

DIRECT SALES MODEL FOR GENESIS JUICE?

Genesis Juice has shut down production and all's quiet at the bottling plant on West 3rd Ave. The phones still work and people are still around, answering questions, dealing with book-keeping and other tasks, and waiting to see what happens next.

The business could be sold, says Melissa Druck, one of the four worker/owners, and/or Genesis could try a new distribution model and sell directly to the public. Genesis has been under pressure from the federal Food and Drug Administration to pasteurize or otherwise sterilize their raw juice products, but FDA rules only apply to juices sold in relatively large volume through retail stores.

Druck says the co-op has "always been considering a CSA thing where people can come here to pick up juice or we could have neighborhood drop-offs." CSA refers to community supported agriculture, a business model where farmers bypass grocery stores and contract with consumers through buying groups.

Are enough people interested? That's the big question for Genesis. Druck says the co-op would like to hear from their customers. People can call Genesis at 344-0967 or send an e-mail from www.efn.org/~genesis

Meanwhile, Druck says the business is trying to collect on accounts past due. "A lot of people owe us lots of money," she says, money that is needed no matter what direction the company goes. — TJJ



Caprario had just given a talk about the exhibit in the gallery a few days before the theft. "This is very bizarre," she says. "Perhaps it was an impulsive act. The work resonates for many people. But it's beyond my imagination to understand the personality of the person who would steal these paintings."

The paintings were apparently taken when left unguarded for a short time.

Anyone with information about the missing paintings can call the Eugene Police Department, the LCC Art Department at 463-5409 or Caprario at 741-8285. — TJJ

NEW FORESTRY PICKS TIED TO TIMBER

Gov. Kulongoski in late January made three appointments to the State Board of Forestry without any input or consultation with Oregon's environmental community. Each of the appointees, confirmed by the Senate over protests from environmentalists, have strong ties to the timber industry, according to Jed Jorgensen of the Oregon Conservation Network.

The appointees to the board are Barbara Craig, a professional forester, and natural resources attorney with the Stoel Rives law firm in Portland; Stephen Hobbs, an OSU forestry professor and research dean; and Jennifer Phillippi, forest land owner and business manager of Rough & Ready Lumber and Perpetua Forests Company.

"The appointments indicate Kulongoski's unwillingness to find common ground," says Sybil Ackerman, conservation director for the Audubon Society of Portland. "It is a very strong signal and symbol, and it's telling us we have to look for a voice in some other way."

The forestry board oversees state forests and manages logging regulations on private lands, and is now represented by a majority who favor timber industry positions, says Jorgensen. The other board members are Larry Giustina, a timber executive; Chris Heffernan, a rancher and farmer; Diane Snyder, executive director of the nonprofit Wallowa Resources in Enterprise; and William Hutchison, a Portland lawyer.

The Senate confirmed the appointments by a vote of 23-6. The six senators voting in opposition were Vicki Walker and Bill Morrisette of Lane County; Ginny Burdick, Avel Gordly and Frank Shields of Portland; and Charlie Ringo of Beaverton. — TJJ

PROGRAM FOCUSES ON NEIGHBORHOODS

What rates high in determining Eugene "quality of life?" A recent survey in the River Road area found most residents giving high priority to "neighborhood-based community, networks and local culture."

"People want fun and positive interaction with people they live near," says local organizer Jan Spencer. With this survey in mind, the Eugene Permaculture Guild is offering a free program focused on neighborhoods, "the Commons" and how to create local culture. The event will begin at 7 pm Tuesday, Feb. 24 at Harris Hall.



Ted Kulongoski

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

HOW CONSERVATIVES SEE IT

DEMOCRATS WHO DISLIKE THE PRESIDENT ARE ANGRY AND DELUSIONAL--

HOW CAN THEY NOT SUPPORT HIM? HE IS THE PRESIDENT!

IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SLICK WILLIE HERE!

I THINK THEY MUST BE CLINICALLY INSANE!

--BUT THE EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS WHO FORM THE CORE OF BUSH'S SUPPORT ARE PERFECTLY RATIONAL

WHEN WE ARE TRANSPORTED BODILY TO HEAVEN DURING THE RAPTURE-- WILL THE FILLINGS IN OUR TEETH BE LEFT BEHIND?

I DON'T KNOW--BUT IT IS CERTAINLY A QUESTION WORTH PONDERING!

JOHN KERRY DESERVES CONTEMPT FOR HIS CRITICISM OF A WAR HE EXPERIENCED FIRSTHAND--

HOW DO WE KNOW HE EVEN REALLY WENT TO VIETNAM, HUH? ANSWER ME THAT!

HE PROBABLY SPENT THE SIXTIES HANGING OUT IN HOLLYWOOD WITH HANOI JANE!

--BUT QUESTIONS ABOUT GEORGE BUSH'S NATIONAL GUARD RECORD ARE BEYOND THE PALE.

THE PRESIDENT SAYS HE FILLED HIS DUTY! WHAT MORE PROOF DOES ANYONE NEED?

