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State of the Earth
Monday, October 15, 1984
8:00 p.m. Keynote Address: **Ralph Nader** EMU
"Environmental Effects of Corporate America"- tickets available at EMU Main Desk \$2.00 general/\$1.00 students Ballroom

State of the State
Tuesday, October 16, 1984

State of Justice
Wednesday, October 17, 1984

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Thursday, October 18, 1984
8:00 p.m. **Dr. Helen Caldicott** EMU
Physicians for Social Responsibility Ballroom

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Weekdays, weekends on the Eugene music scene

Dead Kennedys rock WOW on Wednesday

Not to be confused with the stereotypical "punk" band, the Dead Kennedys strive to do more than just entertain.

"We are what we are, and we do what we do," said Dead Kennedys' vocalist Jello Biafra in a recent interview. The group, which is one of America's most popular punk bands, will perform at WOW Hall Wednesday.

"We're not playing up to the conformist end at all," said Biafra, of the band's musical approach. "There's a good chunk of the conformist punk scene that dearly wishes we would go away."

"A lot of buffoons are going around waving American flags like they're some sort of cornball patriots," said Biafra. "But we think we love this country more than they do, because we believe in the values it was founded on — the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. We'll fight people tooth and nail who want to take it away from us."

The Dead Kennedys formed in San Francisco in 1978. The band rocketed to national attention through punk circles in 1980, when they released their now-classic debut album, "Fresh Fruit for Rotting Vegetables." They have since released three more albums, including the 1983 "Plastic Surgery Disaster," in addition to several singles and EPs.

The Dead Kennedy's sound is characterized by loud, raw and fast music, spiced with wry political



The Dead Kennedys, one of America's top punk rock bands, will perform one show only at Eugene's WOW Hall Wednesday. Photo courtesy of Faulty Productions

statements.

In 1979 when the Dead Kennedys first began to break into the music scene, Los Angeles' Slash Magazine called the band "... more than the '80's answer to Country Joe and the Fish. In fact, they might be one of the more important bands to come out of this scene."

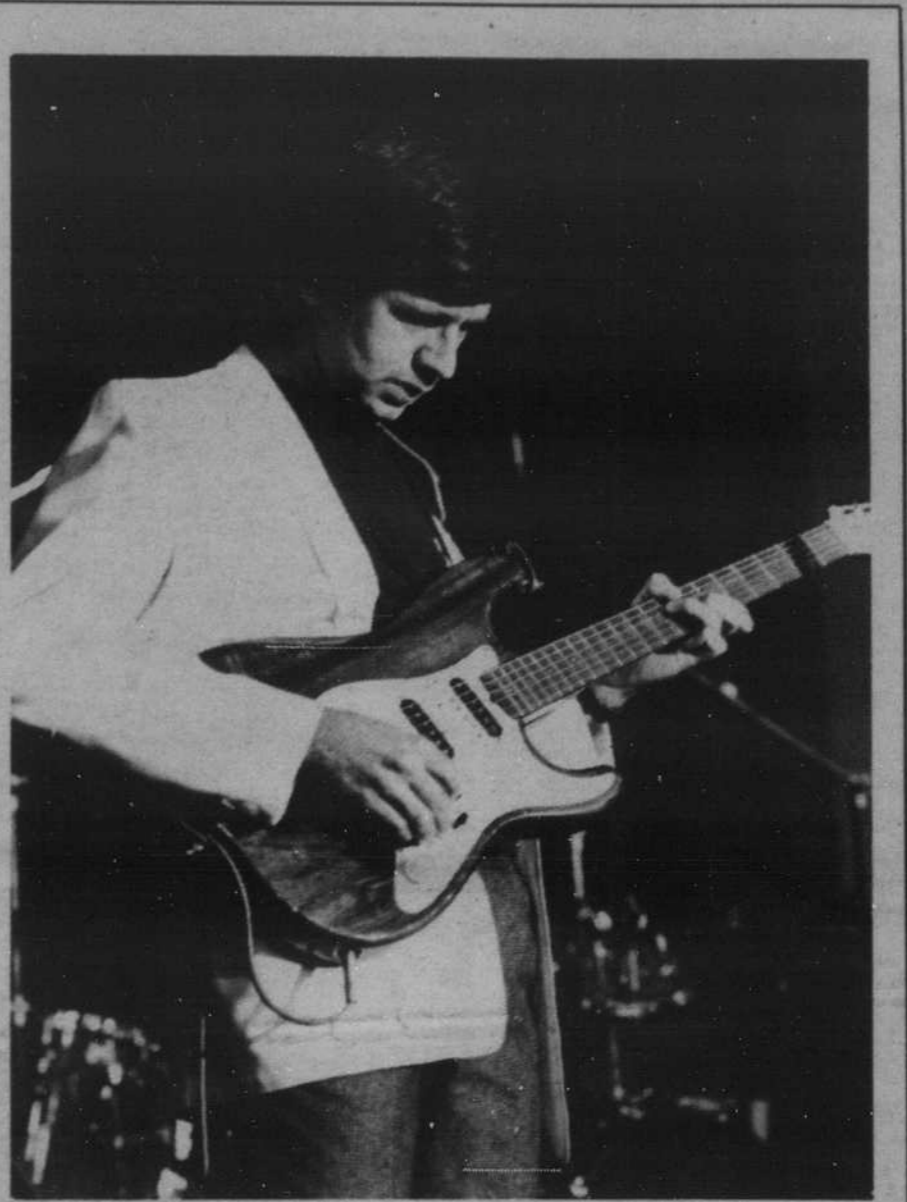
In a recently released Dead Kennedys biography, author Marian Kester attempted to explain a part of one of the band's concerts: "Biafra hectors the crowd with their ignorance of history," she writes, "exhorting them to resist racist fascism and fascist racism; meanwhile, he dictates absolutely from the stage, secure like all dictators in his ability to arouse our atomisms and possess us through them."

"It's simply impossible that the Dead Kennedys' spirit won't end up affecting quite a few kids even as it tears in one ear and out the other," Kester adds. "And some of their music will prove pretty hard to forget, too."

Tickets for Wednesday's show are \$7, and are available at Earth River Records, the House of Records, Diana's, the EMU Main Desk and the WOW Hall office.

The Portland-based Wipers will open the show along with Eugene's E-13 and special guests from Los Angeles. The concert is produced by Northwest Concerts. KRVM 91.9 FM is helping to promote the show.

By Chris Hazen



Latarski's Sunday ballroom jazz
Eugene guitar virtuoso Don Latarski and his group jazz their way through an evening of musical entertainment in the EMU Ballroom Sunday night.

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