

# Rotary hosts CASA, RYLA reps

The Cottage Grove Rotary Club's Thursday meeting featured a twin bill, with Robben Lyons of Court Appointed Special Advocates (left) speaking about the program, which aims to "provide a powerful voice for abused and neglected children in Lane County." District Leader Mary Hoskins of Rotary Youth Leadership Awards spoke of a 2015 camp sponsored by the organization, which included leadership training, discussions and social activities.



## BLOTTER

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Aug. 6

### Prowler

Caller reported a male with a white and black striped shirt was seen in the backyard of their home on Edison Ave. at around 9:30 p.m. The caller requested that a police officer clear the backyard.

Aug. 7

### Information

A Eugene Police Department officer received information from the Looking Glass crisis line in Eugene who reported a male between 15 and 17 called and

told the crisis worker he was being held hostage and that his parents had sealed the doors and windows. No one was able to get the caller's name, but the officer contacted the subject in the lobby and reported no crime.

### Unlawful Entry into Motor Vehicle

Caller explained that a tool had been taken from his company's tow truck earlier in the day. No suspect information could be obtained.

Aug. 8

### Hit-and-Run

Cottage Grove Police assisted State Police in a hit and run incident on the

I5. 2 subjects from the same vehicle fled west on foot from the scene.

### Shots Fired

Caller complained of shots being fired from the field next to his residence in the Beaver Hill area. Officers responded and checked the area and determined it was possible they came from the Shields Rd. area.

Aug. 9

### Traffic Hazard

Caller reported a boulder lying in the bike lane on the north side of the road way in front of the bowling alley on Row River Rd. Traffic cones were placed

around the boulder and a work order was placed for the rock to be removed on Monday.

### Suicidal Subject

Caller reported that a woman had made threats to harm herself, and was in the downstairs bedroom of the residence on Third St. The subject had no access to weapons, and she was transported to the ER for a voluntary mental evaluation.

### Illegal Fireworks

Two people called the police to complain about fireworks going off in the area of Gateway Apartments. The officer reported that the fireworks were being shot out of a pickup truck, but the truck was gone when police arrived at the scene.

# When it comes to looking ahead, look no further than your behind

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You should be aware that the idea of promoting an important issue through a week of "National Awareness" has gotten...How can I put this tactfully?

Really stupid.

There was a time when, in order to command the attention of our entire country for a whole week, you actually needed to have an issue that was important. It needed to be something that could save lives, improve society or, at the very least, boost the sale of Hallmark cards.

But not anymore.

I say this because, as you may or may not know, we're in the

middle of "National Psychic Week." (For those of you who did not know this, I'm sorry — but there's a good chance you are not psychic.) According to one website, the purpose of each week-long focus is to: "dispel skepticism [of psychics] through factual awareness."

Thanks to an article that appeared in the Eugene Register-Guard, I have a better understanding of how it might take an entire week to dispel all that skepticism — especially after reading about Ulf Buck, a blind psychic from Meldorf, Germany, who claims he can read people's futures by feeling their naked buttocks.

(Warning to women who frequent singles bars: Men who

frequent singles bars may be reading this column.)

According to Buck, creases representing success, career and artistic ability extend inward from the extremities of the buttocks (Similar to a map of Hollywood), while five other creases radiate outward. Though Buck explained that those creases represent areas such as love and money, when asked about that crease radiating down the middle, he just said, "Ewww."

My point is, if you have a habit of sitting naked on wicker furniture, don't waste your time getting a buttocks reading.

No. My real point is that people no longer pay ANY attention to "National Awareness" weeks because the topics have gotten

so dumb. For example, when's the last time you observed "National Fresh Breath" week with any level of enthusiasm? Did you gargle more? Brush better? Buy an extra roll of Certs?

(No one in THIS office did, I can tell you that.)

The problem is that there are no guidelines when it comes to petitioning for "National Awareness" status, which is why we have 40 states that participate in "Sky Awareness" week each year. First of all, do we really need a whole week? Unless you're lying face down getting a buttocks reading, how long does it take to look straight up? Considering that there are 10 states that don't observe "Sky Awareness" week at all, we can conclude that they either, 1) Think it's dumb, 2) Put all of their efforts into having a great "Fresh Breath" week, or 3) Have no idea the sky actually exists.

Which could explain the idea behind "Brain Awareness" week.

That's right. The same people who brought us "Mustard" week and "Bat Survey" week would like us to remember that we have brains even though, oddly enough, those same people scheduled "National Hot Dog" week to take place three months AFTER "National Mustard" week!

The bottom line, of course, is that coming up with wisecracks about buttocks readings, while cheeky, requires more brain activity than most "Awareness Week" topics. Though I'm sure that'll change some day, exactly when is anybody's guess. Then again, they do say hindsight is 20/20.

Just ask Ulf Buck...

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