

# Sun Day

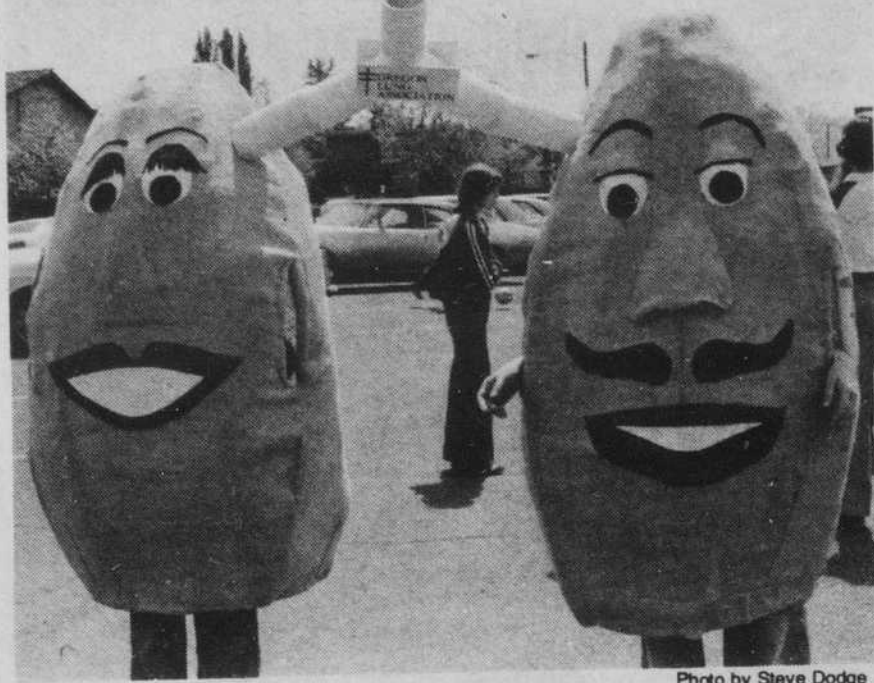


Photo by Steve Dodge



Photo by Sue DeWitt

University Survival Center volunteers were among 200 marchers who participated in Sun Day's solar energy parade. The marchers walked and biked from South Eugene High School to the Saturday Market and back again carrying flags, wearing costumes and handing out pro-solar energy information. Sun Day activities will continue through Wednesday with musical performances and speakers.

## Parade initiates local solar festivities

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The grade school Kazoo band was there, along with the University equestrians, a pair of giant lungs from the University health department and about 200 solar energy supporters. Even the object of attention, the sun, made a cameo appearance at the Sun Day parade Saturday.

The parade, which started at South Eugene High School and looped across town to the Satur-

day Market and back, also included decorated bikes, jugglers, homemade "floats" and a balloon crew from Lane Community College.

Marchers carrying the ecology flag, a solar energy flag and the American flag led the way, followed by others who carried banners reading "Here Comes the Sun" and "Solar Energy."

Members of the Eugene Police Department held up traffic along the parade route for the marchers who stretched three city blocks for

most of the distance.

Survival Center volunteers, who distributed pro-polar energy material to onlookers at Saturday marker, were pleased with the turnout.

"Of course it was a success," said Janet Gillespie, Survival Center director. "Did you see all those people? Everybody had a good time."

Sun Day festivities will continue through Wednesday with a series of films, speakers and music happenings.

Today has been dubbed "Park it Day." The Sun Day Coalition and the Oregon Lung Association are encouraging everyone to

walk, ride a bike or take the bus instead of cranking up the auto.

"If everybody left their automobiles home for just one day," V.C. Vitums of the Lung Association, said, "more than 200,000 tons of hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides would not be released into the air."

Also on the agenda for today is a 7:30 p.m. lecture in 107 Lawrence on the dynamics of solar energy and the University solar project by Dan Kaehn, David McDaniels and Frank Vignola of the University physics department.

The Stan Fink Quartet will join

Mary Farrow and Nancy King and Friends at the Community Center for the Performing Arts (WOW Hall) for a benefit concert at 8 p.m. Proceeds from donations will go to the Sun Day Coalition.

Tuesday's events include a sunrise salutation on Skinner's Butte at 5 a.m., a lecture on passive and active solar heating systems, a breakfast at the University Faculty Club and tours of local homes that have been fitted with solar equipment.

A free outdoor concert Wednesday featuring Tommy Smith, Northwest Passage and Slow Buck, is slated for noon to 3 p.m. on the lawn behind the EMU.

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## Decompression chamber falters, animal shelter opts for drug

Mechanical difficulties may have succeeded while several months of protest and a possible ballot measure were ineffective. The Green Hill Animal Shelter's controversial decompression chamber is dead.

The decompression chamber became the focus of a city and county-wide controversy last September when members of the

Committee to Ban Decompression Chambers in Lane County (CBDC) questioned the machine's humaneness.

The decompression chamber, a large cylindrical machine used to kill unwanted animals housed in the Animal Shelter (formerly the Lane County Humane Society) by suffocation, was threatened by protest from the CBDC and by a ballot measure to ban its use on the May 23 primary ballot.

Whether that measure would have passed might be irrelevant now; the Euthanair chamber worked its last day Thursday and has been shut down.

According to Chuck John, Green Hill Animal Shelter board chair, the machine "went to hell" Thursday afternoon and won't be used again.

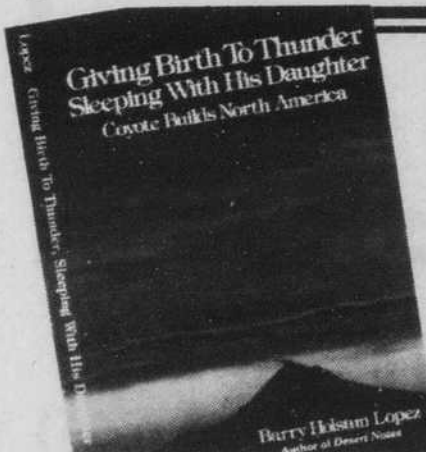
The shelter's board of directors took a straw poll and decided not to repair the decompression

chamber. A formal vote by the board is expected to take place tonight.

The shelter will replace the chamber with injections of sodium pentobarbital to be given by licensed experts. Opponents of the chamber made that same proposal nearly eight months ago.

The move by the shelter board still leaves the question of whether a ballot measure on the chamber's use is needed. According to Diane Yeager of the CBDC, the measure is needed to make sure unwanted animals are killed as humanely as possible.

Yeager and the CBDC placed the measure on the ballot after a petition drive and have been battling criticism of their plan and their measure for nearly four months. Local veterinarians gave limited support to the measure in April, but said they still objected to it on technical grounds, Yeager said.



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