

news Briefs



AMERICA'S MOST EXPENSIVE GAS

Higgin's Texaco at 1796 Willamette may offer the most expensive gas in America, at \$2.560 per gallon of regular unleaded gas on May 10. The nation's average is \$1.892 per gallon of regular unleaded gas and the Eugene-Springfield area's average is \$2.204 per gallon, according to the AAA Daily Fuel Gauge Report. Even California's average, \$2.240 is considerably less than the cost at Higgin's Texaco.

The service station does not post its gas prices on a large billboard. Several customers have been upset to discover the price only after filling up. "The bill came and I was shocked," says Mae Andrews, still holding her \$38 receipt after buying gas last Friday, May 7.

Higgin's is one of a handful of privately owned service stations in Eugene. It has been at 18th Avenue and Willamette St. since 1966. The Higgin's Texaco manager declined to be quoted in this article. —*Kate Storm*

ACTION ALERTS

Two longtime peace activists and social justice heroes will be in town this coming week:

- On May 13, National WAND (Women's Action for New Directions) Public Policy Director **Marie Rietmann**, also a native Oregonian, will speak about her experiences as a Congressional staffer and an experienced lobbyist and present her list of "8 Ways Grassroots Activists Can Influence Public Policy" at the monthly WAND meeting, 7 pm at the McNail-Riley House. Plans for assembling citizen groups to meet with Senators Smith and Wyden and Representative DeFazio on specific issues of interest will also be hashed out. A "meet Marie" reception begins before the meeting at 6:30 pm. Free and open to the public.

- Twenty years ago, former German Chancellor Willy Brandt formed the Brandt Commission, which proposed measures to reduce the vast and unjust economic discrepancies between the developed and developing worlds. The recommendations were never implemented. Today, international development consultant Dr. James Quilligan is reintroducing those strategies. He speaks at 7 pm May 18 at the Unitarian Universalist Church and at 7 pm May 19 at the UO Knight Library. Free.

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

- Last week's calendar listings noted that Yo-Yo Ma's May 13 appearance at the Hult was free. Not so, unfortunately. The concert was sold out months ago.

- Last week's wine column noted that Zelaya's was opened by Patrick and Madeline McKee. In fact, the McKees were joined by Pamela Mathis and Sara Chinske in creating Zelaya.

VOTE

Primary Election

May 18, 2004

Endorsements at a Glance
A quick look at EW's picks for the May 18 Primary Election. Unopposed candidates are not included.

U.S. President
John Kerry (D)

Secretary of State
Bill Bradbury (D)
Fred Granum (R)

House District 7
Shirley Cairns (D)

House District 8
Paul Holvey (D)

Judge, Supreme Court, 4
Rives Kistler

Judge, Supreme Court
Position 7
William Riggs

Judge, Court of Appeals
Position 7
Robert Wollheim

Lane County Commission,
Position 4
Greg Ringer

Lane County Commission,
Position 5
Don Hampton

Lane County Sheriff
Russel Burger

Mayor of Eugene
Kitty Piercy

Eugene City Council,
Ward 1
Bonny Bettman

Eugene City Council,
Ward 2
Betty Taylor

Eugene City Council,
Ward 7
Andrea Ortiz

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John Simpson

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