

OUR MISSION

Project Laundry List uses words, images and advocacy to educate people about how simple lifestyle modifications, including air-drying one's clothes, reduce our dependence on environmentally and culturally costly energy sources.



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Laundry Hero

Peter Love
Toronto, Ontario, CANADA



Peter Love was appointed Ontario's first Chief Energy Conservation Officer to head the Conservation Bureau, a division of the Ontario Power Authority. He is a leader in the charge to make clotheslines legal across Canada.

Clotheslines by Design

NESEA's Building Energy Conference & Trade Show Returns to Boston, March 11 – 13, 2008

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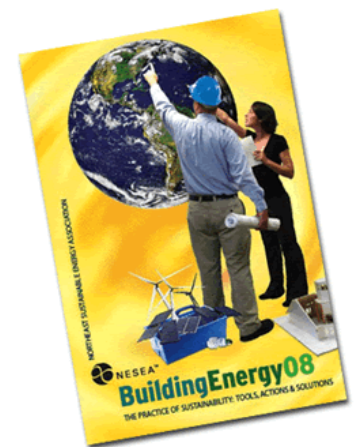
BuildingEnergy08, the Northeast's largest green building and clean energy event, will return to Boston's Seaport World Trade Center, March 11-13, 2008.

It will be a prime opportunity for Project Laundry List to speak to thousands of builders about the design flaws that prevent many communities from offering an appealing place to dry clothes.

Last year, the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association's (NESEA) Building Energy Conference drew record attendance for three days of workshops, speakers, networking, a public form and a trade show for

renewable energy and green building professionals. The 33rd annual conference next March is expected to draw over 3,500 participants.

"Tools, Actions, and Solutions," the theme for BuildingEnergy08, will be highlighted by world-renowned experts in various workshops and sessions. Over 180 experts in climate change, sustainable energy and green building will speak in nine distinct tracks and pre-conference workshops. Topics will focus on: enclosures and energy; renewable energy systems for architects and designers; carbon foot-printing; measurement and verification in high performance buildings;



offshore wind; wind and solar-powered buildings; super-insulated homes; innovative policy solutions for states and municipalities; multi-family updates: benchmarking, retrofits, rehab, and new construction; climate change;

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The Green Advantages of a Laundromat

Did you ever think of the advantages of a Laundromat?

Project Laundry List Executive Director Alexander Lee brings his wet laundry home from a Laundromat every couple of weeks to hang upon the line. He recently saved his Laundromat owner a lot of money by getting him to turn his hot water heater down to 120 de-

grees, the maximum industry recommended temperature.

The Coin Laundry Association is a Carbon Conscious Consumer partner. CLA is a national association representing 35,000 self-service laundries across the United States. CLA promoted C3 posters in both English and Spanish to their members, asking them to hang

them in their Laundromats to encourage consumers to wash in cold!

The following are facts provided by CLA about laundromats as a green alternative to doing your wash at home.

- Using self-service laundries greatly reduces the overall

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The Washboard

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Alexander Lee
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Whether you look at the full-page story in *Time* from November, the brief piece in *The Economist*, or the wide coverage of Right to Dry initiatives in places like Ontario, California, Connecticut, North Carolina, and my own state of New Hampshire, Project Laundry List seems to be in the thick of it. NBC Nightly News and CourtTV even want to do a story on neighbor disputes over clotheslines. It is the conflict that sells, unfortunately.

From my perspective, the most exciting work in which Project Laundry List is engaged is largely collaborative and engages us in creative partnerships. Here is one example of a partnering organizations and what we are doing together:

The Community Association Institute. With 60 million Americans living in 300,000 condominiums, homeowners' associations, and other community associations, our historic partnership with these folks has the potential to unleash amazing results. If we learn how to talk to them and they learn how to listen to our message, the "laundry list" of possible covenant/rule/bylaw changes and the strategic initiatives that these 300,000 locales could adopt is mind-boggling.

Another problem that we encounter is the consistent ignoring by the media and main-

stream environmental organizations of critical, longstanding environmental battles. These are two other partnerships, where Project Laundry List is taking a leading role.

savetherupert.org- Through partnerships with Chief Josie Jimiken and Youth Grand Chief Jeremy Diamond of Nemaska, a Cree community just a few miles from the threatened Rupert River, Project Laundry List is continuing to galvanize an international movement opposing large dam construction in Canada and electricity contracts in the Northeast United States that depend on large hydroelectric projects to supply energy.

