## COMMUNITY UPDATE

### Local benefit for Somalia planned

The Lane County chapter of the Red Cross has teamed up with several University groups for a benefit show and auction this Sunday to help Red Cross efforts in Somalia.

Margaret Barnes, local director of financial development, said there has been a substantial interest in contributing to the relief efforts since the famine in Somalia began making headlines.

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The Red Cross eventually contacted Peter Briggs, associate director of international education and exchange at the University, who helped organize student and administrative involvement.

The benefit is Sunday from 1-7 p.m. in Agate Hall at the corner of 18th Avenue and Agate Street. Admission is \$4 per person and \$10 per family. Tickets are available at the Red Cross office at 150 E. 18th Ave... Marketplace Books and Oasis Fine Foods and will also be available at the door.

Barnes said the money earned will go directly to Somalia to help Red Cross feeding centers and hospitals and help fund a seed program to assist Somalians in growing food. Musicians Mark and Carleen McCornack will perform at 1 p.m.; Storyteller Mark Lewis performs at 2; the University's African Students Association performs a traditional dance at 2:45; Kutsinhira Children's Ensemble plays African marimba music at 3:30; Shumba plays African marimba music at 4; an African dance troupe performs at 5:30; and Kudana plays African marimba music at 5:45.

Ethnic food, a raffle and an auction of several donated gifts, will also be featured.

Barnes said those who attend can arrive any time and return without extra charge if they leave.

Student groups such as the Black Student Union, African Students Association and International Students Association are cosponsors, as well as administrative offices such as the Office of International Affairs, the International Cultural Service Program, the Office of International Education and Exchange and the Dean of Students Office.

#### Sister city family program begins

Families eager to make friends in Russia can meet other families through the "Linka-Family" program created by the Eugene-Irkutsk Sister City Committee.

Although residents of both cities partici-

pate in pen pal programs, this is the first formal effort to link families in Eugene and Irkutsk, said Mary Wright McIntosh. Sister Cities Administrator.

"There are people in Irkutsk who have wanted to do this, as well as in Eugene," said McIntosh, adding that she expects the program to be successful.

"There's still a certain mystique about Russia." she said. "It's the country people are most interested in."

Applications for the program are available at the Eugene Public Library and the Recreation and Cultural Services office at 22 West Seventh Ave.

#### Substance abuse program set

The University's Substance Abuse Prevention Program will present a two-day conference this weekend at Valley River Center to provide information on kids and the link between drugs and self-esteem.

The seminar is designed to give information on prevention, support and general awareness about drugs, self-esteem and the effects of drugs on children in the community.

For more information, call Miki Mace, program coordinator, at 346-3397.

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available along the north side of 13th Avenue, near the science buildings, for those with permits. The metered parking spaces currently on the south side, near the EMU, will be eliminated.

"The reason for no parking on the south side and new bike lanes is to separate the car traffic and bike traffic for safety concerns," Levinski said.

In addition, the regulations will reduce the number of "bicycle-car conflicts" on 13th Avenue that result from unregulated, drive-through traffic on that street, she said.

The final additions needed to complete the project include some electrical work in the booth, and painting in areas to park and new bicycle lanes.

The project was originally budgeted at \$43,000, with the money coming from OPS revenue generated through parking tickets and a bicycle improvement fund.

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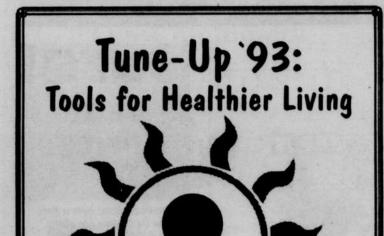
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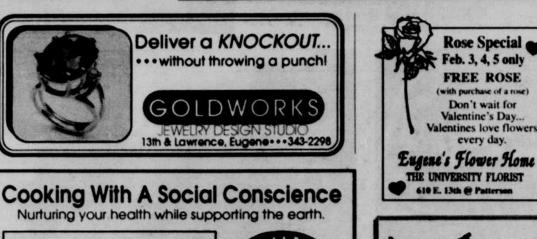
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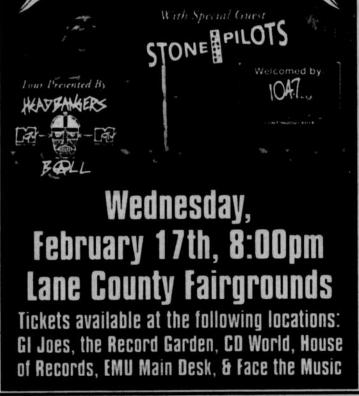
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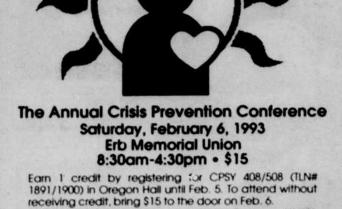
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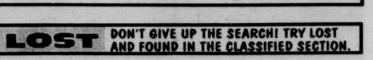




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