



music BY VANESSA SALVIA

(the concubot) plays John Henry's on Monday.

Forests and Fires

John Henry's hosts (the concubot) and CFD benefit.

A house fire set the stage for members of Eugene's **(the concubot)** to meet. Drummer J Wagner migrated to Eugene from New Jersey two years ago, after an electrical fire gutted the house he shared with friends. "My friend was like, I've got nothing left, I'm just gonna go west, and I was like, 'Hey, I'll go with you,'" says Wagner.

Wagner brought with him both experience with other bands and the desire to play, then he happened upon the right combination of people to create a new sensation. "One of the bands I was in [in New Jersey] was a gothic band which I laugh at now but we were actually fairly popular," says Wagner. "It was Sandy Gilmore and the Blood Sucking Vampires. It was a joke name but it stuck with us and then we got this goth following as a result!"

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The first Eugene band Wagner was involved in was Non-Dairy Larry, which, according to Wagner, was "a four-piece variety rock band. We played everybody's songs and everybody switched instruments so it was a lot of fun." Wagner met vocalist and guitarist Greg Dalbey in 2001 and began laying down some drum tracks for solo music Dalbey was working on. "We fooled around like that for a while and then decided we should play out together, so (the concubot) was originally a two-person thing," explains Wagner.

Logan Damiano, who plays a Rhodes keyboard, has been a member for about six months. Wagner says, "Since there was just a guitar and drums there was no real depth. Logan learned some of our songs and sounded good and he's been playing with us ever since."

(the concubot) has been working on a CD, *Extra Virgin*, which they are burning one at a time at home and individually packaging. "The best way I could describe it is a lo-fi alternative, indie rock for robophiles, and there's a math root structure, and a little pop," says Wagner.

Future plans for (the concubot) include recording the next release and playing out of state more. Catch this band Monday at John Henry's along with **Norfolk & Western**, the **Decemberists**, and **Pasquale**. Norfolk & Western and the Decemberists are both based in Portland, with the latter featuring former Eugenean Chris Funk.

Another John Henry's show this week will be a CD-release party and benefit for environmental action group Cascadia Forest Defenders (CFD). A compilation CD entitled *This Land Is Our Land* will be sold, and 100 percent of the proceeds will go to CFD, aiding them financially in their efforts to support the needs of those involved in forest defense.

CFD is coordinating, along with other environmental defense groups, a call to action

they've dubbed Cascadia Summer. It is a call to get involved for all who believe in protecting the Northwest's forest ecosystems "while confronting the underlying roots of environmental destruction through education and creative civil disobedience."

CFD has been engaging in direct action through tree-sits and other activities since 1995 and are today involved with three tree-sits at the Fall Creek, Winberry and Straw Devil sites. The activists need food, water, and materials to make shelters, among other things.

Eugenean "The Secret Hippy" supports what CFD does and dreamed up the CD as a way to help them financially. "Basically, I was on a tour with D.O.A., and I just started contacting bands and meeting people, and ... got the idea to do the CD. So everybody that's on the CD knows they're on there."

The CD's 19 tracks are an impressive array of bands such as Kultur Shock, Mad Parade, No Means No, D.O.A., Jello Biafra and The Asylum Street Spankers. Local artists featured include the Pass Out Kings, Tom Heint, The Shudders, and Peter Wilde. **EW**

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