

# Fire: Week's theme is 'Know when to go: React fast to fire'

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going to insist on it."

Recent improvements in fire safety at the University include a sprinkler system installation at Prince Lucien Campbell Hall and improvements at McArthur Court, Holly said.

The department is using the theme of the week, "Know when to go: React fast to fire," to help the community learn basic fire safety techniques.

Throughout the week, Eugene firefighters have spoken to every kindergarten class in the city, instructing children about what to do when their smoke detector beeps.

The children also get to tour a fire engine and meet firefighters dressed in their protective clothing and air masks, which will enable them to identify firefighters in their equipment in case of a fire.

The department also has instructed children not to be afraid and to avoid hiding during an emergency.

The students are sent home with an information sheet that helps families decide how to get out of the house and where they should meet in the event of a fire.

"You've got to know how to respond immediately in a variety of situations and take early warn-

ing signs of fire seriously," Holly said.

She said an adequate escape plan includes everyone in the house knowing two ways out of every room and the emergency number of the local fire department.

City fire engines now respond with at least one paramedic on board, which allows an injured person to be treated more quickly because fire response teams usually reach an accident before a medic unit does.

"We're dedicated to saving lives and resources, and we'll do almost anything we can to make that happen," Holly said.



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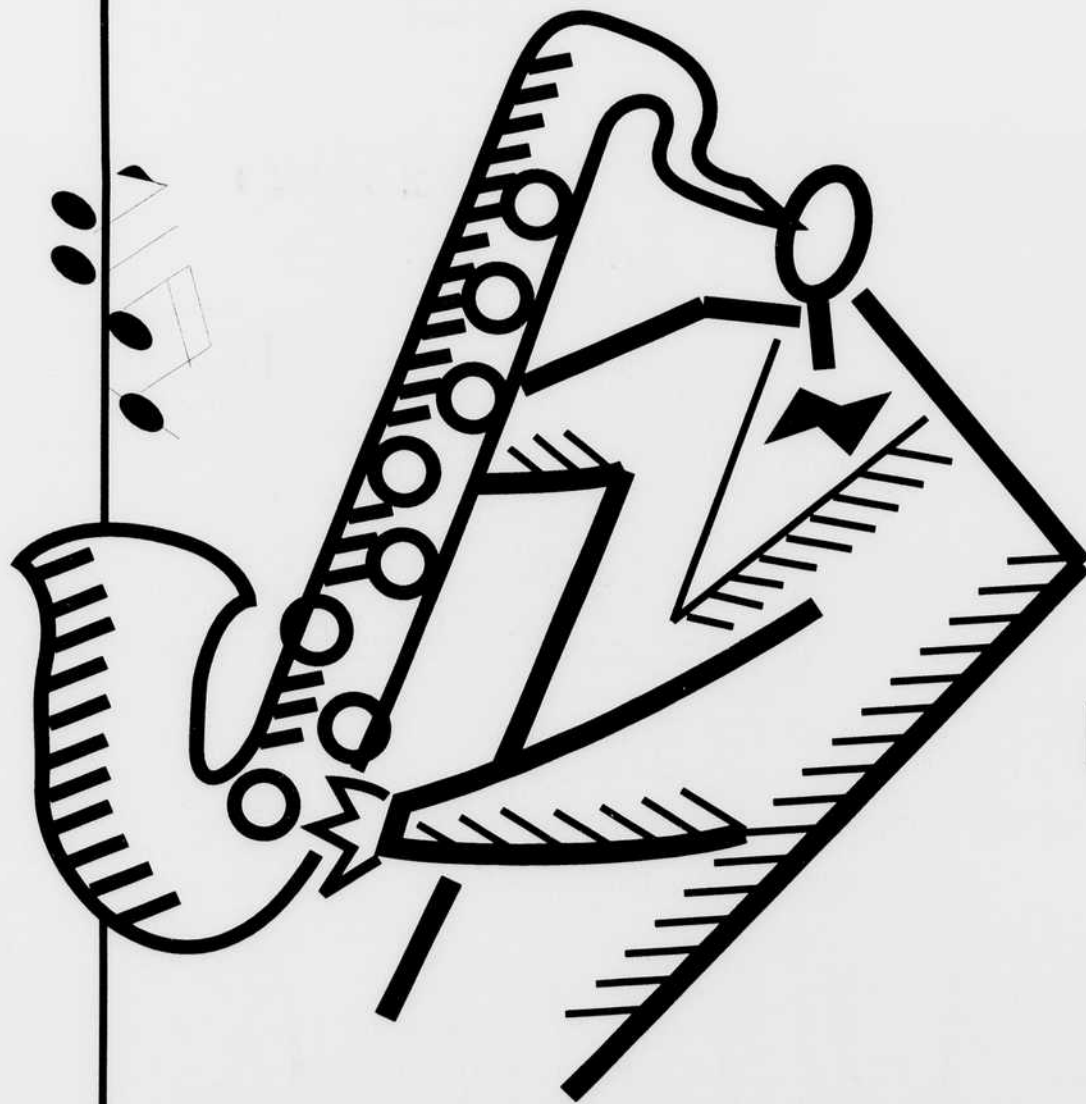
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