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In 1994 the voters of Oregon enacted campaign finance reform by a 72 percent vote. But in 1997 the Oregon Supreme Court struck down the law, and since then spending on campaigns has increased 10-fold. One initiative being worked on by the Fair Elections campaign is a constitutional amendment to overturn the Oregon Supreme Court's decision and allow campaign finance reform laws to be enacted by Oregon voters through the initiative process or an act of the Legislature. The other is a statute that would put limits on how much can be donated to campaigns by individuals, corporations, unions and committees, and put in place more stringent reporting and disclosure rules of donors to campaigns.

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changes already affecting the Pacific Northwest due to greenhouse gas emissions. Year-round temperatures are rising and forests are drying out in late summer, increasing the risk of bug infestations and wildfires. More summer heat also means more energy demand for air conditioning at a time when less water will be available in reservoirs for hydropower. Infectious diseases like West Nile virus are moving northward, and precipitation patterns are more erratic, the report states.

And it will only get worse. "We'll have large-scale weather variations; more summer droughts back-to-back with increased flooding," says Doppelt, who is also the director of the UO Institute for a Sustainable Environment. "Droughts will affect fishing and summer recreation. A rising sea level will impact coastal infrastructure and cause losses

of beach sand, with impacts on recreation and tourism."

But there is hope. Eugene is a leader in energy conservation, which saves consumers money while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Investments in energy-efficient technology and architecture generally pay off within one to three years, Doppelt says, and wind power is becoming more competitive as fossil fuel costs rise. "We need to unleash the creative energy of business leaders and citizens in general, and we will find solutions," Doppelt says.

Eugene's initiatives alone won't slow global warming — but it's a start. "Eugene's actions have to be coordinated with those in other communities," Doppelt says. "Without the participation of every community, state and nation, we will not solve the problem."

—Kera Abraham

SALLY LAUDED IN TEXAS

Eugene Weekly humor columnist Sally Sheklow has taken both first and second place awards in the Best Magazine Column category in the 2005 Houston Press Club Lone Star Awards. The awards were announced at the University of Houston Hilton June 18.

Sheklow's columns on same-sex marriage were submitted by Tim Brookover, editor of Houston's *OutSmart* magazine. The columns competed with magazines from all over the state.

"As always, Sally's columns match with provocative content," says Brookover. "In 2004, Sally was particularly on fire with her terrific columns about same-sex marriage."

Sheklow's "Living Out" column began at *EW* in 1999 and is now carried in newspapers and magazines across the country.

CUTTING CARBON

Portland has reduced its carbon dioxide emissions by 13.2 percent, achieving the Kyoto Protocol goal of below-1990 levels, *The Oregonian* reports (6/9). Eugene might be on track with similar reductions, according to a May 5 climate change assessment by a team of UO students.

Under the guidance of professor Bob Doppelt, UO graduate students in a global warming course analyzed emissions from the city of Eugene's government operations (including EWEB, city buildings, public transportation fleets and the metropolitan wastewater management). They found that the city's greenhouse gas emissions decreased by 9 percent over the past decade.

Local actions that contributed to the greenhouse gas reductions include energy efficiency programs, carbon dioxide sequestration, solid waste reduction and recycling. The city's use of hydroelectric power also reduces its carbon dioxide emissions.

The assessment examines the climate

Happening people BY PAUL NEEVEL

JEFF LANZA

A love of trees and outdoor life drew Jeff Lanza from Lake Forest, Ill., to architecture school at the UO in 1981. After two years, nature drew him out of the classroom and into his own landscape design and construction business. When he returned to school a

decade later in landscape architecture, Lanza drew up an open-space master plan for the city of Coburg as a fifth-year project. "One thing that makes Coburg historic is street trees, especially big-leaf maple," he notes. "It got me involved in community tree issues." Since 1998, Lanza has worked for Stangeland Landscape Architecture and volunteered with the Eugene Tree Foundation, currently as chairman of its tree-planting committee. "I look on trees as critical public infrastructure," he says. "I keep a journal and scout for locations. We've planted more than 1,000 street trees since 1999." Tree-planting work parties are scheduled for Saturday mornings in the winter and early spring. The city's NeighborWoods Program provides trees and tools. "Jeff is tireless in getting things organized," says former ETF President Jon Kline. "He's very knowledgeable about trees and their habitat."



HOLIDAY DEADLINES

Eugene Weekly offices will be closed Monday, July 4. Editorial deadlines for our July 7 issue will not change, but advertising will have early dead-

lines. To reserve space for display ads, please call by **Thursday** noon, June 30. For classified ads, please call by 5 pm Friday, July 1. Questions? Call 484-0519.



CORRECTIONS/ CLARIFICATIONS

An editor's error occurred in the second paragraph of Mona Linstromberg's Viewpoint last week. The sentence ending with "proposed cuts of April 2005" should have ended with "proposed cuts of '04-05."

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