

With resulting traffic, this windy, partly mountainous road could become known as "Death Alley." Siuslaw High School is in the Sky-Em Athletic League. Athletic teams, along with their families and fans, have to travel Highway 126. Their safety will be jeopardized by the huge increase of traffic caused by casino travelers.

*Jack and Jan Woodford  
Florence*

**PLAYER TRADE**

Tom Lininger ("Out of Commission," 6/5) criticizes legislative proposals to bring Major League Baseball to Portland on the basis that the state shouldn't fund private ventures. Well, he's wrong on that point as the team will be financed by a tax on player's salaries, though there is a possibility that taxpayers may incur liability if revenue is insufficient.

Lininger qualifies for the state's biggest hypocrite award. He is or will be a professor at the UO Law School. This is one of the most worthless uses of public funds in the state. He has his snout in the public trough up to his ass. Say hypocrite. If he is opposed to public funding, why is he in favor of a public law school? The answer is simple: He wants to line his own pockets. Why do we need a law school? Aren't there enough lawyers?

We should trade Lininger and a player to be named later to Montreal for their ball club. We should throw in the Law School as an added inducement. At least then I can enjoy watching a few baseball games. What enjoyment does Lininger provide other than some stale, old jokes?

*Tony Gregory  
Eugene*

**HIPPIE VIXENS**

The ads for the skanky chicks in the back pages don't really do much for me — but the hot hippie vixens in the Sweet Potato Pie ads (Get Yo-Self a Piece) are another matter. The patchouli fumes just waft through the newsprint, and the gals look like they might be vegans, which is a mega turn-on. The cold showers don't bother me in this weather, but I may have to drop the *Weekly* come winter.

*Tom Tracy  
Eugene*

**IT'S UP TO YOU**

A strong America is a working America. A strong America is a safe America. And what does it take to keep America strong? It takes Americans working together, it takes an infrastructure that helps Americans work together, and it takes a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Many of us seem to forget that it is government *by the people* that makes this country great, and in order to have a good government, the people must participate as well as pay taxes. The more of us who don't participate and don't vote the easier it is for special interests to fill the void and "game" the system so that they can reap huge profits.

So if you want a strong America, it is up to you to really look at what is happening at City Hall, Salem and Washington, D.C. Write or call your representatives and tell them what you want and ask them what they are doing to make that happen.

It is very important to take a little time to learn what is really going on. This may require reading some of the articles in the back pages of your newspaper or thinking about

what is really behind the sound bites that are basically propaganda with little informative content. And if you can't find the solid facts in your newspaper, demand that as well. But always remember to vote.

*Frank and Mary Lou Vignola  
Eugene*

**THEY'RE IN COURT**

Pete Mandrapa (6/9) wants to know, "Where are our unions?" when it comes to the recent atrocities committed on PERS by our "friends" — the governor and Sen. Tony Corcoran.

They're in court, that's where, actively challenging unconstitutional contract-breaking legislation, and most definitely *not* "quietly acquiescing," or passively "hoping for some judge to overturn this mess," as he states.

As for a strike — well, something like 90 percent of state, county and municipal contracts are being negotiated right now. If some sort of satisfactory resolution on this and other issues cannot be reached, I for one will be on the picket lines this summer, along with thousands of my brothers and sisters.

By the way, since the Ted and Tony Show has given us further evidence that there is really only one national party with two scarcely divergent factions, neither of which is on the side of the common folk, in the future Mr. Mandrapa might consider voting Green — and convincing his friends to do likewise. I certainly am.

*Bill Smee  
Eugene*

**BRING ON THE TRUTH**

On a recent trip to BRING Recycling, I noticed the current addition to the front entry way. There is a very colorful sign board applauding the great acts of this recycling warehouse. What is most noticeable about this list, however, is what's missing: the constant insurance cuts thrown at yard workers; the continuing efforts to force the most critical employees from their jobs; management's ever increasing demands to raise the cost of donated items and present a more suburban, less scary image to attract consumers with more disposable income, preferring those to BRING's most loyal and longtime customers.

BRING Recycling has taken great advantage of their status as a community educator and nonprofit organization. They treat their workers like garbage and hide behind community involvement to cover the stench. Is this what BRING's founders really had in mind when they started such a great recycling center in 1971?

