

that we need not rely on such immoderate solutions as Measure 37.

Jason Busch
UO Law School

NORTHERN VIEW

I was in town this past weekend for the excellent second annual Beaming Bioneers Conference at LCC. I want to thank those who organized the conference and your paper for printing that great Viewpoint (10/13) by Nina Simons, one of the founders of Bioneers. I want to invite you to send a reporter to the conference next year as I believe your paper may be a great medium for bringing the cutting-edge thinking presented at Bioneers to the citizens of Eugene and Lane County.

For your readers, bioneers.org and bridgingworldsnw.org are two places to learn about the Bioneers, biological pioneers.

While in town I caught a show at the McDonald Theatre — what an incredible venue and wonderful music. I also had a fantastic dinner at the Lucky Noodle and shopped for snacks at one of your incredible co-ops. I really love Eugene and have to return sometime soon.

Finally, I read the letter to the editor about the *Mercury* vs. *Eugene Weekly*. Besides some of the local reporting on political issues in the *Mercury*, I'd take *EW* any day. Just for the letters section alone, and the rest of it looks pretty good, too. You all are very lucky in so many ways, and I'd say *EW* is one of them. Hopefully, at some point our *Mercury* will get a clue and become more interesting and less stupid. One can only hope.

Albert Kaufman
Portland

HAMMERIN' BACK

It took 50-year-old Lori Kasprzak's letter called "Hammer Work" (10/6), in which she publicly stated that she'll stop her son from being available for military service by using a sledge hammer to smash one of his ankles after "narc"-ing him up, to remind me that in this culture most male kids receive their first forms of physical violence from their mothers; then pre-violenced older siblings get their whacking times.

The male child is also raised in schools primarily staffed by women who see men as a threat in their older lives and take from these boys their rightful male competence and natural protective cultural position in human society — a needed element of any family element.

I note that if Kasprzak's son dared to say the same about doing anything as violent to his mom to "save" her from a purely paranoid social perception about how the world works, he would be arrested and forced into treatment for mental instability and logged permanently in government files as a violent delinquent.

In the name of "equality," arrest and send to treatment Mrs. Kasprzak now, and chase down how much exposure other children have to her. Get her listed as fast as possible as a serious violent risk to kids.

This would be the "equal treatment" Mrs. Kasprzak has always demanded, while the rest of us 50 year olds actually went to war in a boys-only draft. We didn't get to vote either.

Daniel J. Moore
Springfield

TOUR DE OLSON

The story of Aaron Olson, bicycle racer, which appeared in the 10/6 *EW*, was a nice twist away from the usual smash 'em, crash 'em fall sports story. I met Olson when he was 15 and have had the pleasure of viewing his struggles and successes in bicycle racing.

He is not likely to go off to fame and fortune in the Tour de France. But better yet, he will find his teenage dream and send out the message to all: Miracles can happen. There was no path he was able to follow to this achievement, and none will be able to follow his own path. In my prime, I never could have raced with such a lofty goal and deep economic debt.

In the years ahead, Olson is sure to be a blessing and an inspiration for the young people he is certain to encounter.

Russell Morton
Eugene

BIG OMISSION

In your story on KLCC (10/13), it is astonishing that you could mention their dearth of left-wing news, and describe their local competition, without mentioning KWVA. This is the UO student station at 88.1 FM; WVA stands for Willamette Valley Alternative. Unlike KLCC, they carry "Democracy Now," the news show that middle-of-the-road KLCC spurns as advocacy, every weekday morning from 7 to 8.

They carry "Pacifica News," the news show that middle-of-the-road KLCC once carried and dropped, every afternoon from 6 to 6:30. Since you refer to an organized group's desire to have this show here, why would you neglect to mention that it is in fact broadcast locally?

They also carry "Counterspin," the media criticism show from FAIR (Fairness and Accuracy In Media, www.fair.org), and "Radio Nation," from *The Nation*, the oldest American newsweekly and still a pillar of the left. They carry locally produced left-wing news and commentary. These offerings make for an extraordinarily valuable and unusual local resource and it is really quite shocking and a discredit to your staff that a self-declared alternative publication would overlook them.

Their main detriment is a comparatively weak signal, which makes me think that you overlooked them perhaps because you're



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