

Eugene receives low-income housing grant

The Oregon Housing and Community Services Department awarded approximately \$1 million dollars to Eugene for low income housing.

"The need for quality, affordable housing is as great as ever," said Gov. John Kitzhaber. "There are 85,000 households in our state that pay more than half of their income for housing."

The state awarded more than \$6.5 million dollars in grants and tax incentives to 18 housing developments around the state.

"The grants and tax incentives will help provide safe, affordable housing for low-income families, farmworkers, victims of domestic violence and the elderly and disabled," Kitzhaber said.

Eugene's Ross Lane development was chosen out of more than 40 developments submitted to the department.

The development includes 36 units and is part of St. Vincent De Paul which provides housing for very low income families.

The money will be used by both non-profit and for profit developers for new construction, acquisition and rehabilitation programs.

The Oregon Housing and Community Services Department is the state housing finance agency, providing financial and program support to create opportunities for housing for low income Oregonians. The department also administers federal and state anti-poverty and homeless community service programs.

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Illegal chemicals found in waste water

Elevated levels of illegal chemicals were the cause of a month-long biological "upset" at the Eugene-Springfield Water Pollution Control Facility.

Plant operators noticed changes in the bacterial organisms used to treat waste water in September and the condition continued until mid-October.

An evaluation indicated the cause of the problem was high levels of acetone, methyl ethyl ketone and toluene. These chemicals are commonly found in manufacturing paints varnishes, plastics and fiberglass. According to information released by the plant, these chemicals are also used in the illegal manufacturing of methamphetamines.

The upset did not cause any violations of the treatment plant's discharge permit, and there were no risks to public health or worker safety.

The biological process utilizes natural organisms found in waste water to provide secondary treatment, said Dave Breitenstein, plant manager. An upset occurs when the normal growth and function of the organisms is changed.

Anyone with information on any harmful discharges into the water system is asked to contact the Waste Water Management Commission at 984-8600.

Series to focus on female identity

The Center for the Study of Women in Society's Works-in-Progress Brown Bag series will feature Jaspal Kanr Singh, a comparative literature graduate student. Singh will discuss "Madness as Resistance to Patriarchal and Colonial Construction of (Female) Identity" today at noon in Hendricks Hall, room 330. For more information, call 346-5015.

Spotted Owl issues to be discussed

Wildlife biologist Greg Miller of the Bureau of Land Management will speak on "The Ecology and Federal Management of Northern Spotted Owls" Thursday at 4 p.m. The discussion will take place in the museum. Admission is \$2 per person, \$5 per family and free for members. For more information, call 346-3024.

Hells Canyon usage presented in slides

Mary O'Brien, ecosystem policy analyst for the Hells Canyon Preservation Council, will present a slide show Thursday at 7:30 p.m. on "Hells Canyon Decisions: Wild Backcountry or Motorization?" The presentation is sponsored by the Outdoor Program and will take place in EMU Room 37. For more information, call 346-4365.

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Seminar to focus on pornography, drugs

Students can receive two credits by participating in a seminar this weekend sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program. "Pornography, Drugs and Exploitations" will feature speakers Susan Griffin and James Petersen.

Griffin is the author of "Pornography and Silence." Petersen worked as chief writer and editor of "The Playboy Advisor." The seminar will take place at the Lane County Fair Grounds Performance Hall, and registration costs \$80. For more information, call 346-4135.

International community honored

The University President's Reception will take place this weekend to honor international students, visiting scholars and their families. Sponsored by the Friendship Foundation for International Students and the Office of International Education and Exchange, the reception is open to all community members. The gathering is Sunday at 3 p.m. in Gerlinger Hall's Alumni Lounge. For more information, call 346-1206.

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