

LETTERS

Artie Shaw is the leader of his all-male big band, not Billie Holiday (not to discredit her amazing talent and what she brings). What about bands that girls play instruments in, but don't sing? Instrumental groups with no vocals whatsoever? Tia Fuller? Terri Lyne Carrington? The International Sweethearts of Rhythm, the first integrated all-women's band of the 1940s, would've been a "male act" if a male vocalist ever sang with them, which I'm sure happened on multiple occasions. What about Scarlet Fever? Ceelo Green's all-female backing band. The Dirty Projectors? Polyphonic Spree?

Lead singers do a lot for us, but assuming that a woman has to be the singer in order to gain the respect of leading a band is an association I dislike. To this girl, I get excited and hopeful just seeing a woman on stage with a bunch of men, especially if it's for her mad music chops and not strictly because her voice is a nice contrast to the men's. As a professional bass player who's experienced the sexism of the music world, I know for a fact the "side members" contribute just as much, if not more, to the success of a group and cannot be discredited. One final note! The three all-girl bands I've played in have always had beers during rehearsal.

Hannah Rose Dexter
Valencia, Calif.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Hannah Rose Dexter was in Eugene recently, performing in a house concert.

TO WHAT DEGREE?

UO to offer a program for "Sporting Goods Product-Management" to better

prepare our students to advance in what Oregon does best. "If the Shoe Fits" degrees will soon be available. Students pursuing "Professional Football Performance" accreditation will have this option as a minor, as opposed to specializing in "Insurance Sales."

Vince Loving
Eugene

SURVIVAL STRATEGIES

The situation is that institutions and enterprises are increasingly deleterious on the ecosystems; systems, worth noting, upon which those institutions and enterprises are founded. Embedded in the Anthropocene, the human campgrounds will collapse as the ground falls out from under them. And the icecaps melt.

Two equally critical steps could forestall such a consequence: 1) legalize fossil fuels, 2) decentralize production.

But of course our institutions and enterprises and culture of consumption are incarcerated in a gulag of *weltanschauungs* for which such survival strategies are taboo.

David Hugh Tyson
Eugene

VETS WHEELING HOME

Few remember when Veterans Day was known as Armistice Day. I do, and I remember a jaunty song that went with it: "When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again."

Not all Johnnys came marching home.

Some were wheeled home, sightless and limbless, others in caskets. Such a song had to seem calloused for mothers who had a gold star hanging in a window for a son killed in action in World War II.

It is no different today as we prepare to greet returnees from Afghanistan and Iraq. We will hear that song whose last line is: "And we'll all be glad when Johnny comes marching home." But awareness of the price paid should cause us to say instead: "And we'll all be sad when Johnny comes wheeling home."

Reality of war and unreality of our patriotic songs should strike us, finally, as we see its victims — our sons and daughters — wheeled before us without eyes to see and limbs to walk. They will remain among us as terrible reminders of how easily we patriotic singers forget the price others pay in unnecessary war.

George Beres
Korean War vet
Eugene

BUYING THE HEADWATERS

Simple solution for the purchase of the Amazon Headwaters: 10,000 people agree to a charge of \$5 a week to a major credit card to raise the \$2.5 million. Or 5,000 people at \$10 a week, or? The money could go directly to the owner of the property, with the title of the property held in escrow until paid for. When paid for, the title would be transferred automatically to an entity agreed to in advance.

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