

Cafe Navarro to host benefit for CISCAP

Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People (CISCAP) will host the Second Decade of Summer in Solidarity Benefit Dinners at Cafe Navarro in Eugene. The first of three dinners will be Sunday, July 30. Dinner will be served from 5 to 9 p.m. and will consist of a special Nicaraguan menu selection. The cost of the dinner depends on the food ordered.

The dinner benefits the Vermont/Nicaragua Sister Co-op Project. This project supports five women's agricultural collectives in Limay. The goal is to provide funds for women to purchase dairy cows and to provide financing for the organizational work of the women's office in Limay. The concern is to strengthen the women's collectives that receive the loans.

encouraging them to become more self-sufficient socially and economically.

CISCAP will also hold dinners Sept. 3 and Oct. 1.

Local help sought for 'MTV Unfiltered'

MTV and TCI Cablevision of Oregon Inc., are teaming up to bring 'MTV News Unfiltered,' a new MTV news show that puts the power of television in the hands of the MTV viewer, to Eugene.

Young adults can become the news source in their community by gathering story ideas and then submitting them to TCI. Interested young adults can participate by picking up a story submission from the TCI Cablevision office.

TCI will submit story ideas to MTV for a chance to be included on the show, and selected viewers will be provided with a camera to capture their story for air.

For more information, call Leslie

Thornton at 484-3006 or stop by the TCI Cablevision office to pick up a submission form.

Art Splash camp offered for kids

Local artists have collaborated to create an art camp for children that explores the Eugene-Springfield watershed via art works.

A call was sent out to artists in the area and several expressed a desire to collaborate with other artists and share their professional skills with children. These seven artists will teach grade school children about the Willamette watershed.

ArtSplash art camp begins July 24, and registration is available for one, two or three weeks. Scholarships are available. Child care is available before and after daily camp sessions. For more information, please contact the Maude Kerns Art Center, 1910 E. 15th Ave., or call 345-1571.

Computers: Wyden says bill fits Oregonian values

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and then track it down over the Internet is ridiculous." Wyden, who graduated from the University of Oregon Law School in 1974, said inspiration for the bill arose from concern about what his two children encounter while "cruising the Internet."

Wyden said the bill proposes that the federal government "leave the Internet alone" and work with people in the private sector so they could buy software that would ensure their households did not have access to Internet sites that were not in accordance with their morals or family values.

"The bill is really in line with Oregonian values," Wyden said. "Oregonians don't like being pushed around by the government but at the same time we want to look out for our kids."

An "Internet Freedom and Family Empowerment Forum" was held Monday in Washington, D.C., to introduce various products and services that serve as a sort of content "watchdog." Such services range from pre-programmed software that acts as a screen for ill-desired information, or a feature, as introduced by America Online, that would enable parents to block access to all but the "Kids Only" area of its service.

Navy says squirrels threaten bunkers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — They're back.

Five years after the Concord Naval Weapons its last attempt to rid itself of ground squirrels, 27,000 more have moved in and the unruly rodents are undermining weapons bunkers, base officials said Wednesday.

"They have weakened protective earthen berms over the magazines, they have burrowed under roadways and railroad beds, they've caused cracks in foundations," says station spokeswoman Anna Lou Procter. "And we've had squirrel-related power failures."

The burrowing potentially threatens the safety of the weapons bunkers, which store conventional arms, ammunition and missiles, she said.

She refused to confirm or deny a 1992 report by a former military intelligence official that the base also stored 370 nuclear weapons, including bombs, missile warheads and depth charges.

The fastest and cheapest way to stop the animals, about the size of gray squirrels, is poisoning them and bulldozing their burrows, as the base did in 1990.

But animal protection groups, who unsuccessfully tried to block the earlier eradication, are already up in arms about the proposal.

"This is an extremely painful and inhumane process," says Jean Bonadio of Marin County-based In Defense of Animals.

A final decision on the squirrels' fate won't be made until after a hearing Thursday and the close of the public comment period Aug. 7.

Twins celebrate birthdays: hers, 6 months; his, 9 months

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Timothy Keys celebrated his six-month birthday on April 15. His twin sister, Celeste, reaches the same milestone Tuesday.

They were born a record 95 days apart, but the miracle may be that they look just like any other twins. There is no way to tell by looking at them that Timothy was three months premature.

Both are wide-eyed and alert.



Each sways on wobbly legs while grasping a parent's finger. "We feel so blessed because Timothy's doing real well," mother Simone Keys said.

It will be another 18 months before doctors know for sure if Timothy has escaped cerebral palsy, one of the risks of premature birth. Premature babies also are more likely than others to be hyperactive or have attention deficit disorder — problems that may not become noticeable for years.

Still, he's a baby who's come a long way.

Timothy weighed 1 pound, 14 ounces when he was born Oct. 15. He had to breathe through a tube in his throat. When Celeste was born Jan. 18, she weighed nearly 6 pounds.

Now Timothy outweighs Celeste, 15 pounds to 13.

Both the Ochsner Foundation Hospital where the children were born and the Guinness Book of World Records agree Mrs. Keys holds the record for the longest interval between twins in the same pregnancy.

A history of high blood pressure, heart rhythm irregularity and childhood rheumatic fever all complicated her pregnancy. She went into premature labor in October without realizing it and taught a full day of 10th- and 11th-grade English classes.

After Timothy was born — and was struggling to survive — the second baby didn't come out. Doctors decided to keep the second child in the womb by giving Mrs. Keys drugs to quiet her contractions and stitching her cervix closed.

It was weeks before Mrs. Keys was taken off the last of the drugs. She made weekly visits to a doctor until she gave birth to Celeste.

Timothy, who stayed on a breathing machine for seven weeks, was able to go home the same day as his sister. Since then, he has only returned for checkups.

"She's been sicker than he has," Mrs. Keys said.

Their older brother, Thomas, 4, is waiting eagerly for the day that Timothy is old enough to share a room with him, instead of with Celeste.

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