

munities with open space which ties in with the second half of CEN's mission — school restoration programs. CEN works with teachers, students and school districts to restore native habitats on the school grounds. CEN provides them with a comprehensive site plan. The students and teachers pitch in to remove invasive plants like blackberries, Blazar says. They plant native trees and shrubs and provide habitat for pollinators. CEN also helps schools establish green roofs and also garden projects, which grow food for school lunches.

WALL-E and the slide show will be at 8:30 pm on Tuesday, July 28, at the Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard St. To learn more about Camas Educational Network, go to www.camasnet.org

— Camilla Mortensen

WINDS IN THE VALLEY

The lower Willamette Valley is known for many things, but wind isn't one of them. Eugene's wind power potential looks pretty low when you compare it to the breezy Columbia Gorge or the blustery Oregon Coast. However, there are still Eugeneans who may want to harness their locations' smaller capacity for wind power, and a new rule proposed by Oregon's Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) could help them out.

The rule, proposed by DCBS's Building Codes Division (BCD), its Electrical and Elevator Board and the Oregon Department of Energy, would allow manufacturers of small wind turbines to install their products more quickly and easily. Currently, Oregon law requires all electrical equipment to be certified before it can be installed, which means that small wind turbines must have been certified by a national testing laboratory or that each individual turbine must be tested by a field evaluation firm.

The policy change would allow manufacturers to receive certification on all the indi-

vidual turbines of a model at once by submitting just one turbine for testing, making the whole process faster and cheaper. The rule would apply to turbines with the capacity to produce up to 100 kilowatts, enough energy to power several homes.

Steve Musser, the assistant manager and unofficial wind power expert at The Eugene Green Store, said that most parts of Eugene aren't well suited for wind power generation, but he added that certain homes on crests of hills, farther out toward Bend, in Harrisburg or nearer to the Coast would be more likely to be able to harness wind power.

Written comments to the BCD may be submitted by 5 pm Friday, July 24, to aeron.teverbaugh@state.or.us — Krista Harper

ACTIVIST ALERT

• A discussion of routing West Eugene EmX on 6th and 7th Avenues rather than 11th and 13th Avenues will be at 7 pm Thursday, July 23, at 871 W. 11th. On the agenda for the meeting will be discussion about the impact of bus rapid transit on businesses and residences at 13th and Lawrence/Lincoln. Call 485-8632 or 513-7800 for more information.

ON THE WEB THIS WEEK

• **iAsk a Mexican!** is web-only this week.

• **The Next Big Thing** is getting jiggy on our web this week with a stiff competition for the most likely single to put Eugene on the national music map.

• **On the blogs:** Molly goes to PDX to check out Amanda Palmer and shares "more than a few thoughts" about Harry Potter. Suzi posts arts reviews by art interns Natalie Miller and Sheena Lahren. Camilla blogs breaking forest news from the WOPR to rallies.

• The Bush WOPR (whopper) of a **clearcut plan is dead**. So now we're back to the Clinton plan to save more trees. In another eight years, maybe we'll be back to another Republican clearcut plan. And so on. The timber industry isn't getting anywhere with its greedy, log-everything approach. The industry could have cut a lot more trees under Bush with a moderate compromise with environmentalists. Sure, the loggers could wait another eight years and hope for the best. But a more realistic, less stubborn approach would be to sit down and reach a lasting compromise. With little demand for lumber now, this is a good time to scale back logging and work to improve the long-term health of forests. The grizzled timber lobbyists should recognize at the negotiating table that times have changed. The environmentalists have the politics, the people, the law, the courts and the science behind them.

• The nearly quarter-billion dollars ODOT is wasting on the pile of **concrete linguini** at I-5 and Beltline is a monument to stupidity. While Eugene and Springfield's downtowns wither and shrivel and mass transit gets short-changed, the state is investing truckloads of taxpayer dollars in encouraging unlivable urban expansion, car accidents, auto pollution, oil consumption, traffic snarl, global warming and sheer ugliness. In the future, people will look at the tangled concrete and scratch their heads at the idiocy.