Institute for Energy and Environmental Research (IEER)- Arjun Makhijani, Ph.D, author of the Carbon-Free and Nuclear-Free Roadmap book and a featured panelist at our November 27 symposium, sat beside Elizabeth Kucinich at the January 5 Presidential debate, calling international attention to the nuclear issue. This was a direct outgrowth of his joint appearance with Congressman Kucinich at our symposium. Some environmental groups have shown a recent inclination to "have their yellowcake and eat it, too," meaning that they are happy to take sponsorships and host speakers from the pro-nuclear lobby, but they claim to not take a position on whether an expensive renaissance makes sense.

We look forward to more partnerships and working with each and everyone of you as our organization grows. Thank you.

Alexander P. Lee

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Nuclear & Carbon Free Future

On November 27, Brent Blackwelder of Friends of the Earth was the keynote speaker at a conference that Project Laundry List sponsored with the NHTI Environmental Action club in Concord, NH. The half-day conference, where Presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich also spoke, was built around the groundbreaking roadmap, developed by Arjun Makhijani, PhD., the President of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research. Dr. Makhijani joined us as the featured panelist.

The United States can become a global leader against climate change by phasing out nearly all carbon dioxide emissions by the year 2050, according to a newly published book. Carbon-Free and Nuclear-Free: A Roadmap for U.S. Energy Policy demonstrates how the U.S. can eliminate the use of fossil fuels without sacrificing economic growth or building more nuclear power plants.

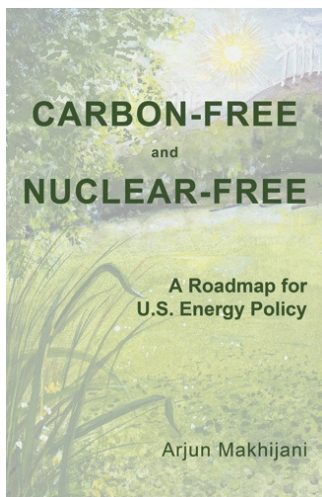
"As the recent Bali conference indicates, the world is looking to the U.S. for leadership, which has not been forthcoming so far," said Dr. Arjun Makhijani, the book's author. "This book is a roadmap for transforming the debate about global warming from political rhetoric to practical policies that can be implemented immediately. Making a zero-CO2 emissions' commitment is the way the U.S. can bring India and China into a serious dialog. Nearly complete elimination of CO2 emissions by 2050 is also implied by U.S. treaty commitments under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change."

Among the book's recommendations:

Enact a physical limit on carbon dioxide emissions (a "hard cap") for large users of fossil fuels that steadily declines to zero;

Eliminate all subsidies and tax breaks for fossil fuels, nuclear power and biofuels from food crops;

Build demonstration energy supply plants including solar thermal, solar photovoltaic, and carbon dioxide capture in



microalgae for liquid fuel production;

Leverage government purchasing power to create markets for advanced technologies such as plug-in hybrid vehicles

Ban new coal-fired plants unless they include reliable carbon capture and storage

Create and enforce stringent efficiency standards for appliances, transportation and buildings

"These approaches are all technologically feasible, economically viable and environmentally benign," Dr. Makhijani explained. "Nuclear power, on

the other hand, entails risks of proliferation, terrorism and serious accidents."

The analysis in Carbon-Free and Nuclear-Free shows that a reliable electricity grid can be created entirely from renewable energy sources, despite the intermittency of wind and solar energy. "First of all, wind and solar development should be coordinated, since wind often predominates at night and solar, is, by definition, in the daytime," said Dr. Makhijani. "Then, hydropower resources can be used when neither is available, complemented by natural gas standby."

In the long term, some baseload capacity would be created using biomass and geothermal resources, solar thermal power plants with heat storage, complemented by electricity storage technologies, according to the Roadmap. Natural gas standby capacity can be replaced by bio-methane standby. The book presents the first schematic of a reliable electricity grid based entirely on renewable energy sources.

"A distributed grid will actually be more reliable and less vulnerable to terrorism and large-scale black-outs than the centralized grid we have today," Dr. Makhijani claimed. "And if we focus solar energy development on commercial parking lots and rooftops, the problem of transmission corridors will be much reduced."