THE IMPORTANT THING IS, HE DIDN'T HANG OUT WITH HANOI JANE!

AND OF COURSE, IT'S PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE FOR CONSERVATIVE PUNDITS TO TOSS OUT ALL MANNER OF WILD ACCUSATIONS--

DEMOCRATS HATE AMERICA! THEY WANT THE TERRORISTS TO WIN! THEY'RE SECRETLY ROOTING FOR THE TOTAL COLLAPSE OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION!

AND THEY LIKE TO DROWN KITTENS!

--BUT GOD FORBID LIBERALS SHOULD EVER RESPOND IN KIND.

YOU'RE COMPLETELY BONKERS, YOU KNOW.

WHAT?!? HOW DARE YOU CHEAPEN THE POLITICAL DEBATE WITH YOUR HATE-FILLED RHETORIC! YOU DEMOCRATS ARE SO FILLED WITH RAGE ALL YOU CAN DO IS SPEW BILE BLAH BLAH BLAH B...

SEE? IT ALL MAKES PERFECT SENSE...

A panel discussion with Spencer, Kara Steffensen, Rob Bolman, Deborah Brady and Jon Belcher will discuss a number of local projects, strategies and organizations. For example, a River Road group is organizing to promote socializing, gardening, communications and business development. In the Friendly Street neighborhood, residents are organizing around voter registration. West of downtown, locals are gathering support for an "Intersection Repair" project.

Following the panel, UO adjunct environmental studies professor Chet Bowers will talk about political language, civic goals and values, and a strategy to "repair many of the consequences of our increasingly privatized, natural resource intensive, corporate manufactured culture."

For more information, call 686-6761.

ACTIVIST ALERT

The Eugene premiere of the documentary film *Unprecedented: The 2000 Election* will show at 11 am and 1:30 pm Thursday, Feb. 19 in Room 308, Building 17, at LCC. Filmmaker Joan Sekler will answer questions following the 50 minute showing and Charles O. Porter, former Oregon congressman, and John Coughill, co-chairmen of the Committee to Impeach the Rehnquist Five, will present an update on their lawsuit against the Supreme Court justices over conflicts of interest in their 2000 election decision.

The local chapters of Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) and Beyond War are presenting "The Health Effects of War and SMART Alternatives" at 7 pm Tuesday, Feb. 24 at The Shedd, 285 E. Broadway. Speakers will include Dr. Catherine Thomasson, board president of Oregon PSR. SMART is an acronym for a national security policy that is a Sensible, Multilateral, American Response to Terrorism, "focused on preventing war, and acts of terrorism, and demonstrating U.S. global leadership through international cooperation and collaboration and adherence to the rule of law." For more information, call 896-3996 or e-mail shalima@attglobal.net

Friendly Neighbors for Peace is beginning its non-partisan door to door voter registration drive from 10 am to 2 pm Saturday, Feb. 21. The group will be going door-to-door to register people in the neighborhood. They meet at Washington Park Community Center on Washington Street for an orientation. For more information, call 687-6879 or 344-7133.

A free talk on "The Great Green Hype: Genetic Engineering and Our Food" will be given by biologist and educator Craig Holdrege at 7:30 pm Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Eugene Waldorf School Great Hall, 1350 McLean Blvd. Holdrege will look at what is driving the genetic revolution in agriculture, and will discuss the questions of safety, regulation and the lack of mandatory labeling.

CHIEF'S AWARD IGNORES SCANDAL

In the midst of one of the worst scandals to rock the Eugene Police Department in its history, the Eugene City Manager and City Council have lavished high praise on the police chief under whose watch the scandal occurred.

Two former Eugene police officers are being prosecuted for multiple charges of coercing women into sex while on duty, but departing Police Chief Thad Buchanan got a hero's farewell last week from his bosses.

"Great job, Thad," said Mayor Jim Torrey.

At least five other councilors also joined in congratulating Buchanan for the "commendable," "admirable" and "tremendous" job they said he did as chief.

City Manager Dennis Taylor handed Buchanan a large framed "Certificate of Appreciation" for "the highest quality of public safety services to the community."

There was no mention of the coerced sex charges against two of the officers Buchanan was supposed to have led and supervised to provide that "exemplary" police service.

— Alan Pittman

CORRECTIONS/ CLARIFICATIONS

In last week's "Quickest Way to the Heart" feature story, a wrong number was given for the Institute for Culinary Awakening. The correct number is 686-8443.



Fool's Search by James Ulrich

ULRICH PAINTINGS STOLEN FROM LCC

Three framed paintings by James Edward Ulrich, who died in late 2001, were stolen from an exhibit at the LCC Art Department Gallery Friday, Feb. 13. Ulrich's widow, Kathleen Caprario, is offering a \$500 reward and no questions asked for information leading to the return of the artwork.

The three pastels on paper depicted "images of the fool," says Caprario. She describes them as "very expressive, highly dramatic and allegorical," and says they were major pieces in the exhibit. The smallest is about 8 X 12 inches, the largest is about 19 X 25. She says their combined monetary value is about \$4,000, but their value to family and friends far exceeds their material worth.