

up her own non-profit for social change, Youth Centered Youth Development Institute. Valadez will present an introduction and information session about YCYDI at 6 pm Monday, Nov. 17 in the UO Ben Linder Forum. "This is for anyone interested. We're recruiting board members, volunteers, just anyone who wants to get involved," says Valadez.

The information and introduction session is sponsored by ASUO Women's Center. For

more information, contact Valadez at 342-2349 or by e-mail at ycydi@hotmail.com — *Bobbie Willis*

NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

Adoptive Families of Lane County is sponsoring a two-day conference, "Adoption Issues and Perspectives," to celebrate Adoption Awareness Month. The conference

is co-sponsored by the Oregon Post Adoption Resource Center.

The conference will be Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday, Nov. 16, from 10 am to 5 pm at the EWEB Training Center, 500 E 4th Ave. The event is free and open to the public.

The purpose of this conference is to provide education to parents, educators, teachers and social workers.

For more information, call 344-1599.

EW HOLIDAY EARLY DEADLINES

Thanksgiving conflicts with our usual Thursday morning paper deliveries, so our paper that week will be printed early and distributed on Wednesday, Nov. 26. Our early advertising and Calendar deadline for that issue will be at 5 pm Wednesday, Nov. 19. *EW* will be closed Thanksgiving and the Friday after.

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- Sarah Jacobson of the Eugene-Springfield Solidarity Network (ESSN) gave an excellent and informative talk to City Club last week on Oregon's tax system, and we hope KLCC will find a time slot to broadcast the audiotape that was made. Meanwhile, tapes are available at the Eugene Public Library. Here's what Jacobson had to say about Citizens for a Sound Economy, the group petitioning to kill the Legislature's three-year tax hike: "They have received funding from Phillip Morris – and led fights to repeal cigarette taxes; they have received funding from USWest (now Qwest) – and led fights for telephone deregulation. The organization's goals are to cut taxes, reduce the size of government, and prune business regulations. They are a sister organization to Americans for Tax Reform, another well-funded conservative pressure group, whose president, Grover Norquist, is known for his vision of 'defunding government until it is so small it can get washed down the sink drain.'"
 - Corvallis progressives are gathering this weekend at OSU to try to form a permanent alliance of envi-

- ros, social issues activists and labor. It will be worth watching to see if a common vision can be reached, and an effective plan of action can be implemented. What will likely cement these diverse interests is the looming 2004 elections. Progressives can take some lessons from right-wingers who are adept at picking their leaders, falling into line, nailing down agendas and charging ahead. For details on Saturday's all-day Founding Congress at MU East, call 758-6114 or e-mail donohmat@earthlink.net
 - Don Kahle of *Comic News* says he's putting his little paper to bed for the last time and coming out with a new "local free color weekend magazine" called *<wink>* and we wish him well. Kahle has provided some good comic relief over the years. We hope his new mag will have some provocative substance and relevance as well as fun features.
 - Georgia Congressman John Lewis spoke to a full house in the EMU Ballroom Nov. 10. Pete DeFazio introduced him saying, "If there's a man who can lead the next generation, it's John Lewis." Lewis

- spent a lot of time telling poultry tales to punctuate his points. He encouraged people to not be chickens and to stand up for civil liberties. "You're too quiet!" he admonished the crowd, and in response to an audience question about the USA PATRIOT Act being implemented on the UO campus, he said, "To trample on civil rights is just wrong ... To have people spying on their fellow citizens, librarians turning over websites and e-mails... that's not America for me – we have to change that." Let's hope sheepish Frohmayer got the point about the chickens.
 - Last week in Slant we mentioned an upcoming fund-raiser for the Oregon League of Conservation Voters Lane County Chapter. Turns out it's going to be at a private home from 6 to 8 pm Friday. OLCV does very important work documenting the environmental voting records of elected officials local and statewide. Bring your checkbook, but leave your shoes at the door. For directions, call (503) 515-3474 or email to kathy@olcv.org



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