

Dance steps put springs back

Many types of people are drawn toward the natural luxury of Cougar Hot Springs. For some the attraction is medicinal, for others, it may be strictly hedonistic.

Whatever the reason, an estimated 15,000 people enjoy the hot springs year-round.

And they have the efforts of the Friends of the Springs Trust, Inc. and the flexibility of the Forest Service to thank for keeping them in hot water.

The trust has cared for and protected the springs, located about 50 miles east of Eugene on Route 126, and its users since June 1. On that day, they entered into a unique, renewable one-year permit agreement with the Forest Service.

To help the trust meet the springs' maintenance and improvement costs, a benefit dance will be held this Saturday at 8 p.m. The group receives no assistance from the Forest Service.

In 1978, the Forest Service developed an intensive management plan to match the intensive use of the springs, but budget and personnel cuts forced

the agency to begin considering other options this January — including outlawing its use altogether.

The final decision was to allow a private, non-profit group to manage the springs. To discourage crime and avoid night closure of the springs and the campgrounds, the trust agreed to provide a permanent caretaker. In the spring, they plan to put in safety decks around the five or six individual pools.

Crime has dropped noticeably at the springs, according to the Forest Service. The chief enforcer for the Forest Service and a state patrolman estimate Memorial Day to Labor Day "incidents" were down to six from last year's 72.

Trust member Michael Donnelly says the group is looking to involve "as many people as possible." Contributors as well as volunteer workers are needed, he says. The trust can be reached at 683-3533.

Tickets for the dance are available in advance at the EMU main desk for \$2.50 or \$3 the day of the show. The dance is sponsored by the Survival Center.

Want a slice of the future today?

Computer-operated kitchens, butlers resembling R2D2 and furniture covered with metallic silver material may be images brought to mind at the mention of the year 2001.

But the Lane County Fairgrounds will offer a slice of that future today through Sunday at the Exhibit Hall, where a wide variety of products and ideas from the 1980s to the 21st Century will be exhibited.

They range from the highly scientific — robot and computer demonstrations — to the highly imaginary — a collection of

futuristic tabletop displays depicting elementary school students' views of the year 2001.

Computer uses in education will be featured, including a demonstration by the "Eugene 4-J Whiz Kids." Local organizations such as the University department of chemical physics and the Ad-ronics and Energy Kinematics companies of Springfield also will hold exhibits throughout the exposition.

Richard Hersch, dean of the University graduate school and associate provost for research, will

lead off a lineup of speakers today at 4 p.m. Hersch will address the question "Are We Becoming a Nation of Techno-Peasants?"

Six other speakers will discuss pertinent issues throughout the weekend.

There also will be slide shows, beer and wine gardens and free drawings for a Sony Walkman television, an Atari 600XL computer and a complete Kaypro II business computer.

Admission is free. For more information, call Future Expositions, Inc., 341-3572.

Rally protests American intervention

The Committee in Solidarity with Central American People is sponsoring a rally Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Main Post Office in downtown Eugene. The rally is part of a national day of protest to demonstrate against United States intervention in Central America and related foreign policies.

Rally participants will leave Eugene at noon in a carpool caravan to travel to Portland and join a larger rally at Terry Shrunken Park, located at S.W. 4th Avenue and Madison Street, at 3 p.m.

Saturday's demonstrations in Portland coincide with a march on Washington, D.C.

Portland's rally will feature Father Jose Escobar of the Democratic Revolutionary Front of El Salvador; Ada Sanchez from People's Test Ban; Bob Baugh, the secretary-treasurer of the Oregon AFL-CIO; Ron Herndon of the Portland Black United Front; and Brigitte Dennis Sarabi of the Caribbean Education Project.

Anyone wanting carpool or other information can call CISCAP at 485-1755 or Hoedads at 485-2424.

Correction

A story in Thursday's *Emerald* about the East Blair Housing Cooperative incorrectly stated that people may contact Adrienne Lauby at 343-7713 for more information.

Actually, people should contact the Housing Authority and Community Services Agency of Lane County at 687-3755.

The *Emerald* regrets any confusion that may have resulted.

U.S. officials say tortured man not guilty

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. officials believe the man arrested for the murder of Lt. Cmdr. Albert Schaufelberger III in El Salvador did not commit the crime and confessed only after five days of torture, NBC News reported Thursday.

Daniel Alvarado Rivera, a 23 year-old engineering student, was arrested in late August. Schaufelberger, an American non-combat military adviser, was shot to death May 25 in San Salvador.

Quoting unidentified State Department officials, NBC said the United States believes Salvadoran Treasury police who arrested Alvarado are leading

members of right-wing death squads and that they framed him.

U.S. officials in El Salvador are unhappy with the situation, and a source close to U.S. Ambassador

Thomas Pickering says he informed Washington that "we can't live for too much longer with the knowledge that the wrong man is being held," NBC reported.

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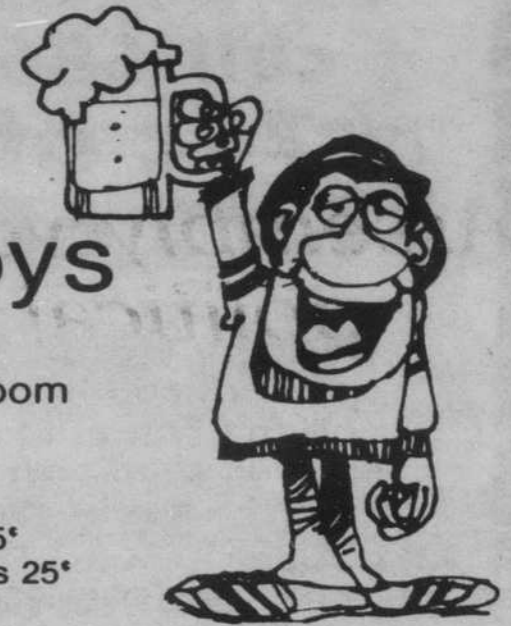
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