Carbon-Free and Nuclear-Free has already been embraced by a wide variety of energy and environmental experts. In a foreword to the book, S. David Freeman, former Chairman of the Tennessee Valley

Authority, writes, "This Roadmap could liberate us from an energy policy that is trashing



our climate and our mountain tops, that is polluting our land, sea, and air, that is trying to resurrect dangerous nuclear power, and that has America so dependent on imported oil that our foreign policy is the prisoner of oil. It shines a light on the path to a renewable energy economy." The president of Friends of the Earth, Brent Blackwelder, the most senior environmental lobbyist in Washington, also endorsed the book's agenda.

The initial, overwhelmingly positive reaction to the Roadmap, which cuts across conventional lines of partisanship and ideology, has resulted in initial planning for a national campaign to implement its recommendations. A kick-off conference is planned for spring, 2008.

Carbon-Free and Nuclear-Free is published by RDR Books and IEER Press. The book was the result of a joint project of Institute for Energy and Environmental Research and the Nuclear Policy Research Institute.. The text is also posted on the web at www.ieer.org/carbonfree and can be downloaded free. ♦

This is normally the space reserved for our newsletter editors' *View from The Basket* column. Stay tuned. It will be back for our April 1 issue.

Letters-to-the-Editor Laundry Lines

Clothesline for Christmas

Yesterday while visiting my in laws they were asking what we all wanted for Christmas. I told them that I really didn't want anything, especially since I was de-cluttering my house right now. They continued to press me and I told them that the only thing that I really wanted was weird and bulky and probably not the easiest gift to give. When I told them it was one of those umbrella style clothes lines they actually got excited. They think that they might have the one that belonged to my husband's grandmother stored in a building in the back yard. It is metal. If it is still there, it looks like I might get to upgrade from a line strung across the corner of the fence.

I am actually really hoping that they still have it. Not only would it make my hanging my laundry a little easier (I can barely fit one load on the current line), but it would look much nicer in the back yard and make the neighbors happy and it would be reusing something. I am probably weird to be getting excited about something like that.

Melia Newman
Garland, TX

"That is the way of poor country people doing!"

I am living in Montgomery county Maryland. I like to dry my laundry outside in my yard. My homeowners association threatened me to stop it, otherwise they were going to take legal action. I wrote a letter and

explained them that hanging laundry outside is a good way to save energy. They wrote me back on Dec.12.06: "Please be aware that the covenants and Bylaws of your community expressly forbid hanging laundry outside. We appreciate your concern to conserve energy and suggest that you hang your laundry indoors." After that they did not response any my letter even a registered letter asking them to explain why they charged me \$4 more for the assessments of the year 2006. I wrote a letter to EPA to address the good of hanging laundry outside to the planet. EPA suggested me to contact Environment Maryland. I e-mailed them about hanging laundry outside. I do not get response yet.

If I say people in China hang laundry outside, some people will laugh at me: "That is the way of poor country people doing!" But I lived many years in Germany, Britain and Denmark. I experienced that these country people are hanging laundry outside. Also a friend from Japan told me that Japanese are encouraged to bring their quilts outside when it is a sunny day.

Some days ago I called an old friend in Germany, told him that American homeowners associations forbid hanging laundry outside and some homeowners complain that hanging laundry outside will lower the property value. He laughed so hard.

I would say if our planet is destroyed, there is no property either.

Now I moved my laundry to my porch to dry. Porch does not get enough sunshine, I

wish to dry my laundry in the yard again. If I get into trouble how will Project Laundry List help me.

Wei Wang
Montgomery County, MD

Free Country?

I'm sure you get lots of emails because of being involved in Project Laundry List, but I simply couldn't resist to write you when I read the article about Susan Taylor and her troubles with outdoor laundry drying!

I'm from Poland and I'm a fifth year student of Environmental Science, so I'm concerned about our contribution to global warming. I just could not believe that something so simple as hanging laundry outside can be forbidden anywhere. Honestly, I was shocked such stupid rules exist in the U.S.! I've been considering going there for summer (work and travel) but now as I hear such things, I'm worried if I really could live there for a while...

You see, in Poland hanging laundry out is very popular during summer and electric dryers aren't so common as in the States. Partly because of Poland has not been and still is not so wealthy, and partly because people got used to it and don't see anything wrong in such practice. The matter is to hang out laundry in the esthetic way but it can be simply achieved.

