

ACTIVIST ALERT

• **Chuck Sheketoff**, executive director of the Oregon Center for Public Policy, will speak at City Club of Eugene at noon Friday, July 12, at the Hilton's O'Neil Room on the lobby level. Sheketoff will talk about how well Oregon's economy has been performing and will look at how our economic growth, unemployment rate and worker productivity compare with other states. \$5 for nonmembers. See cityclubofeugene.org.

• The monthly Helios Resource Network **Green Drinks** gathering will be from 5 to 7 pm Friday, July 12, at World Café, 449 Blair Blvd. This gathering of progressives is "your chance to let your hair down and unwind with the folks you work so hard with on your political, social and environmental endeavors," Cary Thompson of Helios says.

• The award-winning documentary **Roadmap to Apartheid** by filmmakers Ana Nogueira, a white South African, and Eron Davidson, a Jewish American-Israeli, narrated by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Alice Walker, will be shown at 7 pm Thursday, July 18, at Cozmic, 199 W. 8th Ave. Sponsored by Al-Nakba Awareness Project.

POLLUTION UPDATE

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) assessed a penalty of \$2,400 against **Bear Mountain Forest Products** on July 3 for violating the Clean Air Act permit for its wood pellet manufacturing facility in Brownsville in September. Bear Mountain violated the opacity limit in its permit; opacity is an indicator for particulate emissions, which can contribute to respiratory distress, affect the heart and lungs and cause serious health problems such as decreased lung function, irregular heartbeat and chronic bronchitis. DEQ notified Bear Mountain about similar violations in September of 2010 and September of 2011, making the September of 2012 the third year in a row with similar violations. It appears that this is the first time DEQ has fined Bear Mountain. Additionally, DEQ observed three areas at the facility with significant amounts of fugitive dust escaping during a June 2012 inspection. Bear Mountain reached an out-of-court settlement with **Willamette Riverkeeper** (represented by Oregon Clean Water Action Project) in 2010 concerning alleged Clean Water Act violations at the Brownsville facility dating back to 2005. Bear Mountain paid the **Marys River Watershed Council** \$6,000 for use in water quality-related projects as part of that settlement. — *Doug Quirke/Oregon Clean Water Action Project*

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BY RAFAEL ALDAVE

The plan to add bike lanes to South Willamette Street asks bicyclists to entrust their lives to a paint strip on the pavement.

NEWS

Fellow Lane County Commissioner Pete Sorenson called giving animals as prizes "barbaric," and says he is advocating for an ordinance because, "How we treat animals is a reflection of how we treat each other."

Crippen says with Eugene's new ordinance allowing more animals for backyard farming — up to five rabbits — she worries that there might be more instances in which animals are prizes, gotten on impulse.

While Red Barn Rabbit Rescue has concentrated on crafting an ordinance — Crippen says she is a rabbit advocate, not an activist — other groups and concerned citizens will be protesting at the rodeo. Eugene's Civil Liberties Defense Center, which recently provided legal observers for protesters at the Eugene Pro Rodeo, will also provide legal observers at the Cottage Grove Rodeo this weekend. One of the observers at the Eugene event had water tossed on her from a car, but the CLDC says event staff stopped the car and ejected the thrower, who was reportedly a bull rider, from the event for his conduct. For more information on being a legal observer, contact cldc.org. — *Camilla Mortensen*

POLICE NOTES NOW PUBLIC RECORD

The Eugene Police Department's longstanding policy of requiring officers to destroy their written notes after creating an incident report has changed. The new policy defines investigative notes — written and electronic — as public records and requires their retention for a minimum of two years. EPD did not respond to inquiries about whether defendants will be given the notes as routine evidence or will be required to request them as public records.

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- LAUREN REGAN
CIVIL LIBERTIES
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Attorney Tony Rosta, who handles many cases as a public defender, says he and partner Joe Connelly think note retention will help them better represent their clients. "We've always thought the best account of what happened would be recent notes, notes taken contemporaneously or just after the event or investigation," he says, even if officers use them to create an incident report. "We think there may still be some pieces that they would decide to leave out for efficiency reasons or otherwise that we would find helpful to the defendant's case."

Civil Liberties Defense Center Executive Director Lauren Regan says that when officers could record an incident electronically,

but were not required to file the notes, it created a lack of transparency. "Most civil rights lawyers believe the more transparency between law enforcement and the public the better," she says, "so preventing law enforcement from secreting work product while on duty is certainly a step toward more and better transparency."

Rosta says that he's been agitating for a note retention policy change for years, but credit goes to local court observers. "Some of our court-watchers have been instrumental, particularly Carol Berg-Caldwell," he says. Berg-Caldwell is a longtime advocate for Eugeneans navigating the court system. — *Shannon Finnell*

SPORTS

AZUL ENTERS POSTSEASON

After a disappointing tie against the Westside Timbers on Saturday, July 6, EMFC Azul's head coach Jürgen Ruckaberle looked for a more passionate effort against 6-1 THUSC Diamonds. And he had reason to be impressed, though the next day's scoreboard showed a loss. Azul fell 4-1 facing a superior team, but Ruckaberle took a lot of good away from the match as the women's team prepares for next weekend's playoffs.

"It certainly looked like there was a different attitude today, which is nice," he says. Heavily favored against the Timbers, they trailed 2-0 at halftime and scrambled to notch a tie despite playing uninspired ball. Ruckaberle credits his players for looking much livelier on Sunday, and far more active in the open field on offense, making superb goalkeeper Cris Lewis work while holding the Diamonds' shots on goal in check.

THUSC just happened to make the most of their offense. The Diamonds' Jen Stoltenberg, who played professionally for the Vancouver Whitecaps FC, scored two goals in the first half, and Madison Hairston impressively knifed her way through the defense with

dazzling footwork in the second half to match her teammate's total.

Before Hairston put the game out of reach, Azul's Caitlyn Jobanek broke free from a defender in the 53rd minute and hit a booming strike into the net from the left wing.

For Ruckaberle, though, something is still missing, and it has to do with the effort level. He believes soccer should be a getaway rather than just another activity. He wants to see his players, and female players in general, place more importance on the game — to take a page out of Stoltenberg's book. "The reason why Jen Stoltenberg is so good is because that is what she loves to do," he says. "You can see it. She doesn't play soccer any more as a way of life, so for two months she is like, 'Wow, I get to play competitive games?' And that has a domino effect because that inspires others. I would love to see more of that fire."

Sunday's performance was an uplifting sign for Azul, and as the fourth seed in the upcoming four-team playoffs, they will have the chance to take another step in that direction this coming Saturday, July 13, as the underdog in Seattle. — *Nick Poust*



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