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PLAYING WITH FIRE



Fireworks, such as those picture here from the Goshen Assembly of God fireworks stand on Coburg road in Eugene, display warnings cautioning against improper use.

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Fourth of July fun

Theater, music, art and rodeo events await Eugeneans this holiday

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Don't have anything to do this Independence Day? Pondering where to go to get the most out of the weekend? Eugene offers something for everyone this year, from fireworks to theater performances.

Celebrating its 21st year at Alton Baker Park is the Art and the Vineyard Festival, held Friday through Sunday. This festival, an annual fundraiser for the Maude Kern's Art Center, features a small art auction, wine tasting and food. It attracts more than 25,000 visitors annually; proceeds help fund the art center's year-round exhibitions and art classes.

The art show, which will feature 15 wineries this year, will include paintings, prints, photographs, sculptures, ceramics, wall hangings and jewelry from more than 100 artists. The "Art for Your Garden" show will include garden furniture and accessories by more than 30 different artists. The included flowers and plants will add a sweet coating to the entire production.

The Youth Art Arena will feature activities such as music, theater and art displays all three days of the festival, including performances by

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Local fireworks stands commit to safety by following guidelines, inspections

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The popping and crackling of fireworks can be heard late at night as people begin celebrating Independence Day. However, with all the celebrations for the Fourth of July come the many safety hazards fireworks pose.

According to a fireworks injury reports conducted by the Office of State Fire Marshal, there were 61 firework-related injuries and 312 firework-related fires in 2002. Of the 61 injuries caused by fireworks, 22 were of adults 18 years or older.

Deputy Fire Marshal Doug Perry said one of the biggest hazards during the July 4 holiday is the consumption of alcohol while lighting fireworks, which is why the majority of people injured are adults. Also, Perry said altering fireworks is another big concern during the holiday.

"[People should] use fireworks in a way they're intended to be used; altering them makes it illegal," he said.

In addition to these fireworks precautions, Perry said adult

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OUS chief abdicates; successor appointed

Jarvis resigned to enable board to 'pursue new goals'

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NEWS REPORTER

Oregon University System Chancellor Richard Jarvis' resignation took effect Wednesday, ending his two-year tenure at the position. George Pernsteiner, a former executive director of finance and administration at University of California - Santa Barbara, will take the helm as Chief Operations Acting Chancellor July 6.

Many officials are pleased with the selection.

"He has a tremendous breadth of experience in the state of Oregon and higher education," said Geraldine Richmond, vice president of the OUS Board.

OUS Director of Communications Di Saunders said Pernsteiner had a strong track record with the OUS, bringing to the table 13 years previous experience working at the University of Oregon, Portland State University and the Chancellor's office.

"[With this background] he could really hit the ground running," Saunders said. "He brings in a new plan and new stability."

Jarvis resigned from his position to allow the board to pursue new goals.

"This board is setting a new direction from that pursued by the previous leadership who retained the Chancellor," Board President Neil Goldschmidt said in

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Richard Jarvis
Former OUS
Chancellor

NEWS BRIEF

Magana guilty on 41 counts

A Lane County jury found former Eugene police officer Eugene Magana guilty of crimes including sexual assault, kidnapping and rape Wednesday morning.

Magana's four-week trial ended Friday.

The 12-member jury deliberated for two days before finding Magana guilty of 41 out of 48 counts including rape in the first degree; sexual assault in the first, second and third degrees; kidnapping in the first and second degrees; harassment and burglary.

Thirteen women testified that Magana raped, harassed and assaulted them during his tenure as a police officer.

Magana was also found guilty of coercion and official misconduct because many of the women said that they were prostitutes and heroin addicts, and said that Magana used his position of power as a police officer to frighten them into performing sex acts.

Magana is scheduled to be sentenced July 13 in Lane County Circuit Court.

— Ben Brown

Locals talk about Moore's 'Fahrenheit'

Michael Moore calls for grassroots action, fans gather around the country Monday

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Michael Moore, creator of the documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11," invited the country to a party Monday night. MoveOn.org, a liberal political action committee, organized several thousand gatherings around the country to capitalize on the success of Moore's movie.

More than 100 people converged to one such party at Eugene's Cozmic Pizza to hear Moore give a speech via speakerphone that was followed by a brief question-and-answer period.

Attendees seated in front of the small stage directed their attention to a screen that projected the MoveOn Web site and a U.S. map that showed the location and size of each party.

According to the MoveOn Web site, over 55,000 people in 4,600 parties across the nation gathered to reach out to "unregistered voters in key swing states."

Moore emphasized grassroots action as he urged the crowd to organize, call unregistered voters in swing states and hand out fliers to people as they leave movie theaters to sway them to the Democratic party. His speech included a prediction that the next wave of people to see his film will not be "hard-core

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Tim Bobosky Freelance Photographer

Fans of Michael Moore and his new movie 'Fahrenheit 9/11' gathered Monday at Cozmic Pizza to participate in a conference call with the filmmaker. Questions were sent to Moore via the internet.