

bigger giveaway for the joint city-county enterprise zone.

The county lost about \$2 million in revenues from the bigger Hynix tax break, with the city and state school funding losing the rest. The county could revisit the enterprise zone tax break at any time to staunch the flow of revenues it's losing to businesses and corporate profits. But the county is instead still focused on an income tax that could even hit the paychecks of county residents living below poverty. — Alan Pittman

CLEAN SKIES CAMPAIGN

Two local public interest groups, The Oregon Toxics Alliance (OTA) and Citizens for Public Accountability (CPA) are organizing support for State Rep. Paul Holvey in his campaign to pass legislation banning agricultural field burning.

A gathering in support of CPA's Clear Clean Skies campaign is planned for 7 pm Wednesday, Feb. 28 at EWEB. Lane County Commissioner Pete Sorenson plans to talk, and a new, short documentary by The Sky's the Limit will be shown. The audience will see aerial photos of field burning, and citizens affected by the smoke will tell their stories.

Starting again this summer, the "dark smoke-breathing dragon of field burning comes billowing towards us," says Lynn Apsel of CPA in a message to CPA's mailing list. "Those formerly idyllic skies suddenly resemble the smog in Los Angeles. If you're

caught right in the path of the smoke, the choking impact can be staggering."

CPA says the state of Oregon's seriously flawed "solution" has merely reduced the number of acres burned, "still stranding us in the midst of 40,000 acres of dense, dark

smoke, leaving our beautiful skies filthy and many gasping for breath."

Holvey is expected to introduce legislation this session that will ban all field burning, forcing grass seed farmers to turn to more eco-friendly alternatives. Already lobbying law-

Happening people BY PAUL NEEVEL

LEIGH ANNE JASHEWAY-BRYANT

Burned out from the heat of Houston and a career in health care management that left her no time to be with her friends, Leigh Anne Jasheway-Bryant escaped in 1994 to cool north Eugene and a new life as a comedy writer and motivational speaker. "I came on vacation for a week and unexpectedly bought this house," says Jasheway-Bryant, who has written 13 books and taught a class in comedy-writing at LCC for 12 years. Her humor column appeared in the *Comic News* for nine years before the magazine shut down local publication. "So I started a radio program," she says. "On Women Under the Influence of Laughter" airs at 9 am Saturdays on the Air America affiliate KOPT AM 1600. Jasheway-Bryant speaks on health and humor to 50-plus conferences yearly. She emcees local events such as a "Playshop for Grow-Ups," from 1 to 4:30 pm on Saturday, Feb. 24 at the Eugene Red Lion, a benefit for the Willamette Animal Guild, the Shelter Animal Resource Alliance and their campaign to control pet overpopulation. Details at sarasavesanimals.org More about Jasheway-Bryant's events (and products) can be found at accidentalcomic.com



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