

Thanksgiving Calendar

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For those students sticking around Lane County for Thanksgiving weekend, there are plenty of fun activities going on. Forget about spending the weekend studying because there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Watching live theater is always a great way to spend the evening, and in this town there is no shortage of amazing opportunities to see a play. Starting tonight, "Chaps — A Jingle Jangle Christmas" will be featured at the Hult Center, located on Seventh Avenue and Willamette Street in downtown Eugene. This musical was written by two Ashland playwrights, Jahna Beecham and Malcolm Hillgartner, who have taken their already successful musical "Chaps!" and made it into a holiday spectacular. "Chaps — A Jingle Jangle Christmas" is presented by the Willamette Repertory Theatre. Tickets for this performance in the Soreng Theater can be purchased for \$15 to \$35, but tonight's special preview price is \$12-20. There will be no performance on Thursday. Visit www.hultcenter.org for ticket purchasing information.

Another opportunity to see some live theater is "Fully Committed" at the Lord Leebrick Theater at 540 Charnelton St. This play, which first began showing at the beginning of this month, runs Friday

and Saturday for \$16 and Sunday for \$12. To purchase tickets, call 465-1506 or for information requests, e-mail office@lordleebrick.com.

If seeing live music is how you'd rather spend your weekend, fear not. There are plenty of bars around town that will be open to satisfy your cravings. Tonight, see the Clumsy Lovers play some Celtic rock at 9 p.m. at Sam Bond's Garage at 407 Blair Blvd. for \$8. On Friday at Sam Bond's catch Touch Force, Varnish and Dan Jones and the Squids at 9 p.m. for \$5. On Saturday, see The Sugar Beets at 9 p.m. with a sliding scale cover charge of \$7-\$10. On Sunday, stop by at 9 p.m. to play some bingo with Tom and Scott K. for no charge.

The Greencards are playing tonight at John Henry's at 7 p.m. Catch this show at 77 West Broadway for \$7 and stick around for a reggae versus hip hop battle between DJ Kal El and DJ Tekneek at 10 p.m. with a cover charge of \$3. But show up early to save some dough; guys get in free before 10 p.m. and gals get in free until 11 p.m. This Friday is John Henry's Third Annual Moustache Rally. Come complete with mustache and pay \$1 to see Burt Reynolds Overdrive, a Turbonegro cover band, plus The Visible Men, The Captain and Neal and Yeltsin at 10 p.m.

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PIXELATED ACTION FLOWS FREELY FROM THIS TAP

New service has gamers downloading classic video games to their PCs

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Where do games go when they get old? If Time Warner has anything to say about it, they'll go to GameTap. Designed for broadband-equipped PCs, GameTap allows subscribers to download and play more than 300 games including console, arcade and PC games, on their computers.

GameTap launched in mid-October with 24 publishers onboard, including Ubisoft, Activision, Sierra, Namco and Sega. The service is constantly adding new titles.

Subscription is \$14.95 a month, and the service has offered free trials.

Although not every game on GameTap is a hit, any gamer will be able to appreciate the service's sheer variety. From the arcade version of "Pac-Man" to the classic PC turn-based strategy game "Heroes of Might and Magic IV" to the cult-classic adventure-platformer "Beyond Good & Evil."

The GameTap is also filled with games from almost all Sega systems, including the Master System, Genesis, Dreamcast and even the



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ill-fated 32 X. The Sega games make up some of the best in the bunch.

The GameTap concept, however, isn't new. It smacks of Sega Channel.

In winter of 1994, Sega introduced Sega Channel, a peripheral for the Sega Genesis that was ahead of its time. Sega Channel, a joint venture between Time Warner and Sega, allowed subscribers to download over 50 Sega Genesis games to their system via a special cartridge that hooked up to a regular phone line. The service was a hit among game lovers because it allowed them to play many great and

hard-to-find Genesis games.

GameTap players are going to want to get a USB controller. It is possible to play the games with a keyboard, but for many of the games, a controller is necessary. There is a list of controllers that are supported on the site www.gametap.com.

The time it takes to download a game ranges from a few seconds to a few hours, depending on the game. Obviously, the Windows version of "Splinter Cell" is going to take longer than Genesis' "Comix Zone." Thankfully, GameTap doesn't take up a lot of system resources when it downloads,

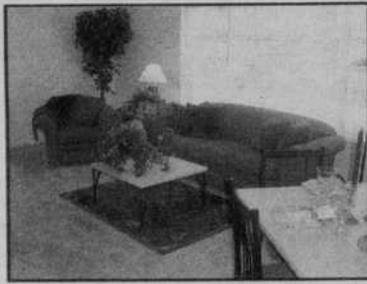
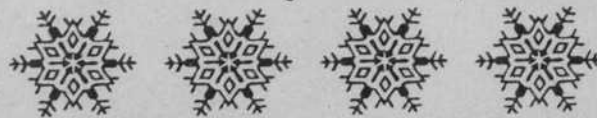
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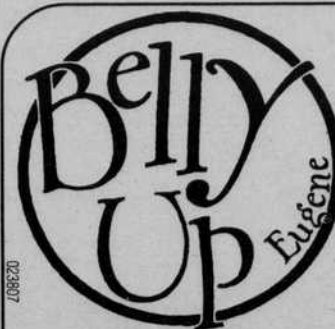
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