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FEASIBILITY 101: HOW TO EVALUATE THE POTENTIAL
6 Fridays, January 9–February 13, 1:00 to 3:00 pm or
Thursdays, March 5–April 9, 6:00 to 8:00 pm.
Free to moderate income individuals, all others - \$100.00
Have a great business idea, but not sure how to make it into a
great business? This class will walk you through the discovery
process to test the viability of your idea.

CASH-FLOW BUSINESS GAME
Saturday, January 17 or February 21, 10:00 to 2:00 pm.
Free to moderate income individuals, all others - \$20.00
Games can be a fun way to learn. Playing with our peers, the
Rich Dad, Poor Dad game can be a laugh a minute, and we
can learn from our mistakes without affecting our business \$\$\$!

FINDING CAPITAL
Thursday, February 19, 6:00–8:00 pm.
Free to moderate income individuals, all others - \$20.00
This workshop looks at various funding options to support your
business, including IDA, micro-lending and loans.

TAX WORKSHOP
Friday, February 27, 1:30–4:00 pm or
Tuesday, March 24, 6:00–8:30 pm.
Free to moderate income individuals, all others - \$25.00
Learn the basics of preparing your records, filling out your
return and filing taxes for your business.

BUSINESS PLAN
6 Fridays, February 27–April 3, 1:00–3:00 pm.
Free to moderate income individuals, all others - \$100.00
With the aid of the instructor, students use templates to develop
a complete business plan. A good, rough draft is expected at
the end of this course.

WEB MARKETING: INCREASE TRAFFIC TO YOUR WEBSITE
3 Mondays, March 16–30, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.
Free to moderate income individuals, all others - \$60.00
Learn to make your website effective with various tricks of the
trade. This course looks at search engines, eBay and various
ways to get to your markets.

CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE BUSINESS
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TO REGISTER FOR THE CLASS, CONTACT: Juli Brode at eDev
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take the cloak off of the ill-named Wildlife Services." He says that the agency "has been aggressively trapping, poisoning and gunning down America's iconic wildlife for decades for the exclusive benefit of big industry."

Wildlife Services spent \$100 million in 2007 to kill, among other animals, 90,262 coyotes, 2,277 gray foxes, 2,412 red foxes, 2,090 bobcats, 1,133 cats, 552 dogs, 577 badgers and 340 gray wolves. Gray wolves have recently begun to make their way back into Oregon. They were eradicated from the western United States, primarily by government programs in the 1940s, and have only recently been taken off the endangered species list.

The coalition, which includes CWP, Ranchers for Rural Responsibility, the Humane Society of the United States, Oregon Cougar Action Team and more than 100 others suggested the use of nonlethal solutions that the coalition says are both cheaper and more effective than killing. They suggested to Vilsack that funds be used to educate and aid farmers and ranchers in these nonlethal methods like using guard animals, penning livestock at night and other predator deterrents. They also asked Vilsack to end the grazing of domestic animals on public lands, another source of livestock-predator conflict.

Vilsack's appointment has already met with protest from conservationists and activists who object to his support of genetically engineered crops and support of factory farming. — *Camilla Mortensen*

ACTIVIST ALERT

• **A town hall meeting** with Sen. Vicki Walker and Reps. Chris Edwards and Nancy Nathanson will be at 6:30 pm Thursday, Jan. 8, at North Eugene High School Library, 200 Silver Lane. The elected officials are expected to talk about the

WAR DEAD

Since the U.S. invasion of Iraq began on March 20, 2003

(last week's numbers in parentheses):

- **4,221 U.S. troops killed*** (4,219)
- **30,920 U.S. troops injured*** (30,904)
- **167 U.S. military suicides*** (167)
- **316 coalition troops killed**** (316)
- **1,123 U.S. contractors killed** (accurate updates NA)
- **98,521 to 1.1 million civilians killed***** (98,413)
- **\$585.7 billion cost of war** (\$583.7 billion)
- **\$166.6 million cost to Eugene taxpayers** (\$165.9 million)

* through Jan. 5, 2009; source: icasualties.org;

some figures only updated monthly

** sources: icasualties.org, defenselink.mil

*** highest estimate; source: iraqbodycount.org; based on confirmed media reports; other groups calculate civilian deaths as high as 655,000 (Lancet survey, 2006) to 1.1 million (Opinion Research Business survey, 2008)

upcoming session of the Legislature.

• Opponents of **liquefied natural gas** (LNG) met in Eugene Jan. 6 and 7 in advance of a "Rally for a Clean Energy Future for Oregon" planned from 11 am to 1 pm Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the Oregon State Capitol steps in Salem. Three LNG facilities are now being proposed in Oregon. The events are sponsored by Global Exchange, Rising Tide, the Sierra Club and the UO Survival Center. For information and transportation, call (866) 211-7335 or visit www.NoCaliforniaPipeline.com

• A community gathering to **honor Martin Luther King Jr.**'s life and legacy will be at 10 am Tuesday, Jan. 13, at Harris Hall, 125 E. 8th Ave. in Eugene. MLK Day is Monday, Jan. 19, and most government offices will be closed. Speakers include Mark Molina, human rights chair of the Commission for the Advancement of Human Rights, and Carla Gary, assistant vice provost for the Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity at the UO.

Happening Biz

BY PAUL NEEVEL

SEBASTIEN, ANAHID & ERIC BERTRAND OF RATATOUILLE BISTRO AND CAFE

"It's a family business," says Eric Bertrand, proprietor and chef at Ratatouille on Willamette Street, a Parisian-style cafe where the food is vegetarian, organic, fresh and locally grown. "It's about sustainability, a community goal in harmony with the earth," Bertrand says. Raised in Aurignac, a village in the French Pyrenees where people grew their own food, Bertrand got started in restaurants at age 13 and had his own restaurant in downtown Toulouse by age 24. After an illness and five years of recovery in the Marquesas Islands, where he was adopted by a local tribe, Bertrand moved to San Francisco in 1992. He learned English and met his wife Anahid, an Armenian from Bulgaria and a confirmed vegetarian who was studying music at Sonoma State. Together they took over Sparks, a vegan eatery, and made it the top-rated vegetarian restaurant in the Bay Area. When Sebastien was born in 2005, they moved to Eugene. "I found Eugene when I was a flight attendant," says Anahid, who now teaches music to children. Eric was executive chef for Sundance before opening Ratatouille in 2008. "We cook for the Sundance deli," he notes. "We have their reserve wines and spectacular wine tastings once a month."

