

The event had a few tables of items going for silent auction that had been donated by local businesses. They also had a chocolate carving contest between local media. I was really impressed by the *Eugene Weekly's* impression of Stonehenge. You did an amazing job and, from what I could tell, you did it from memory. I didn't see any pictures or replicas you could have been copying from.

However, I would say that my most enjoyable moment of the event was when this 7-year-old little girl played the harp. She was absolutely adorable. I was really impressed by how well she played from memory, without even looking at any music sheets. It was nice to hear such beautiful music from such a young person. I had the honor of speaking with her afterward and her personality and charm was just as grand as her talent. She turned 8 on Valentine's Day, so "Happy Birthday" to you, and may your love of music stay with you and bring joy to many in the future.

Jen Hutchings
Eugene

ACCESSORIES TO WAR

Starting about three years ago, Americans went on a psychotic rampage and began killing Iraqis in order to steal their oil and use their land for military bases. Since then, our troops have slaughtered more than 30,000 Iraqis. This puts our politicians, both Democrats and Republicans, in the awkward position, every time they vote to fund the war, of being accessories to murder. Our whole Oregon congressional delegation is guilty. They must be punished in the next election, by our voting for their opponents.

Lynn Porter
Eugene

HOUSE CLEANING TIME

Texas Billionaires find Oregon as a cheap way to set a trend of bad government. Since Oregon let its public utilities be sold to the thieves of Enron, Texas money has swung Oregon voters.

Initiatives from "Citizens for a Sound Economy" have convinced Oregon citizens to work against their own interests. Texas

money was used to collect initiative signatures and to influence voters. The results, proudly proclaimed by the Texan forced out of Congress by his bad ethics, Dick Army, "We did our best in Oregon." (Reducing government.)

Oregon's injuries include: badly damaged public education; hundreds of thousands of needy disabled persons without care; big increases in hunger and homelessness; and public safety infrastructure ruined.

Furthermore, Enron apparently stole more than \$700 million collected for state taxes due and never delivered. The state doesn't appear to have charged anyone with this massive theft.

Gov. Kulongoski could have confronted all this. He is now condemning the Bush administration for similar malfeasance. Like Bush, he says one thing and does another. Kulongoski's corruption of his position seems to be connected to his massive corporate support. Meanwhile, he divorces himself from any loyalty to Oregon government, grassroots public interest or to the Democratic party platform, purposes or personnel.

Here in Lane County, Kulongoski's staff has raised nearly \$50,000 for Republican corporate crony Jim Torrey to be used against the Democratic favorite State Sen. Vicki Walker.

National and state voters must correct government failure and corruption starting with Oregon's May primary election. Replace Kulongoski with a real democrat, Pete Sorenson. Replace the Republican majority in Oregon's state house with Democrats. Replace the corruption-ridden national Republicans with Democrats and independents.

Jerry Smith
Eugene

THE OUTRAGE

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