• **WaterWatch**, Oregon's sterling nonprofit that monitors who (including fish) gets how much water, wants us all to celebrate in October. That's when demolition will take place on Savage Rapids Dam on the Rogue River near Grants Pass. For the first time since 1912, the Rogue will flow freely at Savage Rapids. WaterWatch's Free the Rogue campaign helped remove Elk Creek Dam and the city of Gold Hill's diversion dam, both in the Rogue basin. Gold Ray Dam, a defunct hydropower dam on the main stem of the Rogue upriver from Gold Hill, will be removed with a \$5 million stimulus grant from the Obama administration. When it's gone, WaterWatch will have helped to create one of the longest free-flowing reaches of river in the American West.

• The **Oregon Coast** is chalking up great public relations these days. "4 Days and 2 Wheels on the Oregon Coast" is a full-page feature in the travel section of the July 12 *New York Times*. The bicycle ride along Hwy. 101, including side trips, is from Coos Bay to Brookings, 160 miles of remarkable scenery we all love. The riders left their car in Brookings and took their bikes and gear on a bus to Coos Bay. Another coast story comes from a van driver at the Eugene airport. He says groups of golfers fly in to Eugene, hire a van and driver to take them to Bandon's famous courses, have their fun for a couple of days, and head back home the same route they came.

• **Humans are wasteful** creatures, and our habits regarding water are no exception. This week's Viewpoint by David Moon quotes author Robert Glennon admonishing us to reform our management of this basic resource. Moon's longer interview is at www.TheWaterReport.com or, better yet, read Glennon's book, *Unquenchable: America's Water Crisis and What To Do About It*.

The rain and geology of the Northwest gives us a water advantage over the rest of the continent, but abundant water does not guarantee us a rosy future. We face mass climate-change refugees and an influx of polluting, water-sucking industries. At the same time, McKenzie and Willamette river flows are predicted to drop, along with water tables in our valley. If we're not careful in our water planning, future generations in Lane County might be joining the exodus north.

Happening people

BY PAUL NEEVEL



KEN ROTHMAN

Raised in Mount Pleasant, Mich., Ken Rothman left high school at age 16 for Shimer College in Illinois, then left college at 19 for an ashram in India. "After four years, I'd had enough of celibacy," says Rothman, who returned home for a psychology degree from Central Michigan, then came to the UO in 1978 for graduate work. "I didn't enjoy school, but I liked Eugene and stayed. I planted nearly half-

a-million trees in four years with the Hoedads." Working with offenders at a nonprofit agency in the 1980s, Rothman found that many had been abused as children. He became an activist for education about child abuse, speaking at conferences and consulting with sex-offender treatment agencies. He currently serves his third four-year term on a state child-abuse advisory panel. Inspired by a painting demo by Elaine Fielder at an Hakomi training in 1989, Rothman developed his WildArt! technique to explore the creativity of the unconscious. "I teach a meditation," he says. "People follow the meditation deep into their unconscious. Surprising things happen." After 35 WildArt! Playshops in 18 years, Rothman has done five so far this year, with five more scheduled this summer. More at kenrothman.org.

Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA)

PUBLIC HEARING

Standard Air Contaminant Discharge Permit Application (ACDP) – Seneca Sustainable Energy, LLC Eugene, Oregon

**Thursday, July 30, 2009, 5:30 pm
Harris Hall, 125 E. 8th St., Eugene**

**Public Hearing
July 30**

LRAPA is holding a public hearing on the proposed permit for Seneca Sustainable Energy, LLC. Participants will have the opportunity to comment and give testimony on the proposed permit action. A introduction and question/answer session will start at 5:30 pm; the formal hearing will begin at 6:30 pm.

Written or e-mail comments must be submitted by 5:00 pm, Monday, August 14, 2009. Submit written comments to: LRAPA Permit Coordinator, 1010 Main Street, Springfield, OR 97477; e-mail comments to colleen@LRAPA.org. A copy of the draft permit and application can be viewed on the web, www.LRAPA.org or reviewed by appointment at the LRAPA Springfield office.

**For more information,
call LRAPA at 736-1056**



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