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• We were disappointed to hear conservatives on the Lane County Commission voted, on an appeal, to cut financial support for **Centro LatinoAmericano**, a highly regarded local agency that is doing vital work throughout Lane County in education, social services and even environmental justice. Commissioners Handy and Sorenson voted to continue the funding, while Commissioners Leiken, Stewart and Bozievich voted to cut it. Reading Mark Baker's story in the *R-G* April 10, one would think the decision was unanimous.

Last year the county provided \$115,000 of the agency's \$400,000 budget. Centro Latino provides services to low-income residents, directs people to community resources and facilitates grant money from a wide range of agencies and private foundations. This bad news comes at the same time Centro Latino is opening its new Springfield office. Show your support by joining the ribbon-cutting celebration from 4 to 6 pm Thursday, April 15, at the NEDCO building, 212 Main St. Can't write a check? Volunteer your time.

• **Our cover story** this week on the need to reform our tax code is full of facts and figures that need to be drilled into the brains of everyone who's concerned about tax fairness and the future of the U.S. economy. For example, the author documents how pay increases have gone mostly to workers at the top of the pay scale under Republican administrations, and the trend is continuing as Obama and the Democrats give in to pressure to revive and continue the disastrous policies of Bush and Rove.

Will Americans remember how we got into this mess and vote the Tea Party wingnuts out of office in the next couple of elections? We remain hopeful. Meanwhile, we all need to step up and fight to protect our environment, social services and other threatened programs and policies that define a just and sane society.

• Our own talented staff writer Rick Levin wrote great stuff about **Warpaint**, the "pop-drone-jam band with deep roots in Eugene" in our March 31 cover story. A few days later on April 4, *The New Yorker* magazine gave the four musicians an illustration and blurb about their Bowery Ballroom show: "Warpaint practices a lilting, fragile sound that recalls both the dreamy shoegazer indie pop of the nineties and Stevie Nicks at her most mystical. Despite the sweetness of the group's harmonies and guitars, there's always something vaguely eerie just below the surface." Two of the four artists, Emily Kokal and Theresa Wayman, grew up in Eugene. The four were excited about playing on the new *Eugene Weekly* Stage at the Eugene Celebration Aug. 26 to 28, but their manager now has them booked for more lucrative gigs in big cities and at major music festivals. Off they go and we wish them well.

• **Broke and can't find a job** in Lane County? Before you jump a freight train to North Dakota where the unemployment rate is 3.7 percent, you might consider self-employment. We hear a free seminar March 25 on micro enterprise was well attended, thanks in part to a short story we ran in our March 24 issue. The resources talked about in this event are still out there. Contact Oregon Microenterprise Network through <http://wkly.ws/11u> or see the folks at O.U.R. Credit Union in Eugene. David Hazen (innercom@peak.org) helped organize the event.

We just heard about some Eugene folks who are busy with their low-budget new enterprise, creating fun art and kitchen gear from wine corks that would normally end up in the landfill. Devon Brown and Tanita Roberts tell us their new biz, Creative Corks N' More, just launched on etsy.com and they have so many custom orders they haven't had time to build up an inventory and approach local retail outlets. What other consumer or industrial waste is out there waiting for creative transformation?

SLANT includes short opinion pieces, observations and rumor-chasing notes compiled by the EW staff. Heard any good rumors lately? Contact Ted Taylor at 484-0519, editor@eugeneweekly.com

LANE AREA SPRAY SCHEDULE

Compiled by Jan Wroncy, *Forestland Dwellers*: 342-8332, www.forestlanddwellers.org

- Aerial spray near King Estates: Western Helicopter (503-538-9469) for Sharon/Linde Kester (942-9264) on 295 acres near Hawley Creek in Lorane with herbicides starting April 6 (ODF 2011-781-00214).
- Near Fish Creek: Oregon Forest Management Services (OFMS)(520-5941) ground spray herbicides for Seneca Jones (689-1011) soon (#00137).
- Near Lorane Elementary School: OFMS will ground spray 33 acres with herbicides near Norris Creek for Fruit Growers (345-0996) starting April 3 (#00218).

- In Horton, Low Pass and near Lorane: Weyerhaeuser (744-4600) will ground spray 330 acres with herbicides starting April 6 (#00220 and 00221).
- ODOT will begin highway spraying in Lane County April 18. Call 744-8080, District 5.
- Near Junction City, Low Pass, Gillespie Corners, Dexter: OFMS for Giustina (345-2301) starting April 11 (No. 771-00223) and April 7 (781-00245).
- Near Parsons Creek, Springfield: Weyerhaeuser (988-7502) will ground spray 24 acres starting April 13 (#771-00227).

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