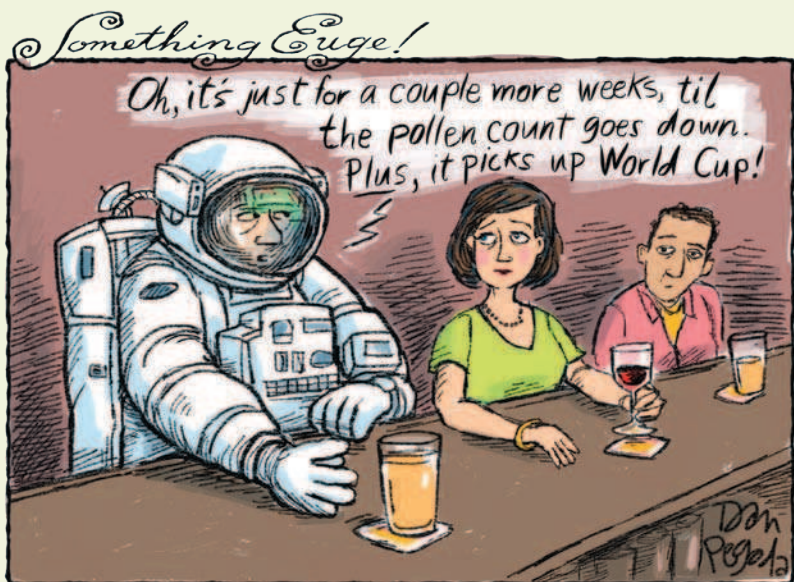


SLANT

- The **Eugene Celebration** (the official version of it anyway) may be canceled for this year, but the parade will go on. Kesey Enterprises sent out a press release announcing that thanks to “overwhelming public input and encouragement,” there will be a **2014 Eugene Celebration Parade** 11 am Aug. 23 thanks to Lane Community College, the city of Eugene and an all-volunteer steering committee. That evening there will be a \$5 concert at the Cuthbert. Sounds like plans are still underway by community members for an unofficial, and free, celebration of Eugene. Now we just need to know when the SLUG queen coronation will take place.



- Two “turtles,” both attorneys from opposite ends of the political spectrum, were applauded June 13 at the City Club of Eugene. Lauren Regan and Cal Smith won the **2014 Turtle Awards** “for sticking their necks out for Eugene.” Founder and executive director of the Civil Liberties Defense Center, Regan specializes in environmental law, civil rights and criminal defense, both in Oregon and now nationally for clients such as tar-sands blockaders. Smith, a business lawyer who has served on the Eugene 4J school board for more than a decade, has given hundreds of hours working through the contentious issues of underfunded schools in a community deeply dedicated to public education. Shout out for turtles.

- The **UO’s reams of color-coded redacted responses** to the public requests by journalists and others have frustrated those investigating the basketball rape case. Among those who refuse to be stymied by the university’s choice to black out large blocks of information in emails between UO administrators and others is the *New York Times*, which filed an appeal June 12 with Lane County District Attorney Alex Gardner asking “that the documents be provided in accordance with the law.” UO Matters blogger Bill Harbaugh has the *NYT* letter, and plenty of commentary, at uomatters.com.



- In response to our “**Places and Spaces**” feature in our Summer Guide May 29, Eugene artist Scott Parker showed us a painting of one of his special views, an eagle nest above Lamb Cottage in Skinner Butte Park. He says he’s observed bald eagles nesting there and raising chicks for the past four or five years. The nest can also be seen at eye level from the trail going up Skinner Butte.

- We’re **cutting library hours** in Eugene to balance our city budget and struggling with unworkable teacher-student ratios while the ill-conceived wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have cost Eugene taxpayers \$637 million so far and counting. The human and financial costs of war are not abstract; they affect all of us. Kudos to the folks still protesting and lobbying for peace and justice while most people in our nation, and in Congress, just sigh and shrug.

NEWS

WHERE TO WATCH THE WORLD CUP

The 2014 FIFA World Cup may be in progress a full continent away, but that doesn’t mean you can’t throw on your USA jersey and experience a sliver of the camaraderie and sporting atmosphere here in Eugene. Several local establishments should have more than enough soccer — ahem, *futbol* — on tap in the coming weeks to be your World Cup proxy.

First up is **The Tap and Growler**, located at 207 E. 5th Ave., which during the World Cup is offering \$1 off pints for anyone wearing a soccer jersey — regardless of club affiliation — as well \$1 off pints in general when a cup game is being played. Next is **Sidelines Grill & Sports Bar**, located at 77 W. Broadway downtown (formerly John Henry’s), which during group play will open an hour early — at 9 am — for about 75 percent of the matches until Saturday, June 28,

when play progresses to the round of 16, when it will open an hour early for each matchup. Call Sidelines at 654-4690 for info about specific matches.

Just a half block away at 924 Willamette St., **The Barn Light** will show individual games using a projector and screen; visit The Barn Light’s Facebook page for a match-viewing schedule.

Also showing cup matches via projector — and offering occasional food and drink deals and giveaways — will be **The Bier Stein**, located at 1524 Willamette St.; call 485-2437 or visit its Facebook page for more info.

During the afternoons, the **Hop Valley Tasting Room**, located at 990 W. 1st Ave., will show matches with sound on its six flat screens, offering deals on pints and growlers during matches.

And don’t forget **Oakshire** at 207 Madison St., where matches airing between the hours of 11 am to 10 pm will play on two 70-inch HD televisions brought in specifically for broadcasting soccer. — *Samuel Wendel*

WJ SKATEPARK + PLAZA BRINGS MORE BUSINESS TO LOCAL SHOPS

Kick, push, kick, push; clunk, clunk, clunk. With the official opening of WJ Skatepark + Urban Plaza June 21, those are the noises that Eugeneans will be hearing a lot more of. And that is music to the ears of Jeremy Conant, the marketing director for Tactics, a Eugene-based skate, snow and surf shop, located just blocks from the new skatepark.

Conant says via email that the park is attracting a lot of attention across the Northwest, which is good for businesses in Eugene. Whether they are restaurants or skate shops, Conant says that businesses are feeling the impact of the park, and Tactics will be sure to seize the opportunity. “Once the park officially opens June 21, Tactics will begin a series [of] skate competitions that should attract skaters and spectators from outside Eugene, sometimes in large numbers,” Conant writes.

Conant says that because the business is private, it won’t release specific numbers, but business has been positively impacted by the nearby skatepark. “What’s really been exciting is the number of young people we’ve seen coming in with friends or a parent to buy their first board.” He adds, “It’s a great sport for promoting physical, outdoor play and building self-esteem. I think we can credit the new park and the excitement surrounding that with encouraging many more kids to give skateboarding a try.” As a Eugene-born-and-raised individual, Conant hasn’t seen anything like it.

When asked how many more customers he is seeing, Conant wouldn’t say. But he guarantees that the impact is not negative. “We’re certainly not disappointed with what we’re seeing so far,” Conant says.

The WJ Skatepark opens June 21 from 1 to 8 pm. Skaters and bikers ride the LTD for free to the park on opening day. — *Kevin Sullivan*



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