I support your case with all my heart and wish you all the best! And let it be my statement: I hang my laundry in the garden whenever the weather lets me do that. Now, each time I do



this I'll think of all these people who still are not free to do this in the free country.

Dominika Krol

Jagiellonian University,
Krakow, Poland

Pointless review?

I have been a Project Laundry List supporter ever since I read about your organization a few months ago in the Sierra Club newsletter. I have a story that you would certainly appreciate that I wanted to bring to your attention.

I live in a townhouse in Maryland and am in the process of buying/installing solar panels for my roof to provide about 25% of my electricity needs. The Community Association covenants were written over 15 years ago and make no mention of solar panels. In addition, the state of Maryland has actually passed a law that prohibits Community Associations from restricting the use of solar panels (except for some rare exceptions, i.e. in historic districts). I decided that I wanted to do the responsible thing and notify my Community Association's Architectural Board, regardless of the fact that they couldn't actually deny my request. Well, my request has been sitting with the Board for over a

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Coin Laundry Advantages

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- level of water consumption in your community.
- Home washing machines typically consume 30 to 40 gallons of water per wash load, or 2.5 to 3.0 gallons per pound of clothes laundered. High-efficiency, commercial clothes washers found in self-service laundries typically use as little as 0.5 to 1.5 gallons of water per pound of clothes laundered.
- Commercial clothes washers are designed by manufacturers to deliver superior washing results while consuming the absolute minimum volume of water.
- Utilities are the single greatest expense for the operation of self-service laundries. Laundry owners are driven by profitability to install the most efficient equipment possible for

their customers.

- By washing clothes at the local Laundromat, residents in drought-stricken areas will save at least half of the water they would typically use at home.
- The average coin laundry saves their community millions of gallons of water over the course of a year.
- Further water-savings are achieved in self-service laundries as consumers launder full loads of clothes, whereas home launderers tend to under load washers and unnecessarily waste water.
- Typical self-service laundries present even greater water savings by offering large-capacity washers that can wash multiple loads of laundry at a fraction of the water consumption. Most stores have washers as large as a 50lb. capacity which enables customers



to launder four to five loads in a single machine.

- As part of an overall energy conservation plan, the national Coin Laundry Association educates its members to alert customers to the benefits of using commercial equipment to reduce water and sewer demands.
- Self-service laundries provide a basic public health service to the community. The coin laundry industry serves many of the lower income residents

who cannot afford to own and operate their own washers and dryers.

- During times of water shortage and drought, self-service laundries are a significant way for communities to conserve water.

For more information, you may want to visit www.coinlaundry.org. ♦

More Letters-to-the-Editor

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month now and they have not approved it! I thought this would be a quick rubber-stamp process, but they want me to provide pictures of the proposed panels, provide addresses of other nearby installations, etc. While I agreed to do this and provided the information, I asked the Association why they need this information since state law says they can't deny my request anyway. Their response was that even though they are aware of the state law, it is still their responsibility to ensure

that I am not "harshly impacting the aesthetics" of the community. In other words, it appears that they feel they can tell me not to install the panels if, in their (very subjective) opinions, they do not find my installation attractive. I told them that the sight of solar panels producing clean, pollution-free energy is beautiful to me! I am trying to invest almost \$10,000 to make my home more energy efficient and environmentally sustainable, and the Community Association feels they have the authority to override state law to deny my request based on

their definition of aesthetics!

When it is all said and done, I expect them to approve my request, but the fact that they would even consider this to be something that needs to be reviewed is ridiculous! I don't know if you run into this in other areas, but I did want to make you aware that this type of stuff goes on!! I line dry my clothes, but they are done inside my basement. I don't even want to know what my Community Association would say if they saw a clothesline!!

Jeff Blankman
Owings Mills, MD



NH State Senator Harold Janeway and his wife, Betsy (pictured above), hang their clothes out to dry. Notice the Evergreen Solar photovoltaic cells on the barn roof behind.

1 Sky: One Climate. One Future. One Chance.

Washington, DC- 1Sky is dedicated to aggregating a massive nationwide movement by communicating a positive vision and a coherent set of national policies that rise to the scale of the climate challenge we are confronting. It has been borne from the collective urgency and determination of leaders throughout the country. Our movement has many strengths, audiences and organizing strategies – 1Sky is aggregating and magnifying our power.

