

chance to hear several of Eugene's musical gems, especially Paul.

It's obvious that Paul's music has touched a lot of lives in a lot of ways, and there were so many people that had big ol' smiles on their faces — "feelin' the love in the room," said one performer, and sending Paul rapid recovery wishes!

So, if you ever get a chance to pay it forward, go listen to Paul Biondi or attend a MEMA event, just go! Leave it to you, Paul ... leave it to you.

Linda Wagner
Eugene

A DEAD SHORT GUY

I hope not to be too pretentious by willing to add a small correction to Georgette Silber's letter from last week. (Prétentieux? Oui.) My mother language is French and I spent the first 28 years of my life in the French part of Belgium, so

bear with me. Some of what Georgette Silber says is right: *le mort* or *le petit mort* is correct French and will be used if one wants to describe say ... a man who is dead or a short man who is dead. In that case, the word will be a masculine adjective.

But when, in French, someone talks about Death, she or he will say *la Mort*... definitely feminine ... always. She's even called *la Grande Faucheuse* (the Big Reaper) from the word *faux*, which is the French word for scythe (also the masculine word for "false"). As an anecdote and to finish this on a typical French flavor, *la Petite Mort* is used sometimes to describe ... an orgasm! There, you have it!

Alby Thoumsin
Springfield

NO MORE WHINING

I feel the Duck football trip to Arizona was a success. We'll no longer have to

listen to their whining about playing in the Rose Bowl (again) rather than for the national championship.

Don French
Eugene

MUG LOVE

Many years ago my sister gave me a San Francisco Public Radio (KQED) reusable coffee mug that to this day is my good friend. Guilt surfaces if and when I want a cup of something "to go" and neglect to take her along for the ride.

She is asking for a sister or brother cup so there is always one of them with me. It is easy to have a freshly bathed one, cleaned up, waiting in the car and ready for an adventure.

The search is on for the perfect reusable friend who will join our family of environmental thoughtful acts.

Maybe we will find one having been

discarded and now living, waiting to be adopted, in one of the many secondhand stores.. Waiting and hoping for a thoughtful person or family to help out with in-the-car or long-walk tea or coffee, and have adventures with.

PS: My cloth and other reusable shopping bags feel the same, which is why they happily live together all cozy in the car.

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