

be adjusted. She continued to do this a number of times, losing all flow to her songs. Slowly over the course of her performance a frown grew over her face and it was obvious she didn't want to be there anymore. But the attitude she took with a fan in the front row who requested a Be Good Tanyas song was totally inexcusable. After coldly saying, "I'm not in that band," Jolie went on to mutter under her breath, a little too close to the mic, "Fuck off!"

It was quite sad and has left a bad taste in my mouth all week. That a musician could become that upset at a fan who had paid money to see her perform astonished me. Just needed to get that off my chest. And to that fan who was the object of such disrespect, I'm sorry.

*Justin Miers
Eugene*

NO WONDER

Iraqi prisoners abused, tortured, killed by U.S. soldiers. Oh, now I get why President Bush opposed U.S. involvement and support for the International Criminal Court (ICC) in the Hague.

*Pete Mandrapa
Eugene*

AIR QUALITY MATTERS

The proposed 900 megawatt gas fired West Cascade Energy Facility is worth knowing about. Nearly as large as Trojan was at 1,100 megawatts, this facility has been designed to produce far more power than the 175 megawatts needed to handle Lane County's projected 10-year growth. It is designed to sell power on the open market. That's OK if every place that bought the power took their portion of emissions with them. While clean water is currently a plentiful resource, clean air is not. Selling your abundant resources makes some sense, but we live in a smog-trapped valley half the year. Tons of emissions including biocides to clean the stacks and ammonia to neutralize some of the nitrous oxide are among the pollutants this plant would emit.

With 30 jobs offered, we'd do better to encourage businesses that improve or have lesser impact on our air quality, not greater. If the 108-acre proposed site were farmed conscientiously, it could employ more than 30 people and clean rather than dirty our air. Because Marcus, the applicant, has chosen to avoid the county process and go to the State Energy Facility Sighting Council we need to ask the commissioners to "hold a hearing" and "make a recommendation on our behalf to the EFSC." Please write or e-mail the commissioners. Our air quality is worthy of our efforts.

*Kevin Jones
Eugene*

WHAT MATTERS MOST

In memory of Patrick E. Allison who attended and graduated the UO: Patrick was struck and killed by a train Saturday, May 22, in Davis, Calif. He was 24. Apart from being a student, Patrick, aka pinesap, was a forest defender who spent countless days and hours saving Fall Creek, Winberry Creek and the Umpqua wildlands from 1998 to 2003. Apparently this was his way of trying to make the world a better place for us and all life on the planet. He had attained the knowledge of not only academia but what really mattered, the love and continuation of all life.

He also learned that the survival of natural ecosystems around the world appeared bleak.

The knowledge that our modern culture is continuing to kill the living planet (and each other) at an ever quickening and seemingly callous pace may have sent him over the edge of hopelessness. Most of us can maintain a state of denial to continue our struggle and hope for a just world, but maybe Patrick couldn't. His presence will be sorely missed.

Thank you, Patrick, for giving your heart, soul and life for what you truly believed in. We will continue the struggle for a just world in your memory. Viva Cascadia!

*Shannon Wilson
Eugene*

HEMP MEMORIALIZED

Did everyone notice the inclusion of hemp in the new World War II Memorial? There are 56 pillars representing the states and territories of the U.S. in the installation and in between each pillar is a bronze impression of rope connecting the pillars. And every student of history knows that during World War II the U.S. government repealed the prohibition against hemp for the war effort. If it is rope and it is 1942, that rope is hemp.

*Chris Pender
Eugene*

HAMILTON'S CHOICE

I was relieved to learn that the federal abortion ban signed into law by President Bush earlier this year was found unconstitutional last week by Federal District Court Judge Phyllis J. Hamilton. I was outraged when Bush supported a law that contains no exceptions for cases where a woman's health is at risk. In addition, the language of this law is so vague that it could be applied to abortions as early as the 12th week of pregnancy. It appears that the law that Bush signed is just one piece of an ongoing and increasingly aggressive campaign to invade women's privacy and eliminate the right to choose.

I applaud Hamilton for finding the federal abortion ban to be unconstitutional, making a landmark victory for medical privacy rights and women's health. Anti-choice lawmakers have been wasting tax dollars for years in efforts to spread inaccurate information denying the need for safe and medically appropriate procedures. Hamilton's decision further confirms that the federal abortion ban poses a threat to women's health and violates the Constitution. President Bush will not let anything stand in the way, not even the Constitution, of eliminating a woman's right to choose. Unfortunately, these efforts come at the price of women's health.

*Rose Kelsch
Eugene*

DIGGING DEEPER

After his death, many people have praised Ronald Reagan. They have elevated him to the level of saint, citing such things as ending the Cold War. In my opinion, he was a snake oil salesman that sold us happy propaganda to distract us from some of the things that he and his cabinet achieved.

He promoted the Soviet Union as an enemy to justify a massive increase in military spending, tripling our country's deficit during his years in the White House. Moving to probable criminal activities, there was substantial evidence that pointed him and his cabinet to dealing with Iran in trading arms for hostages. Folks, please do not plead coin-

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