Americans are ready to respond to the challenge, and 1Sky is providing a cohesive policy solution to mobilize our country as never before to reduce climate pollution immediately and forever. Our solutions are defined by what science and justice demand.

We know that the United States must quickly join the developed nations in supporting scientifically-based climate policy, while rapidly negotiating international agreements that reduce emissions and support prosperity in the developing world. And here at home,

we must launch an unprecedented national mobilization for a sweeping transition to a clean energy future, with new opportunities and pathways out of poverty for more Americans.

To pass meaningful national climate legislation, 1Sky is working to unite Americans behind a clear vision and simple platform for solutions at the scale of the problem. Current efforts that move in this direction will, of course, continue. But 1Sky and its partners nationally and around the world are building the political will necessary to pass stronger policies that deliver real solutions – solutions as big as the problem – and to strengthen those policies over the next decade and beyond.

POLICY PLATFORM

Mobilize America for Solutions: Launch a Clean Energy Job Corps as the first wave and create 5 million new jobs in the United States. The Corps will help us conserve 20% of our energy by 2015 with a sweeping national mobilization for climate solutions, healthy com-



munities, and energy independence.

Secure Our Future: Cut global warming pollution 30% by 2020.

This will establish America as a strong partner in the global campaign for solutions, while getting us on a realistic path to reductions of at least 80% below 1990 levels by 2050, the level that scientists say is necessary. Pass climate policies to trigger a clean energy revolution that revitalizes our economy, enhances our security, protects consumers, and provides new opportunities to realize the American dream.

Transform Our Energy Priorities: Reprogram fossil fuel and highway investments for clean energy and transportation choices. Start with a firm moratorium on new coal plants, unless and until they can permanently dispose of their global warming pollution. ♦

A Million Solar Dryers

Keene, NH- Legend has it that some witty soul was selling solar dryers for \$50 in the late 1970s. You would get a bag of clothespins and a hundred feet of clothesline in the mail for your trouble.

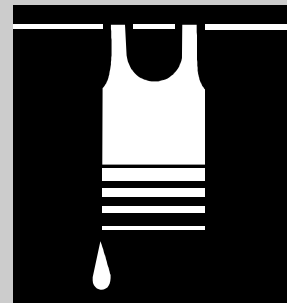
Retired Professor Joan Roelofs of the Keene Cities for Climate Protection Committee decided that it would be great fun for

her city of 20,000 or so people to challenge a community of similar size and see which municipality could get the most pledges to use a clothesline or drying rack. At the recommendation of Project Laundry List, she settled on Bedford, which is a well-to-do suburb of Manchester.

The race is on and Project Laundry List announced, on

December 31, its new initiative to get pledges from a million American clothesline users. Visit our website to download the PDF Pledge Form. Help get people who you know to fill out the pledge form and mail it to us by April 15. We are giving away five clotheslines to the people who are able to recruit the most signatories to the pledge. ♦

Clothes Clips



All of these clips are available on our great website at www.laundrylist.org/newsroom.

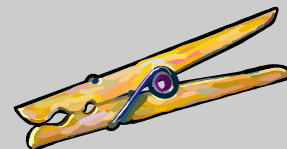
NOTE: If you want to help us clip and archive the stories about Project Laundry List, please contact us at info@laundrylist.org.

Lift bans on hanging clothing out to dry in the Concord Monitor (Dec. 6, 2007).

Drawing a Line on Outdoor Clothes Drying in the New York Times (Dec. 2, 2007).

The Right to Dry in Time magazine (November 21, 2007).

New Hampshire Man Fights for Clothesline Rights on NPR (November 13, 2007).



Wash

by Jane Kenyon

All day the blanket snapped and swelled
on the line, roused by a hot spring wind....
From there it witnessed the first sparrow,
early flies lifting their sticky feet,
and a green haze on the south-sloping hills.
Clouds rose over the mountain....At dusk
I took the blanket in, and we slept,
restless, under its fragrant weight.



Jane Kenyon, *Otherwise: New & Selected Poems* (Graywolf Press, 1997)

Clotheslines by Design

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residential renovation; and air tightness vs. ventilation among others.

