

Co-existence or Confrontation— What to do with the gypsy moth?

On Thursday, Jan. 31, Eugene will host the last in a series of public meetings being held by the Oregon Department of Agriculture to explain their proposed gypsy moth spray program.

The Department proposes to spray approximately a quarter of a million acres in Lane County with a biological insecticide known as B.t., a bacteria that kills the gypsy moth in its caterpillar stage (and other caterpillars, too). This aerial spraying will include most of Eugene south of the Willamette River.

In addition to this widespread spraying of B.t., there will be a limited chemical

spraying in areas of high infestation. Thirty acres of Hawkins Heights in Southwest Eugene, for example, will be sprayed with Orthene, a nerve poison which kills a wide spectrum of insects and may disrupt nerve transmission in other animals as well.

Another chemical, Dimilin, will be sprayed in the Pleasant Hill area. This chemical is restricted to rural areas—a minimum of one residence per 10 acres—presumably because of potential health risks.

The gypsy moth infestation is a real problem which calls for serious and immediate attention. However, the Department of

Agriculture's proposal has brought up many disturbing questions which should be answered before such a massive and costly program be launched:

1) Is total eradication possible when the moth will continually be brought back into the state on cars, campers, etc.?

2) How much of a threat does the moth pose to Oregon forests? (Has it not been a pest primarily of deciduous, hardwood trees in other parts of the country?)

3) Can the moth be controlled—without the broad spectrum aerial spray approach which may well throw out the baby with the bath water, so to speak? Do we really want to risk killing all caterpillars, insects, spiders, and crustaceans? What will the birds eat? What will happen to the gypsy moth's "natural predators"?

4) What are the health risks to humans and other creatures? Have proper studies been done or are we the guinea pigs?

5) What reasonable alternatives are there to the chemical quick fix?

The Stop the Gypsy Moth committee, in conjunction with the people at NCAP (Northwest Coalition Against Pesticides) have compiled some very thorough fact sheets on the moth, the chemicals and the alternatives to chemicals. They're available at the NCAP office, 344-5044.

The meeting is tonight (Thursday, Jan. 31) at 7:30 pm, at Jefferson-Magnet Arts School, 1650 West 22nd, Eugene. We urge you to become informed and to let your opinions be heard. As one person who wrote to us about the spray program put it, "When the helicopters are flying overhead, it will be too late!"

RADIO SPOT

Black History Month

KLCC 89 FM will celebrate Black History Month throughout the month of February by airing a series of Black history specials.

The 28-part series of short modular programs entitled "Comments on Black Culture" explores the experiences of Black Americans and their impact on every aspect of American life. "Comments on Black Culture" will air weekdays at 3:25 pm on 89 FM beginning Feb. 1.

Phantom Fundraiser

KWAX 91 FM has begun its "Phantom Fundraiser"—a prelude to the upcoming "Rite of Spring" on-air fundraiser scheduled to begin Feb. 28. The Phantom Fundraiser allows patrons to make their pledges ahead of time, thus reducing the amount of air time set aside for fundraising. For every \$3200 received before Feb. 28, there will be one less day of on-air fundraising.

Supporters may request a Phantom Fundraiser letter by calling 686-4238.

Discount Tickets Available at the Hult Center

Accessibility is the key word behind a new voucher program being launched by the Eugene Arts Foundation for the Hult Center for the Performing Arts in Eugene.

Under the program, the Eugene Arts Foundation will cover \$2.50 of the price of balcony tickets for certain Hult Center shows to make events at the Center accessible to as many Eugene-area residents as possible.

The program is designed to make live entertainment affordable to people who ordinarily could not buy full-priced tickets.

Last fall, the Eugene Performing Arts Commission was aware of the community concerns that ex-

pensive ticket prices excluded some segments of the population from attending the Hult Center, and they wanted to find a way to offer discounted tickets while not creating financial difficulties for the Center. The Eugene Arts Foundation proposed to fund such a program when it learned from the PAC of the community's concern. Foundation spokesperson Carolyn S. Chambers said, "The Foundation Board has a commitment to making live cultural events part of the fabric of the Eugene-Springfield community, and that means insuring that as many people as possible can attend them."

Here's how it will work: Vouchers will be printed in *What's Happening*, the *Eugene Register-Guard* and the *Springfield News*, and the program will be announced on local broadcast stations. People who would like to participate in the program can clip the coupon and take it to the ticket office at the Hult Center or can tell ticket office personnel that they heard about it on a particular radio station. They will then receive a \$2.50 discount on up to six tickets per voucher if they buy balcony tickets for the performance. The program is not a substitute for regular, full-price admissions; consequently, patrons using the voucher system may have a limited choice of seating. For more information about the Eugene Arts Foundation discount ticket program, phone 687-5087.



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HOT JAZZ

at deFrisco's



deFrisco's and 95 KZAM FM bring you a night of HOT JAZZ featuring the Carl Woideck Trio this Saturday, February 2. It all starts at 9:00 pm in the Atrium Building - 10th & Broadway - Downtown Eugene.



Discover deFrisco's and discover a world of imported and domestic beers, fine Lane County wines, a wide array of snacks, great breakfasts, lunches and dinners. Discover deFrisco's and discover a world of enjoyment.

