

Discussion to focus on poverty

A panel discussion on "The Politics of Poverty" will be held today at noon in the Lane Unemployment Project office at 979 Willamette St.

The panel will discuss the policies that affect poverty and hunger in the community and nation. Panelists will include Rep. Larry Hill, D-Springfield; Stefan Ostrach, of the Lane County Labor Council; and Rick Rolf, aide to U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield.

The event coincides with

"World Food Day," which commemorates the founding of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations in 1945. A recent FAO study categorizes 500 million people in the world as "severely undernourished."

A free lunch will be served prior to the panel at 11:30 a.m. Following the panel, there will be an open-mike discussion moderated by City Council member Cynthia Wooten.

"We meet as a community to

express our concern for the poor and unemployed," says Cynthia Kokis, World Food Day committee member. "Churches are serving the lunch. Children are holding a food drive for canned goods, and classrooms are discussing nutrition and hunger issues."

Local sponsors for the events include Bread for the World, Clients Council, Clergy and Laity Concerned and FISH. All events are free and open to the public.

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Sierra Club will reward praise of Reagan record

The Many Rivers Group of the Sierra Club is offering a reward to anyone who can say anything positive about Pres. Ronald Reagan's environmental record.

The tongue-in-cheek program, to be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Harris Hall, 125 E. Eighth Ave., will allow anyone to speak for a few minutes on Reagan's environmental contributions, says Jack Desmond, Sierra Club spokesperson.

"You may wish to tell how James Watt has protected our

national parks from bears or how Anne Burford has cleaned up Wah Chang," Desmond says. "Other suitable topics might include how cutting trees prevents pollution or how acid rain clears up lakes of unwanted trash fish and weeds."

The winner of the contest, chosen by audience applause, will receive two Sierra Club calendars.

A number of local elected officials have been invited to speak.

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damage and cancer, he said.

Shipping the waste to another site, however, could be more hazardous than leaving it at the present site, Denham said.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency ranked Teledyne the 116th worst toxic waste site out of 50,000 throughout the United States, Marbet said. He called Teledyne's "slick presentation" of its case against the measure "criminal deception."

"I don't lie," Denham responded. "I think the person who is actually lying to you is

sitting here at my left," he said referring to Marbet.

Passage of the measure could cause the plant to close down and cause a loss of jobs, Denham said. The plant employs 1,250 people, and every manufacturing job creates between three to five other jobs in the economy, he said.

However, if the plant was forced to move the waste, the process of shipping the waste would create many jobs, Marbet said. "Studies have shown that cleaning up the environment actually creates jobs," he said.

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