

ACTIVIST ALERT

• The **Egan Warming Center** with a half-dozen locations around the area is preparing to open between this week and March 31 when temperatures drop below 30 degrees. More volunteers and donations are needed. Volunteers are required to attend a training session. See <http://eganwarmingcenter.com> or contact Tracyplank@comcast.net

• Middle East expert **Ellis Goldberg** will speak on "Armies, Democracy and a Suggestion for U.S. Policy in the Middle East" at 1 pm Thursday, Nov. 17, at the LCC Center for Meeting and Learning. Later, at 5:30 pm, he will speak on "Egyptian Spring: Desperately Seeking Revolution," at the same location. Contact Lane Peace Center, 463-5820, or email taylorl@lanecc.edu

• **Marion-Polk Move To Amend** is planning a "We Are the 99%" demonstration at 4 pm Thursday, Nov. 17, on the state Capitol steps in Salem. All are invited. The action is part of a nationwide MoveOn campaign in opposition to Republicans on the Super Committee calling for \$500 billion in cuts to Medicare and Medicaid. Contact richharisay@gmail.com

• **Oregon WAND** (Women's Action for New Directions) will be holding its monthly program meeting from 6:45 to 8 pm Thursday, Nov. 17, at First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St., Eugene. Speaker will be Pat Hoover on the topic of Hanford radiation releases and their impact on those downwind. See www.wandoregon.org or call 683-1350.

• Economist and political scientist **Barry Eichengreen** of UC-Berkeley will deliver a lecture on the "Europe's Never-Ending Crisis" at 7:30 pm Thursday, Nov. 17, at 100 Willamette Hall, 1371 E. 13th Ave. on campus. Free.

• **Lane County Democrats'** next monthly meeting is at 6:30 pm Thursday, Nov. 17, at EWEB, 500 E. 4th Ave. in Eugene. See www.dpo.org or call Matt Davis at 484-5099.

• **Bob Gould, M.D.**, national board member of Physicians for Social Responsibility, will speak on "Nuclear Weapons: The Ultimate Health Threat," at 7 pm Friday, Nov. 18, at First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St., Eugene. See www.wandoregon.org or call CALC 485-1755.

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

We heard from Bobby Jones, one of the Eugene occupiers, that the website we cited in our cover story last week was incorrect. It should be www.occupyeugenemedia.org. Jones also tells us the camp is only between 6th and 7th between Washington and Jefferson. "We do not occupy between 1st and 5th," he says. Washington-Jefferson Park itself runs from 1st through 7th.

EARLY DEADLINE

EW offices will be closed Thursday and Friday for the long Thanksgiving weekend, and EW will publish on Wednesday next week, a day earlier than usual. The early deadline to reserve display ad space for our Nov. 23 issue is 5 pm Thursday, Nov. 17. Questions? Call 484-0519.

LIGHTEN UP

BY RAFAEL ALDAVE

If we live in a world where we can be against torture and yet support waterboarding – as Herman Cain does – why do I have no luck finding vegetarian pizza with pepperoni?

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pipeline, citing reports that there was a conflict of interest and the department allowed pipeline developer TransCanada to choose the company that prepared an assessment of the project's environmental impact.

The assessment said the project would have only minimal environmental impact, despite the fact it would pass through one the Great Plains' critical sources of water, the Ogallala Aquifer.

The letter says, "Given the significant economic, environmental, and public health implications of the proposed pipeline, we believe that it is critical that the State Department conduct thorough, unbiased reviews of the project."

An Oregon company, Evraz Oregon Steel, would make pipes for the project.

On Nov. 10 Obama announced that he was sending the project back to the State Department for review in light of the fact the pipeline was slated to go through sensitive wetlands areas in Nebraska. Michael O'Leary an organizing consultant to the Natural Resources Defense Council working on the tar sands issue out of Portland says, "The uproar of heretofore unorganized regular community members has really accomplished something enormous here in terms of stopping a multinational oil company and federal progress on something that everyone considered a done deal."

Meanwhile the megaloads carrying tar sands equipment up the Columbia River and across highways and byways of the Northwest into Montana and then to Canada where they would be used to extract the tar sands oil are still embroiled in controversy.

Imperial Oil has been deconstructing some of its megaloads destined for the massive Kearl Oil Sands in northeastern Alberta due to the court battles that have held the shipments at bay. Imperial Oil has applied for permits to send 300 smaller, though still massive, loads on interstate highways instead of scenic U.S. 12.

The loads, some of which weigh up to 600,000 pounds, have faced opposition in Idaho from the group Fighting Goliath, and in Montana where Missoula County filed a case to keep the massive loads off its two-lane highways. Groups fighting the loads have cited the effects on highways, on local rural residents and on pristine rivers as well as the more global environmental issues with tar sands produced oil. — *Camilla Mortensen*

CORVALLIS COMMUTER OPTIONS ADD VANPOOLING

A vanpooling information meeting is being planned for noon to 1 pm Friday, Nov. 18, at the Student Sustainability Center on the OSU Campus. RSVP to Tracy Ellis at tracy.ellis@ltd.org (682-6183) or Phil Warnock at pwarnock@ocwcog.org (924-8474).

Valley VanPool is a collaboration of Cascades West Rideshare, Cherrits Rideshare, and LTD's point2point Solutions. Valley VanPool currently has 20 vanpools within the Willamette Valley accommodating about 240 commuters.

Valley VanPool and local commuters are looking for people who live in the Eugene/Springfield area and work in Corvallis, who are interested in forming a vanpool. Both vanpool drivers and riders are needed. The monthly fare would run approximately \$125 - \$150, depending on the number of riders in the van, according to organizers.

By comparison, commuters driving alone from Eugene/Springfield to Corvallis in a car averaging 21 mpg are paying about \$450 a month for gas, tires, and maintenance, not including insurance, financing, depreciation and parking fees.

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