

news Briefs

when it comes to their marketing campaigns. PETA's newest campaign, "Live Make-Out Tour," is no exception.

If you happened to be walking around downtown on your lunch break July 28; you may have noticed something a bit odd, even by Eugene standards. Two PETA members, Ravi Chand and Bethany Walker, were lying embraced on an inflatable air mattress on the corner of 10th and Willamette.

Dressed only in their underwear the couple was giving the wide-eyed lunch goers quite a sultry show. "We are here to draw attention to the fact that going vegetarian is the best thing you can do to jump-start your sex life," said Chand. Chand added, "Vegetarians are usually slimmer, sexier, and have more energy and endurance in and out of the bedroom."

In between their long passionate kisses and gentle petting, Chand and Walker passed out free vegetarian starter kits in front of a large banner reading, "Vegetarians Make Better Lovers" to let the visually stimulated onlookers know how they could spice up their own sex lives.

For information about going vegetarian and the Live Make-Out Tour, go to www.peta.org

WYDEN CRITICIZED FOR ENVIRO RECORD

Sen. Ron Wyden is taking heat this week from activists in Portland concerned about his voting record on wilderness and forestry issues.

Joe Keating of the group Back 2 the WALL, is helping organize a "Wyden Accountability Week" in Portland to point out the senator's contradictory stands in Congress.

"Wyden has a vision for our federal forests," says Keating. "His vision is not the preservation of our last remaining wilderness but rather the saving of small areas of old growth trees while industrial logging continues and dominates. His vision for our wilderness is that of a large theme park. He does not have a conservation ethic. He is the consummate politician."

Keating says Wyden has adopted former Sen. Mark Hatfield's strategy of "two steps forward and one step back" when it comes to wilderness preservation. Wyden has a mixed record on natural resource issues and has angered many environmentalists with his recent backing of Bush's Healthy Forests Initiative. Wyden's much-lauded Mount Hood wilderness expansion bill is also criticized for loopholes that allow heavy logging in the region.

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LOCAL KERRY OFFICE COMING TOGETHER

An official campaign office for Sen. John Kerry and other Democrats has been established in Eugene at 114 E. 16th St. As *EW* goes to press, the phone number, fax and e-mail addresses have not yet been announced.

"They are just getting things under way in Eugene," says Lisa Sohn of the Portland office. The local office is called the Carry Oregon Coordinated Campaign Headquarters and its first dignitary visit was supposed to be Rep. Peter DeFazio Aug. 4, but the congressman postponed his visit at the last moment. DeFazio is awaiting details about the Oregon visit next week of Kerry and John Edwards as part of their national post-convention tour.

Kerry and Edwards will be touting their new campaign book, *Our Plan for America:*



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Until local numbers are available, the Oregon contact for volunteering in the Kerry/Edwards campaign is (503) 232-5894 and house parties in the area are being coordinated by Mac Prichard at (503) 725-8921. Or visit www.johnkerry.com

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In the July 22 Music column by Vanessa Salvia regarding the local band Cabinessence, one of the band member's names was incorrect, due to an editor's error. The guitarist and vocalist's correct name is Jacob Arnold.



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