

Why stick to Earth Day when you can have Earth Week? LCC is hosting events throughout this week, ranging from a “wellness ecology walk” to a sustainable landscapes talk. There will also be a chance to tour LCC’s “greenest” building on the campus, which uses less energy, less water and is built from eco-friendly material. April 20-22 the school will be hosting a Peace Symposium entitled “People Powered Democracy Confronts Corporate Rule.” See Activist Alert.

Not to be undone, UO is having an Earth Week, too, and this year’s 30 events put on by 20 student groups are under the theme of “Activating Collective Energy.” You’ve already missed Monday’s No Coal Eugene action with a hand-crafted coal train releasing “dust” as it tooted through campus, so don’t miss the rest. For more information visit: <http://pages.uoregon.edu/uosc>

If you’re in the Corvallis area, don’t miss the Hoo Haa on a student-run organic farm just east of the OSU campus on Sunday, April 22. In its 10th year, the event allows attendees to tour the farm and even participate in tilling soil. It’s sponsored by OSU’s Organic Growers Club. Local musicians will play and Michelle Anderson, a nationally renowned poet, will be giving a reading. For

dinner, bring a bowl and silverware because vegetarian chili grown and made on the farm will be provided. For more information visit: [http://bit.ly/OSU\\_AgNews873](http://bit.ly/OSU_AgNews873) A free shuttle will run from the OSU Beaver Store.

—Ted Shorack

## LABOR MUSIC IN THE WHIT

Unions. They brought you the 40-hour, five-day workweek; they fight for health care and they’re a font of music you can sing along to. “Solidarity forever/ solidarity forever/ the union makes us strong.”

George Mann will be bringing his labor and folk music to Eugene at 8 pm Friday, April 20, at the Whiteaker’s Reality Kitchen. The show is sponsored by Eugene-Springfield Solidarity Network/Jobs with Justice, AFSCME Local 3214 and the Lane branch of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW).

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics about 270,000 Oregon workers belong to a union. Union membership is on the rise in this state — it was 17.1

percent in 2011; up 1 percent from the previous year. The BLS says Oregon is tied for seventh place with California for union membership rates.

If you want to know more about the labor movement, Mann says his show is part sing-along and part history lesson. Mann’s perhaps best known for his anti-George Bush CD compilation series “Hail to the Thief” that features the likes of Billy Bragg and Utah Phillips.

George Mann performs at the Reality Kitchen, 245 Van Buren; \$5-\$10 or donation. For more info call 357-5325.

— Camilla Mortensen

## BUS FOR ENVIRO JUSTICE

Bus tours generally take you fun places; they take you sightseeing. But a recent bus tour took Lane County participants on a trip into environmental justice — or the lack of it. Small houses cringed in front of smokestack plumes and neighborhood residents told of days the smell of chemicals have them hiding in their houses, their children stricken with asthma attacks. This isn’t happening in some big dirty city in some other state. It’s in west Eugene.

Lisa Arkin of Beyond Toxics led two schoolbuses

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