

these occurred in the crucial swing states of Ohio and Florida, possibly disenfranchising tens if not hundreds of thousands of voters in populace Democratic leaning counties? Is it a news story when corrupt election supervisors willfully keep perfectly good machines in warehouses while voters have to make do with only a couple of machines in several Ohio and Florida counties? Is it a news story when several Volusia County, Fla., county workers are seen throwing signed memory cards and poll tapes representing 100 precincts into garbage bags and the copies don't match originals?

Republican leaders not only disregarded these vital concerns but also fiercely resisted them by, among other things, not allowing legislative remedies out of committee for debate. Why would legislators proactively resist a verifiable paper trail? Why isn't this a news story?

Senator Lugar has been railing about the illegitimacy of the Ukrainian election based on exit polling variance. Using Lugar's logic, I would suggest that the world body of democracies, not to mention the U.S. citizenry deem the presidency of George Bush illegitimate until recounts are held in Ohio and Florida and proprietary software of Diebold machines are investigated by government agencies.

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## WALTON WONDER

A few weeks ago I had the good fortune

to discover a new way to enjoy being political. I had the wonderful luck to stop at a little cafe in Walton (on 126 halfway to/from Florence). It's called The Green House and it's an oasis of mostly organic, often local, always fresh, delicious food. It's so fresh they don't even have a standard menu. It often depends on what they can buy that day from nearby organic farmers. In the summer they grow lots of their own veggies and all their fruit and vegetables are organically grown.

It's owned and run by a couple. He does most of the cooking and she is the main baker (she still moonlights at Sweet Life).

So here's where the "personal is political" comes in. If you eat at the Green House you are not only supporting that local business, but you are supporting several organic farms in the area as well.

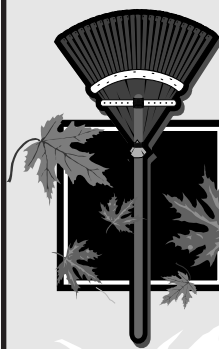
Wintergreen, Still Point and Morning Glory farms are all organic and partially supply the cafe. And you're supporting the idea of sustainability and honoring our earth.

So go ahead, get political and enjoy a great meal too.

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## City of Eugene Leaf Program 2004



**RAKE  
RECYCLE  
REUSE**

### Collection Round Two

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Dec 13 - Dec 17 | West Eugene      |
| Dec 20 - Dec 31 | Central Eugene   |
| Jan 3 - Jan 7   | North Eugene     |
| Jan 10 - Jan 14 | Southeast Eugene |
| Jan 17 - Jan 21 | Southwest Eugene |

Unimproved streets are normally picked up during this round.

### It's Easy to Rake, Recycle and Reuse Your Leaves

- Use leaves for mulch or compost (call 682-5542).
- If you pile leaves in the street, don't mix them with debris.
- Put leaves and other debris in your yard debris container.
- Take leaves to local yard debris recyclers (Rexius, Lane Forest Products, GreenCo Recycling).
- If you want more leaves than you have, request a leaf delivery by calling 682-4800.

### For the Safety of All, Keep Bike and Traffic Lanes Clear!

- Place leaves in a row at least a foot away from the curb so they don't block gutters and clog storm drains.
- Pile leaves at least 15 feet away from parked vehicles.

For leaf services outside city limits, call Lane County Public Works Hotline at 682-8565.

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