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• This week we witnessed the awkward kick-off of the yellow-shirt brigade urging Mayor Jim Torrey to run a write-in campaign to keep his job in November. Yellow is a good color for this pro-Torrey group. They are afraid to say who's paying for their polling, paying for their web-sites, paying for their T-shirts, paying for their full-page ads. Sounds like the Gang of 9 all over again, without the nasty cartoons (yet). Meanwhile, all this sneaky campaign activity appears to violate the spirit, if not the letter, of Oregon campaign finance law. This ill-advised campaign is just making Torrey & company look like sore losers, and if the campaign does go ahead, the results could prove embarrassing for our lame-duck mayor. Call off the yellow dogs, Jim.

• The whirlwind of presidential campaigning blew into Eugene with lots of craziness last week. Thursday was *Eugene Weekly* night at the Ems game. Our classy circulation manager, Deena Miller, was poised to throw out the first pitch when the Ems guy in charge said she had to wait because he expected John Kerry to put that ball out there. Maybe. Kerry didn't make it to Civic Stadium and Deena should get to throw it out next year.

• John and Teresa were scheduled to eat dinner in their room at Valley River Inn, but some smart staffer took them out instead to Marche'. Stephanie Pearl Kimmel, Marche' owner, was impressed at the Kerry's enthusiasm for locally grown, organic, and seasonable food. She says Teresa was especially strong in her support of sustainable agriculture. Was the service slow? No, but Marche' is known for its advocacy of the "slow food" movement and a benefit dinner for local organic growers is happening at Marche' Tuesday, Aug. 24. Money raised will help send growers to represent Eugene at an international gathering in Turin, Italy in October. Call 342-3612 for reservations.

• On a related note, pick up the September issue of *The Atlantic*, page 153, for a great article about our own Paul Atkinson and his Laughing Stock farm, located according to the author "in southern Oregon" (not so, of course, it's right out here on Territorial road - Eastern habit of identifying everything south of Portland as southern Oregon.) Called "Principled Pork," the article was done after the author ate Paul's pig at Chez Panisse in Berkeley and the flavor was "something else again. I resolved to find out why it tasted so much better by traveling to the farm."

• We also know about Paul's turkeys. If you want one for this Thanksgiving, you better order it tomorrow or you may be too late. The flavor of those sustainably grown turkeys is something else again.

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