

to low income, age, or disability, LTD is the *only* means of transportation for many of these people. It is no exaggeration to say that many lives and livelihoods will come to a halt if a strike commences.

Both social services and local retail will be hurt, money will be lost, and hostility will fester. Any walkout, however brief, will be disastrous to Lane County.

Some may respond to this by saying that LTD is not a charity or altruistic enterprise, but a business. We accept that, but fail to see the business sense in treating your customers in such a shabby and disrespectful manner. We are your lifeblood, we pay your salaries, and without us, LTD ceases to exist.

We've patiently endured service cuts and fare increases, and we deeply resent being held hostage by your inability to reach a compromise.

You often claim that your passengers are your top priority. If this is the case, then now is the time to prove it; if not for your own good, then for ours. You've asked for our trust and we've rewarded you with loyalty on a daily basis. We beg you to take any step necessary to settle this dispute and avert a strike. Our community is depending upon it.

*Kris and Debbie Bluth  
Eugene*

**THE BIRD FACTOR**

Thank you, Jon Jenkins (1/13), for opening my eyes to one of the main social issues facing consumers today: restaurateurs who refuse to replace sour cream and lettuce with rice in chicken dishes. In retrospect, I can now see how I've wasted many an hour worrying about the wrong aspect in that equation — the chicken.

Sure, 99 percent of the poultry purchased by the food-service industry have been raised in hell holes so unimaginable that they make Abu Ghraib and Gitmo seem like trips to Disneyland. But, the pain and misery aside, I can now see clearly how the real issue is not the chicken; it's the lack of choices diners have when ordering different components for their main dish.



Some type of legislative action needs to be taken to ensure this never happens again. I think Rep. John Lim of Gresham would be the right choice for introducing such a law. Last week, he presented to the House HB2344, which would require all Oregon public schools to offer tae kwon do as a physical education elective. Please call Rep. Lim so that he can get started on an anti-food discrimination measure immediately.

*Bob Berman  
Elmira*

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**Notice to Parents!**

**School's Open!**

Visit your neighborhood school — and more!

Learn about Eugene 4J schools. Start by visiting your neighborhood school. With the district's open enrollment policy, parents may opt to send their children to any school within the district, provided that there is space available. All schools in the district focus on nurturing the success of each child.

You can enroll in your neighborhood school at any time. To enroll in another district school, the open enrollment period is from NOW until March 4 for the 2005-06 school year. The 4J Schools Guide — available at any school, at the 4J Education Center or at [www.4j.lane.edu](http://www.4j.lane.edu) — offers an overview of each school.

Schools throughout the district will be open for visits:

**TODAY! Thurs. Jan. 27 and Mon. Feb. 14 - Fri. Feb. 18**

Please phone ahead or visit [www.4j.lane.edu](http://www.4j.lane.edu), as each school offers different activities and times when parents can visit.

**School's open — and you're welcome to visit.**

**District-wide Information Meeting**  
A meeting at the 4J Education Center, 200 N. Monroe, will provide general information about the school application and enrollment process. Spanish translation will be provided.  
**Sat. Feb. 12: 9 - 10 am**

**The Application Process**  
To enroll your child in a school other than your neighborhood school, follow this process:

- Pick up an application at any school, at the 4J Education Center, 200 N. Monroe, or at [www.4j.lane.edu](http://www.4j.lane.edu).
- Return the application no later than March 5 to the 4J Education Center.

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