

complained at the time that the recommendations were being ignored by county staff.—*Bobbie Willis*

CAN'T BEAT 'EM?

School District 4-J has long chaffed at the money district officials say charter schools divert from its budget. But now, the district is getting in on charter schools itself. The district plans to submit a grant application to the state for \$50,000 to start an in-district charter school at North Eugene Alternative High School. If the district gets the \$50,000, it will be in line for another \$150,000 implementation grant. According to a grant description, the money will "help the school staff move toward goals of improving test scores, developing a more rigorous math and science curriculum, develop transition planning for students, and develop learning experiences that promote social growth." —*AP*

FREE SOULS

The EPD has been cracking down on the Free Souls Motorcycle Club. Officers recently seized allegedly stolen Harley-Davidson motorcycles and motorcycle parts from members and associates of the group, according to a June 26 memo from Interim Police Chief Thad Buchanan to City Manager Dennis Taylor. Other investigations have focused on alleged methamphetamine use, selling and/or manufacturing by Free Souls. The investigations have led to threats of lawsuits and one threat against a detective's life. Investigations into the threats lead to one arrest.

FLAG BURNERS OUT

Sam Bond's Garage, a pub on Fourth Avenue and Blair Street, will close on Independence Day, canceling "The Flag Burners Ball," a benefit for Eugene's Cascadia Media Collective.

The event, with anti-establishment performances planned, along with video footage from the recent San Francisco protests, "didn't end up being the show we bargained for when we booked it," says Sam Bond's part-owner Mark Jaeger.

Bond's has been "closed the last few Independence Days," says Jaeger, who adds he's been "having trouble finding enough staff members who were willing to work on the Fourth."

Marshall Kirkpatrick, one of the organizers of the Flag Burners Ball, says he's disappointed that the pub "pulled the plug" after six weeks of organizing and promotion. "We even had posters up on the wall at Sam Bond's," he says. The event was to help defray costs of sending four Eugene videographers to the San Francisco protests, and to send people to the next big protests in Miami.

"We'll be doing it (the event) at a later date," says Kirkpatrick.

Jaeger says the pub is open to future benefits and events with Cascadia Media Collective.—*BF/TJT*

ON THE LINE

Following the June 11 Eugene City Council decision reversal on renaming Centennial Boulevard, Commissioner Bill Dwyer received a heated phone call from Councilor Gary Papé, on what Dwyer calls,

"Blame the Other Guy Friday." The phone call came after the Board of County Commissioners expressed support for the name change, going so far as to offer to pay for the new street signs.

"He [Papé] was pissed," Dwyer says matter-of-factly. "He said I was the one who started all of this," referring to the factors that led councilors to reverse their decision to wait on the name change. "He said it was me who asked Torrey to assign Bonny Bettman to the committee [proposing the name change]; that it was me who asked for the UO letter of support." Dwyer says renaming Centennial Boulevard is "a tremendous opportunity," and that Papé was "just

upset that it didn't turn out the way he wanted. He wanted to blame someone else."

Dwyer adds, "He was really venting. I didn't exactly like the tone. Things might have been different if we'd been face to face." Councilor Pape did not respond to phone or e-mail requests for comment.

—*BW*

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

• Last week's Slant item regarding the Oregon Country Fringe Festival July 10-12 listed the wrong day for the \$25 entry ticket. The correct days and ticket prices are \$3 for Thursday, \$25 for Friday (\$20 in advance)

and \$5 for Saturday. For updated info, including parking and shuttle services, visit www.ocff.com

• Last week's news item "What I did over Summer Break," neglected to mention the first name of the UO Registrar's Herb Chereck.

• In last week's "Crying Shame" cover story, Jennifer Solomon's first name was incorrect on Page 12. In the same story on Page 14, the quote from Langston Hughes should have read: "What happens to a dream deferred?" In the sidebar to the story Moon Lee Lane was described as being named for an African American, but Don Moon Lee was Asian American.

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