The three-day event offers a rich schedule of activities. Tuesday evening's public forum will be moderated for the third year by Jim Braude, host of NECN's NewsNight and co-host of Eagen and Braude, 96.9 FM. Alex Wilson, President, Environmental Building News, is the keynote speaker for the Plenary Session held on Wednesday morning. Wilson has been an expert in energy-efficiency and environmentally responsible design and construction for over 25 years. He is a former Executive Director of NESEA and a former board member of the U.S. Green Building Council. A growing trade show will focus on exhibitors with green products and services, poster sessions, and a trade show

reception. Attendees enjoy exceptional information sharing and networking opportunities with other professionals working on clean energy generation and green building design and construction.

Half-day and full-day workshops, to be held on Tuesday March 11, are designed to offer in-depth training for professionals and students who are entering this field, as well as experienced professionals seeking a deeper understanding of new issues and technologies.

The Boston Green Tea Party: An Energy Revolution!, Tuesday, March 11, 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

For more information about BuildingEnergy08 -- "The Practice of Sustainability: Tools, Actions, and Solutions," please visit <http://buildingenergy.nesea.org/> or call 413-774-6051.

"The man who wrongly holds that every human right is secondary to his profit must now give way to the advocate of human welfare, who rightly maintains that every man holds his property subject to the general right of the community to regulate its use to whatever degree the public welfare may require it."

-Theodore Roosevelt



Presidential Candidate Survey

These questions and more were sent to all major candidates of the two major parties.

1. Would you install a clothesline in the White House?
2. How does your dirty laundry currently get washed?

Look for the results in a special issue.

Largest Teach-in in US History Scheduled for Jan. 31

On January 31, 2008, more than 1,100 institutions will participate in Focus The Nation, an unprecedented teach-in on global warming solutions. "Today's college students are truly the greatest generation," says Lewis & Clark professor of economics Dr. Eban Goodstein, author and project director for Focus The Nation. "No other generation has ever had to face this kind of civilizational challenge. And we as educators would be failing if we did not prepare them to meet this challenge."

In the event that members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives can't make it back to their states for these discussions, Focus The Nation has partnered with a company called SightSpeed to provide live, video conferencing technology between campuses and Congress.

"Critical decisions need to be made on global warming, which means today's leaders and the youth who will inherit the crisis need serious education on the issue," said James "Gus" Speth, dean, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. "Focus The Nation is our country's foremost model to create that level of education and interaction with law makers."

The teach-in will kick off the night of Jan. 30, with the 2% Solution web cast co-produced by the National Wildlife Federation and aired by the Earth Day Network. Panelists will include Stanford climate scientist Steve Schneider, Hunter Lovins, CEO, Natural Capitalism and environmental justice leader, Van Jones, executive director, Ella Baker Center in Oakland, Calif.

The final piece of Focus The Nation's teach-in model will be the Choose Your Future vote. All students, faculty and community participants will be encouraged to vote on what they think are the top five solutions from a list of ten to fifteen that will be available Jan. 21, 2008 at www.focusthenation.org. Vote results will be presented nationally in mid February. All students who vote on the Choose Your Future ballot will be eligible to win a \$10,000 leadership scholarship for a project to be completed by end of August 2008.

For more information on local institutions and their participation in Focus The Nation, please visit www.focusthenation.org, or call 503-768-7996. You may also contact Garrett Reiss Brennan at garrett@focusthenation.org or 503-768-7990. ♦

Focus The Nation is an unprecedented educational initiative on global warming solutions for America occurring at more than 1,000 universities and colleges and in all 50 states on Jan. 31, 2008. As the largest teach-in in U.S. history, Focus The Nation is preparing millions of students to become leaders in the largest challenge any generation has faced. For more information, please visit www.focusthenation.org.

The Future of Laundry Detergent

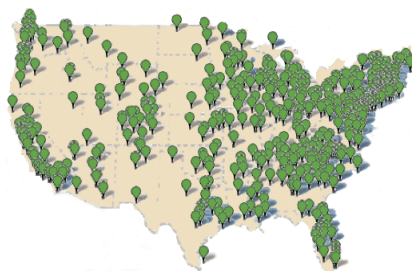
by Sydney Waldron
dropps.com

A traditional jug of liquid laundry detergent is only a small percentage of detergent diluted by a large amount of water, making it just another form of bottled water.

