The R-G [March 13, 2013] reported that the East Lane Commissioner stated that Lane County is determined "not to use public funds to pay for the [Goshen] redevelopment." It now appears that even though Goshen's wetlands have been "nationally inventoried," the county is moving forward with a Goshen sewer-service feasibility study. At a minimum, feasibility consultants, who may propose privatized approaches to Goshen's sewer-services needs, should be thoroughly vetted.

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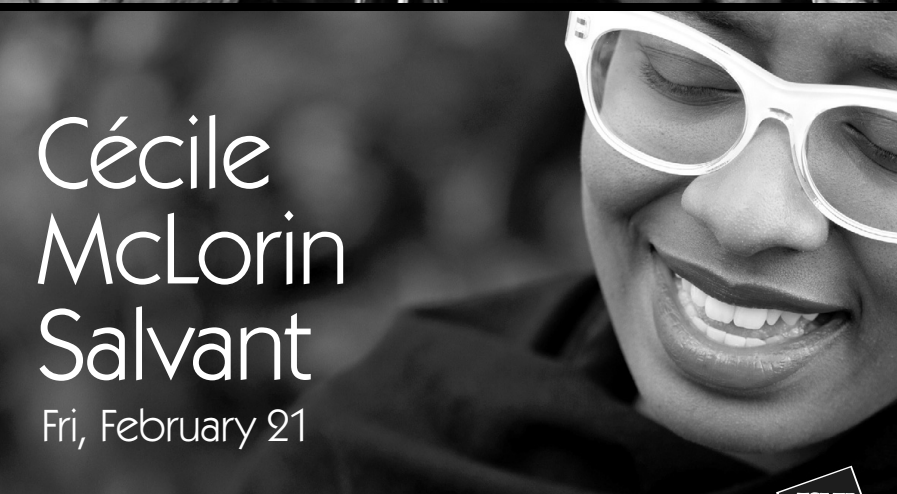
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