

WHAT'S happening



Thanks to the shocking tradition of having Thanksgiving day *and* the day after as paid holidays (well, except all you retail workers, bless your minimum wage hearts!), some people get the notion that this free time is best spent on the hunt for gifts for little Johnny or red-eyed Rosie. But should the mall's parking lot be overfloweth, here's an idea: **Saturday Market's Holiday Market!** Show up at the Lane County Fairgrounds for handcrafted, one-of-a-kind jewelry, soaps, ceramics, clothing, hats, photos, paintings, preserves and more. And this year the Holiday Market gets a bit greener as all food booths will now be using metal utensils, keeping approximately 4,000 plastic forks *per day* out of the trash. The market runs Friday through Sunday this week and Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 23, with a special procrastinator's market on Dec. 24. See Calendar.

It's quite possibly the largest gathering in Eugene on Thanksgiving Day (unless there were a Ducks game, of course) and nobody knows who's in charge! Well, we finally tracked down *someone* associated with the event and have confirmed that the 19th annual **Free Whiteaker Community Thanksgiving Dinner** is on! Complete with its usual lineup of music acts, massages, flu shots and, of course, a merry feast for all, this chance to celebrate the end of harvest season and share food and conversation with your neighbors more than reinforces what this day should be about. See Thursday, Nov. 22 Calendar.



Unless you're biking across Mongolia, who ever thought putting knobby tires on a road bike would be a good idea? Participants in cyclocross races, that's who. In a cyclocross race, the terrain typically ranges from trails to pavement to steep grassy hills along a mile circuit. Often racers must shoulder their bikes to cross obstacles (both natural and man-made), and a featherweight frame is essential. But, dude, there's those muddy trails ... that's where traction tires come in handy. And come this Saturday, Eugene Cyclocross Racing offers its second round of competitions in its **Psycho Cross Series** at Fox Hollow French Immersion School. The races range from a Kiddie Cross to a Masters to a special race for single speed "fixies." Fox Hollow French Immersion School is just off the end of West Amazon and Hillside Drive should you want to watch this mix of sweat, mud and blood. See Saturday Calendar.