

pirate's booty if you like — and we ought to hold our culinary writers to high, even national, standards.

Jonas Lerman
Eugene

HONORING DECISIONS

Three or four letters printed in last week's *EW* (8/26) expressed negative views on the write-in campaign for Jim Torrey. I believe each of these letters suggested that Torrey should not run because "the voters have already chosen Kitty Piercy," or words to that effect.

I have not yet checked back issues of *EW*, but I'm sure that when I do I'll find that these same folks also penned letters complaining about the city's refusal to honor the voters' wishes regarding construction of the West Eugene Parkway.

Stephen Roberts
Eugene

GREENER CHOICES

In response to Jeffrey Stout's letter (8/26) debunking Jiffy Lube's "environmental recognition." At this moment in time our country, our culture, and our economy support the use of automobiles. We all know of course that cars are pollutants, and wouldn't it be lovely (seriously) if we all rode bicycles? But that's not reflective of reality or even conducive to generating a new reality. In fact, in the bigger picture of environmentally responsible business operations, it's not about Jiffy Lube per se at all.

It's about one small business making a conscious choice to consider the impact of its operations on the environment and to change or restructure its operations in order to be as eco-friendly as possible. It's about acknowledging that there is indeed a relationship between business operations and the health of the environment.

It's about training our employees to think and act more consciously in this disposable society of ours, and educating the public with information indicating how easy and important it is to take steps toward environmentally responsible business operations.

I'm proud that Oregon leads the country in its creation of the Automotive Ecological Business Program. I'm encouraged that even a lube shop can choose to change and restructure in order to become an ecologically certified business.

I applaud the lube techs at your locally owned West 11th Jiffy Lube for their ongoing cooperation and tireless efforts to maintain ecological certification, and for actually listening and not laughing when I asked them to

begin recycling everything from plastic bags to radiator caps!

Kathy Arbuckle, owner
West 11th Jiffy Lube

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

The war in Iraq is not George Bush's war. The war is the American lifestyle war. American soldiers are killing, dying, and being maimed so Americans can have plentiful and affordable go juice. Fifty-six percent of a fill-up has to be pumped out of some foreigner's soil, whether they like it or not.

Has anybody stopped burning gasoline as a protest against the war in Iraq? No, consumption of gasoline has gone up since the war began.

Protest against the war is vocal and scapegoat-oriented against George Bush. That is like fat children cursing the ice cream man for their obesity.

George Bush is the loving daddy of American car drivers. He kills for their fuel because they want it, need it, love it. Be good children and say thank you to dad on election day.

Lester Peel
Springfield

U.S. COMPLICITY

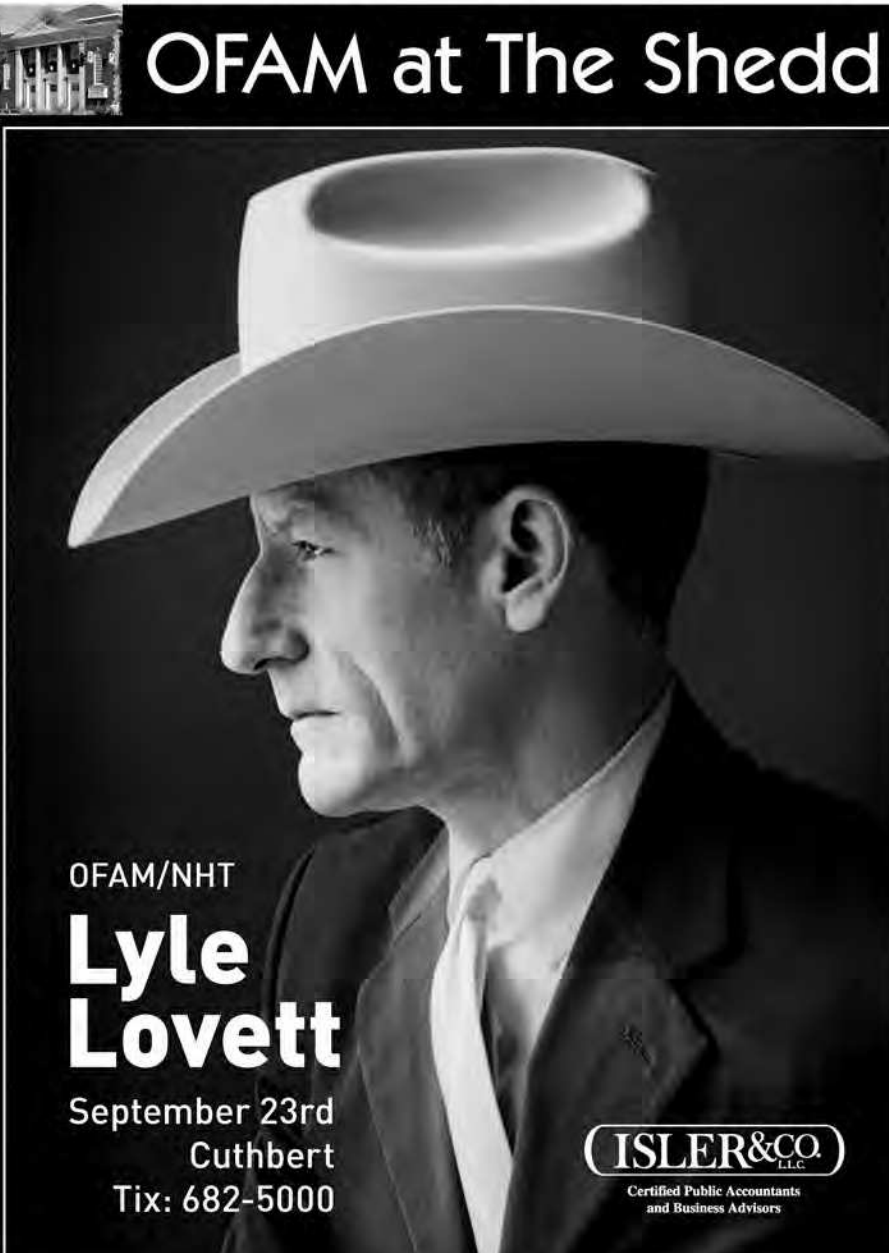
Kudos to the *EW* for bringing us the frequent on-the-ground reports by Kate Rogers Gessert, most recently the "One Side of the Fence" article (8/12). It's a point of view not readily available in the daily news and about which we need be aware. The heavy-handed Israeli military treatment of peaceful Palestinians by the right wing Sharon government and their use of American planes, weapons and bulldozers makes us complicit for the physical destruction of their olive and fruit orchards and other food crops.

There is an alternative to this and to suicide attacks on Israeli civilians and the escalating violence. Rabbi Michael Lerner's *Healing Israel/Palestine* paperback and the Tikkun community come to mind. Log on to www.tikkun.org and tell U.S. policymakers what you learned. It would also be helpful if Ms. Gessert would list aid organizations like Ta'ayush, an Arab-Jewish group, see www.taayush.org and others.

John Saemann
Eugene

SLICKER DIGS?

Thanks for turning your attention to the Farmers' Market in last week's issue (8/19). While it's always nice to get some press, I'm wishing Ben Fogelson had explored beyond



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