

KAVE working on return to airwaves

□ Friends of the KAVE may have buyer for defunct radio station

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Friends of the KAVE, an organization comprised of former KAVE staff members, is offering hope to its orphaned listeners.

If listener and investor support continues, the group plans to put the former alternative radio station back on Eugene's airwaves by the end of the summer. The 2 1/2-year-old station, previously found at 95.3 on the FM dial, was taken off the air Feb. 12 by its owners because of financial reasons.

"They lost a lot of money," former KAVE deejay Jason Parker said. "They just got kind of burnt out."

Since the station has been off the air, Parker said support from former listeners and advertisers has been incredible. Friends of the KAVE has received about 3,000 phone calls from listeners who haven't been able to find a substitute radio station. Former

advertisers have promised to continue to support the KAVE if it were put back in business, Parker said.

Because of the strong local support, Parker said former staff members considered purchasing the KAVE as a cooperatively-owned radio station. Parker said they believe it was not the station's programming that forced it off the air, and there is still a demand in the community for its music.

"We felt we could make the radio station work with the music and personnel we have," Parker said. "It just seems there is a need in this area for a station like the KAVE."

However, after two weeks of deliberation, the idea was rejected because none of the staff members have any business experience, and it would be very costly in terms of time and money because they would have to comply with Securities Exchange Commission regulations, Parker said.

Friends of the KAVE began looking for major investors who

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Court upholds damages against Metzger, son

□ Court of Appeals maintains \$12.5 million damage award against white supremacists

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Court of Appeals Wednesday upheld a record \$12.5 million damage award against white supremacist Tom Metzger stemming from the 1988 beating death of a black man in Portland.

The 1990 award by a Multnomah County Circuit Court jury was the biggest civil judgment in Oregon history.

The damages also were assessed against Metzger's White Aryan Resistance group and his son, John Metzger, the other defendants in the lawsuit.

The appeals court upheld the jury's conclusion that the Metzgers offered "substantial encouragement or inducement" to three white skinheads who beat Mulugeta Seraw, a 27-year-old Ethiopian, on a Portland street in 1988.

"We're real happy," said Portland attorney Elden Rosenthal, who represented the Seraw family along with Morris Dees of the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala.

"We remain committed to putting Metzger and his friends permanently out of business," Rosenthal added.

Tom Metzger said he would appeal the decision to the Oregon Supreme Court and then to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, if necessary.

"We're prepared to go right on up the ladder," he said.

The Metzgers acted as their own attorneys at the trial. The Court

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Photo by Pat Malach

Scott Moniger of the Coors Light cycling team climbs Green Hill Road during the prologue time trial of the Tour of Willamette, a five-day, six-stage bike race ending Sunday with a criterium on campus. The riders will face the Smith River Road Race today.

WEATHER

An 80 percent chance of showers today with with partial clearing periods. Highs of 55 to 60 degrees. Increasing clouds Friday with a chance of rain on the coast.

Today in History

The British luxury liner Titanic sank in the North Atlantic 81 years ago.

CHOCOLATE FETISH SAVES PIG

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — It took a bag of chocolate Easter eggs and push-and-pull from human helpers to free a pet porker that got stuck in a hole while searching for a snack.

Porkchop, a two-year-old pot-bellied pig, tumbled down a steep staircase trying to get at dog food in a root cellar, owner Vicky Bierce said.

Bierce heard the porker squealing like, well, like a stuck pig and found her jammed in a hole leading to the root cellar. Animal-control officers pulled on Porkchop's ear and pushed her legs, coaxing her along with chocolate eggs until the pig was free.

"She's just a pig, after all," Bierce said.

SPORTS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Billie Moore, who completed her 16th season as head coach of the UCLA women's basketball team last month, has decided to resign, senior associate athletic director Dr. Judith Holland announced Wednesday.

Moore, 49, compiled a record of 296-181 at UCLA. In 1978, her first UCLA team won the AIAW national championship and the Bruins reached the Final Four the following season.

Overall, Moore's UCLA teams won at least 20 games in a season five times and reached postseason play eight times.

Including her eight years as head coach at Cal State-Fullerton, Moore's career record is 436-196.