While detergent companies are introducing concentrated formulas to reduce packaging, the large plastic bottles continue to

create massive amounts of solid waste that must be recycled, incinerated, or put in landfills. New packaging for a product called dropps will be a combination of reusable plastic tubs and flexpac packaging that takes up a minimal amount of space, thus decreasing the amount of waste produced compared to other detergent brands.

In addition to the environmental and space saving benefits, dropps are convenient - just toss and go! Healthier planet, easier washing, happier clothes. dropps are compatible with HE (High Efficiency) washing machines, biodegradable, phosphate-free, chlorine-free, NPE-free, and great for babies or people with sensitive skin.



Calendar

- **HB 1523 Public Hearing**
Legislative Office Building, Concord, NH
January 3, at 11 AM
- **HB 1523 Executive Session**
Legislative Office Building, Concord, NH
January 15, at 10 AM
- **Board of Directors Meeting**
Concord, NH
Wed., January 16, at 6 PM
- **Focus the Nation**
January 31, 2008
- **Annual Meeting**
UU Church, Concord, NH
February 5, 2007, at 6 PM

For more information about these and other events visit our website or call (603) 226-3098.



In the U.S., liquid laundry detergent is used for 25 billion wash loads every year. If these loads were done with dropps instead of the usual cup and jug, we would save:

-6,233,726 gallons of diesel gas in transport

-267,968,750 lbs of plastic

-622,373 tons of greenhouse gas emissions in transport.

Something to think about! ♦

The Ancient & Venerable Right to Dry

London, ON— Project Laundry List has heard from advocates and legislators in several states and provinces about pursuing Right to Dry legislation.

In Ontario, the Premier is faced with a choice presented to him by Chief Conservation Officer Peter Love. Recommendation 7 in his annual report reads, “The Ministry of Energy should issue regulations under the Energy Conservation Leadership Act to designate combined heat and power projects, clotheslines and solar collectors so that they may be used where there are restrictions, such as municipal zoning by-laws, that would otherwise prevent or impede their use.”

At the federal level in the United States, Congressman Paul Hodes was outraged to learn that some people cannot hang out their clothes.

“That is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard,” Hodes said, joining a conversation that his wife and Project Laundry List Executive Director Alexander Lee were having at a holiday party.

Hodes may try to include a right to dry provision in a major energy bill that he is pulling together.

In Concord, NH, on January 3, the Municipal & County Government Committee will hold the first of two hearings on the “Live Free or Dry” bill, HB 1523. The bill sponsor, Rep. Suzanne Harvey of Nashua, expects that it will meet some resistance. “Most people get it, though,” she said. “It is a pretty simple thing that we should all be allowed to do.”

Tina Rasnow continues to push for a change in California.

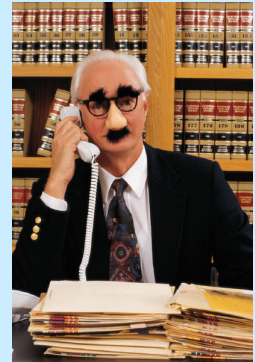
There is interest in Connecticut and a handful of North Carolinians are leading the charge there. Marylanders seem to be particularly hard hit by these covenants and they are starting to take an interest.

Project Laundry List has developed a frequently asked questions document for Right to Dry skeptics.

Among the questions addressed is the true scope of the anti-environmental covenant problem. It speaks to constitutional concerns related to the fixing of contractual agreements and it also addresses the underlying reasons for aesthetic objections to the clothesline.

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John Elder teaches English and Environmental Studies at Middlebury College and is the author of numerous books and articles on the cultural, aesthetic, and ethical implications of living in place. He is the recipient of grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Fulbright Fellowship Program, and, most recently, the Guggenheim Foundation. In addition to his teaching and writing, he operates a sugarbush with his family in the hills above Starksboro, Vermont. John's current book-project, which he'll read and discuss for us, focuses on the relationship between Mardi Gras and climate change.

He and his family have a sugaring operation in the hills above Starksboro, VT. Elder received his B.A. from Pomona College and his Ph.D. from Yale University.

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A **Database Development Specialist** and **Web Designer** would allow us to bring our website up to speed, collecting necessary data from media contacts, Right to Dry activists, and others.

We have also posted openings for **Blogger, Social Networker, Business Development Intern, Curriculum Development Specialist, Press/Communications In-**

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If you have questions or concerns, we urge you to get in touch at info@laundrylist.org or (603) 226-3098. ♦



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