

drawing as therapy

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**BAD CHOICE OF VENUE**

Hello! I understand that Eugene's "Readin' in the Rain" series will be honoring Eugene author Kenny Moore and that the series' kick-off event will be held this year at Barnes & Noble.

Wait a minute! This series is focused on a local writer and local readers, so why have the kick-off event at a corporate bookstore instead of at one of Eugene's independently owned bookstores? Or coordinate this series with the local Artists and Authors Fair at the county fair-

grounds; why not hold both events the same time at the county fairgrounds? Not only would it save Eugeneans' money, but it would make sense to hold both at same locale!

*Charles F. Thielman  
Eugene*

**EWEB'S CHOICES**

Climate and biological science now tells us that we are cruising on the *Titanic*, and the response by local officials at EWEB and ODOT seems to be adding fuel to the fire and to rearrange the deck chairs.

What will Eugene do if the glaciers on the Three Sisters and Diamond Peak disappear in the next 10 years because of global warming? Do EWEB and Eugene have projections and are they preparing for it?

How will this affect the power generation capacity of EWEB? Eugene customers depend on 20 percent of their electricity from dams on local rivers.

Instead of preparing for this inevitability, EWEB seems intent on spending upwards of \$90 million on a new building in west Eugene. With \$90 million, EWEB could greatly expand incentives to install solar water heaters, affordable heat pumps and heat pump water heaters to 60,000 Eugene homes and rentals.

However, I wonder if converting your car to biodiesel is truly a net gain for the planet. Consider the amount of energy (personal and mechanical) that must be expended to design, build, market, distribute and install each converter, not to mention the additional energy (above gasoline) required to manufacture, market and distribute the alternative fuel. I am not an economist, but on the surface it seems like we are expending a lot of energy to conserve a little.

You also read about someone who has built a million dollar house that is energy efficient and based on sustainable materials. Isn't there some hypocrisy there based upon that same logic? Whatever ongoing energy is saved seems to be way offset (by an exponential factor) by the energy expended in the production of the house in the first place.

It is possible the discussion of alternative fuels and sustainable housing is taking our eye off the real ball — that is to simply use less. People who buy new cars or biodiesel converters or those building new, expansive homes — even though they are energy-efficient — may operate under a guise of feelfoodism and may still be guilty of over-consuming our natural resources.

Think about it.

*Michael Kelm  
Eugene*



**Bruce Lipton, Ph.D.**

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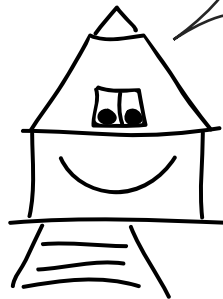
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