

to contemporary Western lifestyles, unwilling to consider new modes of living and unprepared for adaptation.

Euglena Academy is unique in our region in addressing climate change using systems sciences, including geophysiology, which are required for understanding why the term "global warming" is a fuzzy and misleading term and why our focus should be on "chaotic, extreme and violent climate change" that is probably unstoppable.

Within that context, Lovelock's sobering prognosis is plausible. Thus, in addition to attempting to slow climate change, communities must begin preparations for adaptation. My presentations, workshops and courses are designed to facilitate that

process by offering realistic assessments of the climate crisis, grounded in systems sciences, necessary to develop successful adaptation strategies.

I will offer my presentation "Beyond the Tipping Point" at Euglena every Friday in June from 6:30 to 9 pm as a prelude to two climate change workshops: one on the sciences, one on solutions. For more information and reservations, please visit Euglena-Academy.net

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OLYMPIC SMOKE

To pave the way for the Olympic Trials, officials of Eugene asked the Oregon Seed

Council to refrain from burning during the trials. They received, by unanimous vote, the assurance that the 10 percent of seed farmers who still rely upon field burning will not burn during the Olympic track and field trials held in Eugene, the last week in June and the first part of July (of course, they hardly ever burn that time of year).

But I must say, what a missed opportunity this was. If they would have timed the trials better to correspond with the burning, not only would the rest of the world see what obnoxious neighbors these farmers are, but America's team would have had a great opportunity to get used to competing while breathing polluted air. Except for the

Chinese, the American team would blow the rest of the competition world wide out of contention in the also polluted air of Beijing, China.

This could also lead to possible better relationship later with China. We have all heard of sister cities; we could have sister polluters. They could meet once a year to compare notes on overall profit and costs involved in lobbying their governments to provide an environment void of restriction.

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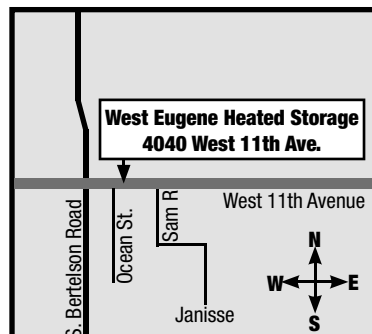
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Public Information and Input Session

10th and Charnelton Development Site

June 17, 2008
4:30 – 6:30 PM
Bascom/Tykeson Room, Eugene Public Library
100 West 10th Avenue

The Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Eugene has received five proposals for the 10th and Charnelton development site in response to a recent Request for Proposals. The public session will provide information on the proposals and an opportunity for the public to ask questions and offer comments.

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