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**HAPPY HOUR SUNDAY
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...of environmental concern



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Of the Emerald

Log exports will be the topic of an open meeting Wednesday with County Commissioner Jerry Rust and Virgel Clark, director of the county's forestry program.

Rust says it is important as an issue for Lane County residents, because the annual number of fir and hemlock logs exported to Japan has reached 600 million board feet.

The panel will discuss the role of a public agency "in responding to this issue" at 7:30 p.m. in the north conference room of Harris Hall.

The Fourth International Silver Streak Slug Race was a great success at the Rhododendron Festival in Florence last weekend.

About 100 spectators gathered around a small table to watch the slugs compete in three elimination heats and a final championship heat.

One contestant suffered a mishap that delayed the start of the race — the slug's trainer dropped his entry into the purse of a woman spectator. The racer was recovered, but didn't perform well.

A garden slug owned by a Florence resident captured the trophy. The solid aluminum statue of a slug atop a beer glass went to Aerandor, entered in the race by 15 year-old Mike Califf.

Califf explained his racer's success as a training ploy — "I kept his girlfriend at home."

Time slots are still available to people who want to make float trips down the Wild Rogue River, according to the Siskiyou National Forest office.

The openings have come up because parties have not confirmed their permits seven days in advance of their trip dates.

Those interested in floating the Rogue can call the office in Grants Pass at 479-5301.

A major regional conference has been announced for May 31 and June 1 by the federal Department of Energy (DOE).

"Congressional and departmental officials will not only relate national energy goals to the region, but will also hear the regional, state and local energy concerns expressed by conference participants," said Jack Albertson, regional representative.

Speakers at the conference include Sen. Henry Jackson, D.-Wash., Energy Secretary James Schlesinger, Washington Governor Dixy Lee Ray and Sterling Munro, Bonneville Power administrator.

Other topics of the Seattle conference are utility rate reform; alternative energy technologies; grant and contract opportunities, and state and local roles in energy planning.

More information is available from Dale Comstock, dean of the Graduate School and research at Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Wash., 98926.

Oregon State University researchers are predicting the best cattle production in 20 years in eastern Oregon, due to range forage growth from rain in the area.

The predictions are based on research at the OSU experiment station in Burns.

"The overall average (from September) for eastern Oregon as of May 1 is 147 percent," said Forrest Sneva, range-land research scientist from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

This is a sharp increase over last year's drought index of 49 percent, Sneva said. "In fact, one has to go back 20 years to find a year with as favorable an outlook for range forage yield as what appears to be forthcoming in 1978."

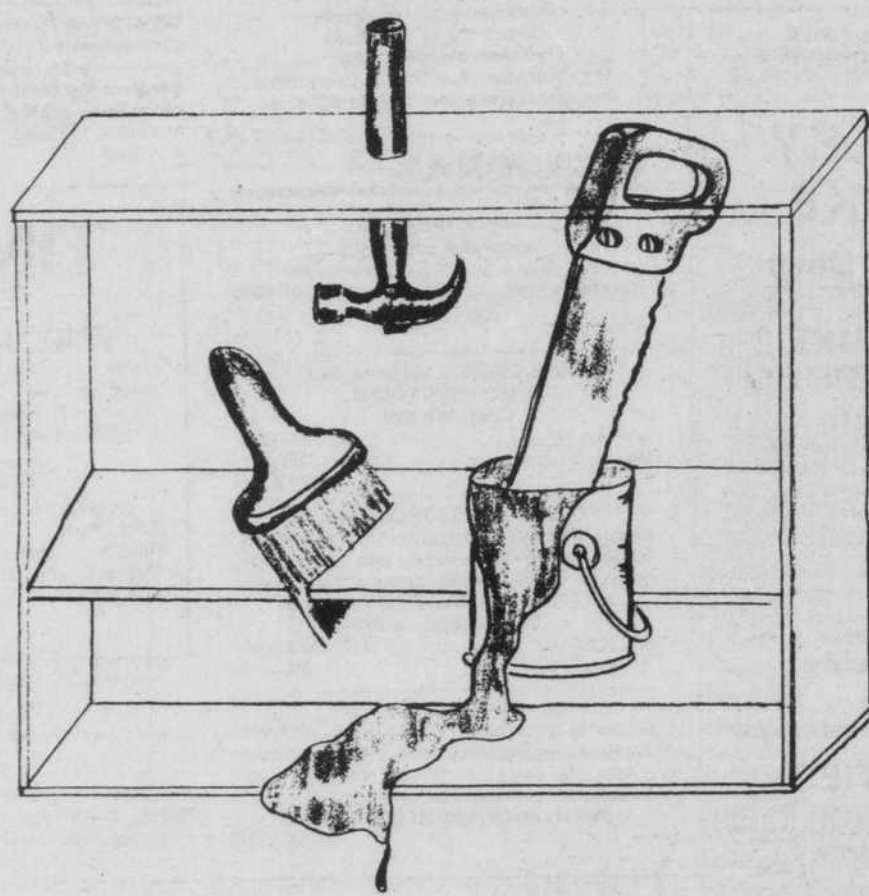
Permits will be required for summer visitors to 13 of the 18 wilderness areas in Oregon and Washington, but they'll be free, the U.S. Forest Service says.

The permit system is part of a continuing effort to better manage the areas to prevent destruction of the wilderness values and preserve the experience sought by more hikers and equestrians each year, according to regional forester Richard Worthington.

The permit system will be in effect from June 15 to November 15, except for the Glacier Peak, Pasayten and Eagle Cap Wildernesses, where permits are required year-round.

Some permits are available at trailhead stations at the wilderness areas; others must be obtained at the National Forest office for the area. Applicants should call or write the Forest Service office administering the wilderness they wish to visit.

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U.S. salutes war dead

(AP) — With bugles, rifle fire and flags, the country on Monday saluted the 1 million people who have died in American uniforms from Valley Forge to Vietnam.

Secretary of Defense Harold Brown presided over the Memorial Day laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington. He said the country should rededicate itself to preserving the strength of its armed forces "so that it need not be proved in combat."

In Ohio, small American flags were placed at the graves of 206 Confederate soldiers, most of them officers, who died during their imprisonment on Johnson's Island on Lake Erie during the Civil War.

A special tribute to the 3,505 men who died on submarines during World War II was held at the U.S. Naval Weapons Station at Seal Beach in Southern California.

In Southgate, Ky., townspeople gathered for a service at the town's war memorial, a short distance from the site of the Beverly Hills Supper Club fire that killed 165 people in May of 1977.

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