

letters

IT'S NOT 'PIDDLY-ASS SHIT'

Bentley Freeman's article on *The Register-Guard* reunion (*EW*, 07/03) left me grieving about the death of print journalism in this country. However, Jacqui Banaszynski's comments on the work of many female journalists both saddened and enraged me.

I am a 1981 graduate of the UO School of Journalism. Some years later, after working on technical trade magazines, I worked for the *Tri-County News* in Junction City and the *West-Lane News* in Veneta. Much of this work was with school board and city council meetings. In particular, I did school stories. This, I learned from Banaszynski, was "piddly-ass shit." Although the pay was minimal and the hours irregular, I loved what I was doing. Many members of the community appreciated it as well.

I know it doesn't compare with the glory of a Pulitzer Prize, but many of us worked just because we cared about making a better community. In addition, so did many women who submitted bureau stories to *The Register-Guard* in the old days.

Please do not interpret this as envy. It simply hurts to see something I devoted eight years of my life to dismissed in such a callous manner. Remember, "real stories" are in the eye of the editor. As public schools decline nationwide, I wonder what it would take to make them worth covering again. If any papers remain to do so.

Gayla Leopold
Marcola

WARNING SIGNS?

Since Eugene is fast becoming the bike theft capital in the U.S., the City Council should place a warning label under the "Welcome to Eugene" signs: Warning: You may experience bike theft while visiting our lovely city. Alcohol and cigarettes are not as harmful.

Richard Hughes
Eugene

CORRECTING MISINFORMATION

I'd like to address a misinformation

campaign regarding the city's redesign of Scobert Park in the Whiteaker, the subject of a recent full-page ad (*EW*, 6/27).

The city has held multiple meetings and surveys, and the current design incorporates that input. Many residents requested fencing the park to address ongoing security issues; they have also applauded moving the play structure to the front to discourage inappropriate adult use.

And the area of the park that was fenced off 20-plus years ago will be expanded beyond immediate neighbors to incorporate the work of a nonprofit and community programs. That area, sometimes called the "dogleg," is not visible from the street and has attracted daily illegal activity. The neighbors now have a park volunteer agreement with the city to maintain and improve the area, not a backroom deal. I am one of those neighbors.

The current park redesign plan is not perfect and will never please everyone, but there is opportunity for further changes. I agree that more trees are needed, and park officials have assured us that more trees can be incorporated.

Check out the city's project page and its FAQs at Engage.eugene-or.gov/scobert, where you can take a survey and get real facts rather than innuendo.

Shelley Hoose
Eugene

A VOTE FOR JOE CAMEL

OK, OK, let's analyze the situation: no Savage Love... no Savage Love... no Savage Love... no Savage Love... Joe Camel, Savage Love... no Joe Camel, no Savage Love... no Savage Love.

Bring back Joe Camel!

Richard Leach
Coburg

MORE SMOKE AND NOISE

This is a warning to Jefferson West-side neighbors! After complaining to Lane Events Center manager, Corey Buller, about the noise and air pollution from the recent (June 28-29) shred show/drift event, I received a cor-

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