

TOXICS BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED

The Eugene City Council recently made appointments to the Eugene Toxics Board, which makes policy governing the city's hazardous material reporting program.

David Beede was appointed to Position 1, an industry position, and Randy Prince to Position 6, an environmental advocacy position. Beede applied to serve to represent the interests of the business community that files annual reports under the Toxics Right-to-Know Program. "As this program is governed by the City Charter and local industry is required to participate, David hopes to ease the burden of this program on industry as much as possible," according to a statement from Jo Eppli, city community relations and reporting analyst.

Prince is active in Eugene neighborhoods and currently serves as co-chair of the Neighborhood Leaders Council. He is an environmental advocate and he was active in Citizens for Public Accountability, the group that worked to create the Toxics Board. "Randy applied to serve on the Toxics Board because he sees it as a good opportunity to use his knowledge of industry and practical concerns for safety to satisfy both parties in potentially adversarial situations, as well as use his skills as a dispute-resolver or preventer," says Eppli. "Randy will work to ensure the law is still effective."

The city ordinance establishing the board calls for a balance of industry and environmental advocates. More information on the board can be found at <http://wkly.ws/10e>

ACTIVIST ALERT

Oregonians will have an opportunity to meet with finalists as the Oregon Board of Forestry prepares to select a **new state forester**. A public forum with the finalists is scheduled to begin at 12:45 pm Jan. 25



in the Tillamook Room at ODF headquarters in Salem. A final round of interviews with the finalists, and the selection of a state forester are scheduled the next day, Jan. 26. Questions for the candidates can be emailed in advance to Twyla.Lawson@state.or.us

At the **Good Earth Home Show** Friday through Sunday, Jan. 21-23, the Neighborhood Leaders Council Committee on Sustainability will be sponsoring a series of talks and workshops on how all of us and our neighborhoods can be more sustainable. Subjects include the topics of raising urban chickens, preserving pickled foods, Victory Gardens, compost basics, "Green Living — Getting Children Involved" and many more. Please see the

complete list with times and dates at www.eugenesustainability.org

State Sen. **Lee Beyer** and Rep. **Phil Barnhart** are hosting district gatherings at 10 am Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Aunt Dings Family Restaurant in Walterville; at 7:30 am Thursday, Jan. 27, at Randy's Main Street Coffee in Brownsville; and at 7:30 am Friday, Jan. 28, at Creswell Coffee Company in Creswell. Contact [rep. philbarnhart@state.or.us](mailto:philbarnhart@state.or.us) or call 607-9207.

Veteran foreign correspondent **Reese Erlich** returns to Oregon with a new book, *Conversations with Terrorists: Middle East Leaders on Politics, Violence, and Empire*, and the award-winning reporter will speak at 1 pm Thursday, Jan. 27, at LCC Building 17, Room 309, and again at 7 pm in Harris

Hall, 8th & Oak. Free. He will also speak in Portland Jan. 28. For more information, call Progressive Voices at 484-9167.

A town hall **forum on corporate control** and the Citizens United case is being held at 6 pm Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Harris Hall in the County Building downtown. Sponsored by Move to Amend and others in organizing a democracy movement in Eugene. More information at democracyeugene@gmail.com or (404) 290-2309.

Last Thursday Beer Social with the Many Rivers Group of the **Sierra Club** will be from 7 to 9 pm Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Tiki Room at Eugene City Brewery, 844 Olive St. Contact sally.nunn@oregon.sierraclub.org

Happening people

BY PAUL NEEVEL



THE REV. YAO FENG SHAKYA

Scott Hill was born in Boise and grew up in Renton, Wash. He got into trouble, was expelled from seventh grade when his parents divorced, and joined his mom in Alaska at age 14, after his father died. He dropped out of high school, moved to Arizona on his own at 17, and fell into addiction, homelessness and crime. He followed a friend to Salem, then, still homeless, moved to Eugene 17 years ago. Two years later, he met Rhonda Martinez, who changed his life and became his wife. Together, they took up drawing, began making comic books and traveled to comic book shows from Seattle to San Diego. "I was checking into religions," he says. "I had messed up so much, and Buddhism seemed accepting." He studied Buddhism online and took up the meditative practice of Zen painting. In 2006, he was ordained as a priest in the Zen Buddhist order of Hsu Yun and given the name Yao Feng Shakya. Calling himself the Sad Monk, he posted his paintings online and found admirers worldwide hoping to purchase them. "I teach Zen Buddhism, taking the 'ism' out of it," says Yao, who has 35 students. "It's about loving kindness, compassion, joy and equanimity." Learn about his artwork and his weekly Zen painting class at "Zen paintings" on Facebook.

LANE AREA SPRAY SCHEDULE

Eastern Lane: Weyerhaeuser Company Springfield Operations (998-7502; 746-2511) will ground spray using Milestone VM, Accord Conc., and Oust XP herbicides plus surfactants and crop oil within 10 feet of domestic water supplies and fish streams near Mohawk River, Log, Seeley, Cartwright, Parsons, Small, and McGowan Creeks starting as early as Jan. 17 (Notice No. 2011-771-00068). ODF Springfield 726-3588. Weyco would normally not spray until Jan. 27, but has asked for a waiver of the 15-day waiting period from ODF.

Near Florence and Mapleton: Lane countywide ground spraying by Davidson Industries on Popo Properties (268-4422) with Garlon 3A herbicide and R-11 adjuvant starting Jan. 16 (No. 2011-781-00042).

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