Please think twice before taking your usable building materials to their site. Perhaps someone in your neighborhood has a use for those old windows; maybe the local high school shop department could use that lumber.

Your trash may be valuable to someone else, but the real treasure is BRING Recycling's handful of ignored yard workers, past and present.

*Anna Hayes  
Eugene*

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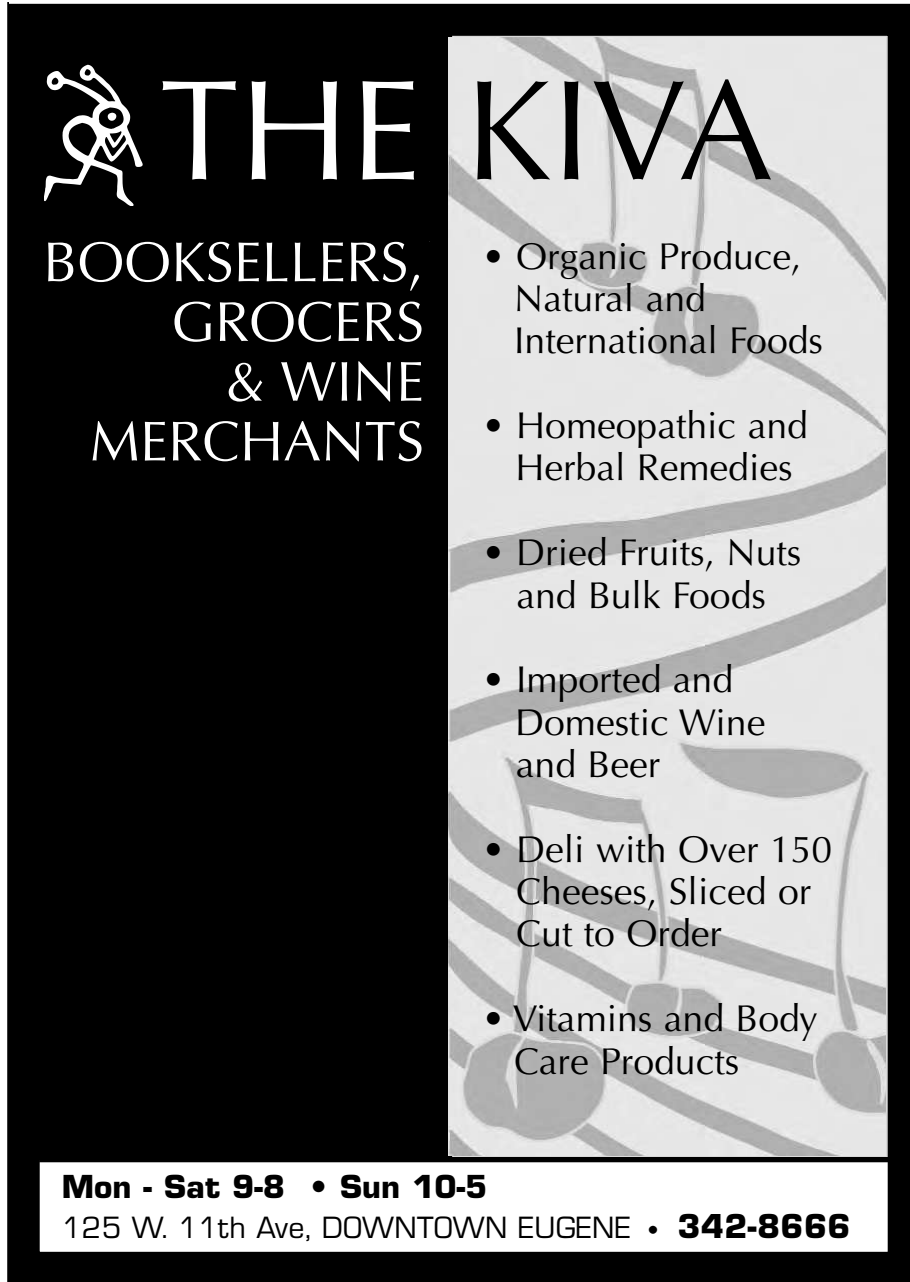
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