

Annual Asian Celebration offers food, fun

This Sunday, Lane County Convention Center plays host to the state's largest Asian cultural festival in celebration of today's Chinese New Year.

The sixth annual Asian Celebration will feature entertainment, food, crafts, music and a fashion show. The event is sponsored by the Eugene and Springfield Asian Council, and the City of Eugene Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department.

Doors open at 11 a.m. with a traditional Chinese lion dance, followed by a performance by the Eugene Taiko Drummers at 11:30. The event will run through 5 p.m.

As part of the entertainment, partici-

pants will perform traditional dances from Japan, Thailand, Indonesia, the Pacific Islands and the Philippines. The fashion show features costumes from Asian countries, Japanese songs performed by first- and second-grade students of the Eugene Gakuen (Japanese Immersion) school, and several forms of martial arts and Thai boxing.

Batik from Indonesia and Japanese paper-making, quilting and origami will be featured in the arts and crafts area.

Food vendors will be on hand to sell Asian delicacies such as yakisoba (fried noodles), curried chicken, Malaysian wonton dumplings, a variety of Japanese sus-

hi, Thai noodles and much more. Cost of a meal per person will average about \$3.50.

The celebration also features a children's room where children and parents are welcome to participate in Asian crafts, games, stories, and visit with special guests.

Admission is \$1 for adults, and youth ages 18 and under are admitted free. The University's Asian-Pacific American Student Union is underwriting the admission cost for any University student. For more information, contact Ken Nagao at 687-9600, Tony Lum at 484-1124, or Carrie Matsushita at 687-5310.

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shouldn't be in the business of trying to control that kind of thing."

Jim Black, from the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture, testified that there are laws to prevent "false" or "misleading" labels, but said the real problem is in defining what constitutes a misleading label.

Regarding the produce labeling bill, Stubenvoll said his concern is that fruits and vegetables grown outside the U.S. could be harmful for consumers because they do not meet the pesticide regulations of those grown in the country.

"What are American consumers to do? These chemicals find their way onto our dinner tables," Stubenvoll said. He said a U.S. Department of Agriculture report concluded that produce grown in other countries is twice as likely to contain pesticides.

Although Stubenvoll explained that "this legislation does not ban anything," Jack Monroe from the Association of Oregon Food Industries testified that a passage of the bill would create "an organizational nightmare" for the food industry.

He said labeling would be an important response toward consumer safety, but worries it would be too difficult for grocers to figure out where the food came from.

Sen. Peg Jolin introduced the idea of putting general labels on produce that would just identify that they were grown in another country.

Terry Witt, executive director of Oregonians for Food and Shelter, refuted Stubenvoll's comments, saying that it did not give an accurate picture of foreign pesticide regulation and registration, which, he said, is often more elaborate and "sophisticated" than the process used here in the U.S.

Witt also said that even if consumers were aware of which country the produce came from, that would not guarantee that they would understand which country generated the most potentially harmful, pesticide-laden produce.

Both Sen. Jim Bunn and Jolin asked Witt why he would oppose a labeling requirement which would give consumers the chance to decide if they wanted to buy foreign produce — even if they were not informed about which countries used harmful pesticides.

"We are not necessarily overwhelmingly opposed to the labeling of a country of origin," he said, but added that it would put an unnecessary cost burden on the consumer who would pay the extra money to organize the labeling process.

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"It's quite a juggling act," Mah said. "I have a lot to do, but it's been fun. School work

is serious, but not that serious. When I'm old, it'll be nice to look back on this and know that I've done it.

"At least that's how I justify my poor performances on


tests," he added, smiling.

For the past two years, there has been only one "squad" doing the lion dance, but this year, two more people were added to the routine to give ev-

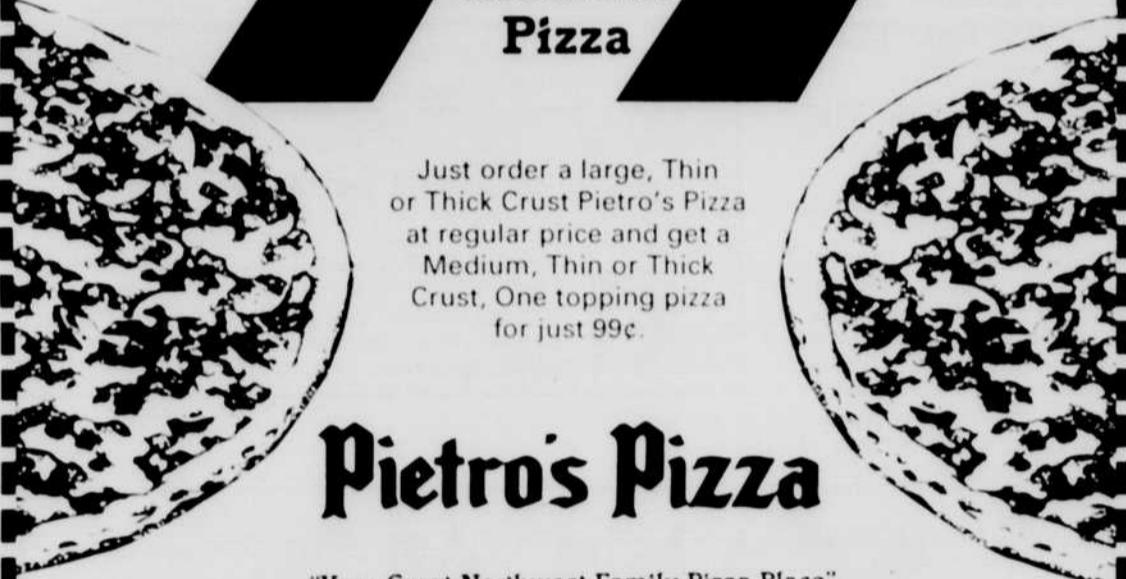
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"Getting other people involved is important. It's good to share knowledge."

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