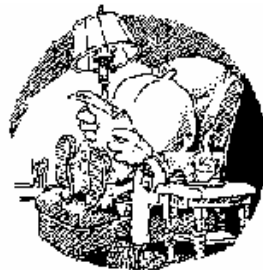




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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

GROWERS' CASH BOX IS MIA

Any information: We are missing our cashbox at Growers Market. This includes the cash to start today's market. It was discovered to be missing on Tuesday afternoon. If you have any info please contact a coordinator at the market or by phone--Jeanine at 461-1614 or Michael at 688-7563. Or leave a message at the market at 687-1145 Sla'n. Michael

MEETING ON TUESDAY TO DISCUSS GROWERS SPACE ISSUES

Yes, Folks, it's time to look at how we're using the space downstairs for the food co-op. There are many ideas floating around; let's bring them together, and see what we get. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 20th, 6:30 - 8:30 in the co-op. Thanks, Jeanine 461-1614

GROWERS BOARD MEETING:

The next Growers board meeting will be on Wednesday, January 21st, 6:30 pm, at the round table upstairs in the Growers Market Building. People interested in the Red Agave expansion proposal should attend, if possible.--Milton Takei

A NEW FOOD CO-OP FOR EUGENE

Share your visions of how you would like to create a 7 day a week co-op, jobs, and a community resource. Let's work with Growers Market to resurrect our largest dreams. Meet at Church of the Resurrection 3925 Hilyard, Friday (1/16) at 6:00 p.m. For more information call Ruby @ 343-6165

FUND RAISING

Just a reminder to not forget about the annual growers market garage sale fundraiser that will happen come spring. It's that time to start a box in your home to be filled with all those extra what nots for the sale. So don't forget to save stuff. Thanks all, Growers Fundraising Committee.

WHICH 'CIDE ARE YOU ON?

GM Crops Linked to Rise in Herbicide and Pesticide Use
Pesticide and herbicide use on genetically modified (GM) crops in the U.S. has risen markedly over the past eight years, surpassing the concentration of agrochemicals sprayed on conventional crops, according to an analysis of U.S. government data. This research appears to blow a hole in one

of the primary arguments in favor of GM crops -- that they benefit the environment because they require fewer chemical inputs. Charles Benbrook, head of the Northwest Science and Environment Policy Center and author of the report, found that GM crops were sprayed with fewer agrochemicals in the first three years of cultivation, but significantly more in ensuing years. Critics of the report claim that fluctuations in chemical use are a result of varying seasonal conditions and changes in the agrochemicals market.

MORSE CHAIR GLOBALIZATION LECTURES

Neil Smith, a provocative and radical geographer, anthropologist and current holder of the Wayne Morse Chair of Law and Politics for 2004, will be speaking about globalization and the history and context of the American empire, January 15th and 22nd, in Eugene. January 15, 7:30 p.m. Lost Geographies and Failed Globalizations: From Versailles to Iraq Hilton Conference Center, Downtown Eugene. Free and open to the public.

HOMEOCIDAL:

Herbal Medicine Trade Threatens Thousands of Plant Species. The booming worldwide market for herbal medicines threatens between 8 and 20 percent of the 50,000 known wild medicinal plant species with extinction, according to a forthcoming study by the World Wildlife Fund. Having risen by 10 percent per year for the past decade, the herbal medicine trade is worth some \$20 billion in Europe and North America. Extinction of the species would harm not only habitats but the economic well-being of the generally poor communities in India and China that harvest the plants. Enviros are urging the industry to team up with conservation organizations to insure that the plants are harvested responsibly and sustainably. Along with yesterday's report on mass extinctions due to global warming, this study confirms that just about every species on Earth is toast.

GRANTS

Hi Friends, I am once again offering a grant-seeking course through LCC Business Development Center. If you or someone you know is interested, please register soon! The 2-day course includes developing a fundable project, writing the proposal, budgeting, researching funders, and much more. The course is on January 22 and February 5 from 10-4. Cost is \$225, which also includes 4 hours of 1:1 consultation outside of class. The course brochure is attached. The focus is on foundation funders, although corporate and government funding agencies are also covered. Deb Mailander is the co-instructor and class size is limited to 20 participants. The course includes hands-on small group activities, time to work on individual projects, and many tips of the trade. -- Julie Fischer

LOOKING FOR A BIKE TRAILER

My daughters and I are looking for a bike trailer that seats two. Doesn't matter what brand, as long as it is in good condition. We need one ASAP, as bicycle is our only transportation. The absolute most we can pay would be \$100.00. We'd like to pay less. And of course we wouldn't complain if someone wanted to just pass one along. You can reach us at 485- 7559 (has voicemail) or 686-9150 (no vmail) Thanks! -- Jennifer and Sonora

CO-HOUSING ROOM FOR RENT

Room for rent in a co-housing type community near 40th and Donald. Enjoy a shared hot tub, food share (we do growers!), community garden, etc... Room is good size with private bathroom and skylights. No dogs please. Couples possible or single parents. Available late January. \$350 for single person or \$400 for couple. Please call 431-0699 and ask for Sherri or David.

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