

## Pride Day Celebration changes locations

The 5th Annual Pride Day Celebration sponsored by the Eugene PRIDE Committee has been moved from Maurie Jacobs Park to the Amazon Community Center at 2700 Hilyard Street. The event will still take place on Sunday, June 30 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, call 688-1601.

## Repairs close E. 11th for the coming week

Don't plan on driving down East 11th Avenue for about a week. The street will be closed to all traffic between Franklin Boulevard and Kincaid Street until Wednesday, July 3.

NEWS

## briefly

The City of Eugene is attempting to repair the sewer system underneath the street and repave the street between the two intersections.

Sections of Hilyard and Alder streets will be closed today for paving repairs. The northbound traffic on Hilyard Street will be detoured onto E. 11th for the day. People are also encouraged to use High Street. Alder Street will be closed at E. 11th for all traffic.

Motorists and bicyclists are encouraged to use alternative routes, such as Franklin Boulevard. Construction delays are expected on E. 11th between Franklin and Pearl Street.

## Surf's up



Taking advantage of the recent warm weather, Michaelo Ross, a senior, hangs ten on the Willamette River ripples close to the Autzen footbridge on Wednesday afternoon. EN MIN CHANG/Emerald

## Local geologic study to reveal hazard areas

■ **RESEARCH:** A new earthquake map will show potential dangers in and around Eugene

By April Carmichael  
*Freelance Reporter*

The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries will create a map that may ensure the future safety of many people.

Engineers spoke about recent local earthquake-related drilling at Wednesday's press conference at the Oregon Department of Forestry Grounds in Springfield.

The drilling is a part of an ongoing project to gather information about the rock and soil properties in the area because various types of soil and rock react differently to earthquakes. There are approximately 12 different drilling sites throughout the Eugene-Springfield area.

Eventually that knowledge will be compiled into a map showing

relative earthquake hazards.

"There is a small level of ongoing earthquakes in our area, but none of our faults are really active enough to cause alarm," said Randy Prince, a member of the local advisory board. "So what we have to worry about is the way the soil responds to other earthquakes in the area."

Added earthquake dangers such as landslides, which are one of the major hazards to Eugene-Springfield citizens, are factored into the map.

"One large landslide can wipe out thousands of people at once," Earthquake Engineer Mei Mei Wang said. "We're going to do a complete landslide investigation."

With the information gathered, city officials will have a better understanding of the soil and rock layers and will be better able to plan the growth of the city on stable land, said Donald Hull, state geologist and director of the de-

partment.

Officials can also forecast how the ground will react when an earthquake happens, and they will be prepared for it, Hull said. They can make decisions now on how to best spend resources to strengthen existing sources.

"What actually kills people in an earthquake are usually tsunamis and collapsing buildings," he said. "The only way to design better buildings is to know how the ground will react."

Many local school districts have begun the retrofitting process following the research and drilling done by the department. State Representative Cynthia Wood expressed her concerns that the University is not equipped to handle the threat of an earthquake.

"Some of the most antique buildings... are at the University of Oregon," she said.

However, Wang said the campus has "pretty good earthquake coverage" as a whole.

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