

**LONG LIVE COMICS**

I loved your write up on “The Blind Illustratrix” (EW, May 24). I might be looking in all the wrong places, but this is the only local comic artist news that I’ve seen in years. I figured this passion was outdated, no longer relevant. And that’s a disheartening thing to believe as an aspiring comic artist.

Representation of informative graphic artists such as M. Sabine Rear, Ellen Forney, Jesse Springer and others is critical to fueling the fires of the comic community. Thank you for keeping my dream alive, EW. I hope this article has inspired others in a similar way.

Cicely Blackwell  
Eugene

**SPEND SMART**

In the letter “Bow to Your Corporate Overlords” (May 31), Jacob Dials lamented the greenwashing of today’s natural products industry. As someone who works in this field, I (and many of my cohorts) also feel tricked into supporting corporations we’d rather avoid.

Instead of bowing down to the corporate overlords, let’s participate in a counter-revolution. March your dollars across the counters of local retailers to purchase products from family-owned companies with integrity like Carlson, Natural Factors, Nordic Naturals, Redd Remedies and Barlean’s, to name just a few.

Practice these counter-revolutionary tactics at any of Eugene’s independent natural-food/natural-health stores — Sundance, Kiva, Capella, Red Barn, Friendly Street

Market, Evergreen Nutrition, Mountain Rose Herbs or Mrs. Thompson’s Herb Shop.

In addition, the regional chain Natural Grocers (from Colorado) is also family-owned and has an admirable corporate ethic.

Don’t bow down to the corporate overlord; rise up and ally yourself with local/independent businesses and conscientious companies who contribute to a better world for all of us.

Paula Hegarty  
Eugene

**SAVE THE WOOD**

I recently wrote two letters to the “new” Register-Guard and hand-carried them to the offices on Chad Drive. Neither was published. The second letter was in reference to Hayward Field and the destruction of the East Grandstands. Here is the gist of that letter (I didn’t keep a copy ... it was hand-written):

It is inevitable that the structure will be demolished, but here is a hint that might work. Save the wood! Some craftspeople will be able to create a scale model using the wood salvaged, and maybe in decorative ways in the building of a small museum to house that model along with other track-and-field memorabilia.

That would (thankfully) eliminate the blankety-blank phallic symbol that is currently proposed.

Thank you for considering my idea. I hope someone latches onto it and runs like crazy!

JoAnn Napier  
Springfield

**LOCALS ONLY**

Congratulations for being the only local newspaper! Ever since *The Register Guard* sold itself to media giant Gatehouse Media it has become a wasted shell of its former self. Giant headlines bleed the ink from the faint content in the skimpy pages. The paper itself is as thin as toilet paper. Local content such as the Home and Garden section with local writers Ellen Schlesinger and John Fisher are eliminated. The comics page is truncated and so tiny that it’s worth skipping.

It’s too hard to read that faint print anyway.

It’s a sad year in Eugene, losing our local paper to a conglomerate media corporation. Thank you, *Eugene Weekly* for staying local.

Jaice Sunseri  
Eugene

**LOVE GANJA**

Love is the only way there is.

We are all just messengers showing off LOVE! The definition of love is cooperation, and actions always speak loudest. Just like there is neither a devil nor a god, there is not evil. You would never know it if you asked other people though. Too much fear and ignorance. Beliefs are handed to you by others, knowledge comes from within. Knowledge comes from awareness and experience. Maybe you have heard: Believe nothing you hear and only half of what you see.

Praise and blame are all the same. Praise

and blame mean absolutely nothing, except maybe to the foolish bully who gives it. Praise and blame come from the unconscious personality, not your conscious, higher self. For me personally, ganja connects me to my higher self quicker. Here’s another personal lob, screw the ducks, GO GANJA!

Peace, love and all that hippie stuff.

Joe Canfield  
Springfield

**LANGUAGE MATTERS**

Wonderful idea to want “language to be the fundamental alternative to violence in the world” (“Peace Through Poetry,” May 31). Writing is definitely an option: to express opinions, to talk to those who represent us in Congress, to suggest new ways to bring about peace.

Writing like this is one of the reasons the bipartisan Reach Every Mother and Child Act may soon pass and help end millions of preventable deaths of mothers and children in our world. So follow Oregon’s new poet laureate and express yourself to help create a better world.

Willie Dickerson  
Snohomish, Wash.

**HOISTED BY CORRUPTION**

Please join with me in prayer that Mike Pence never becomes the flatulence beneath our nation’s wings.

Shouldn’t the Koch brothers buy our entire government instead of just crooked policy makers?



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