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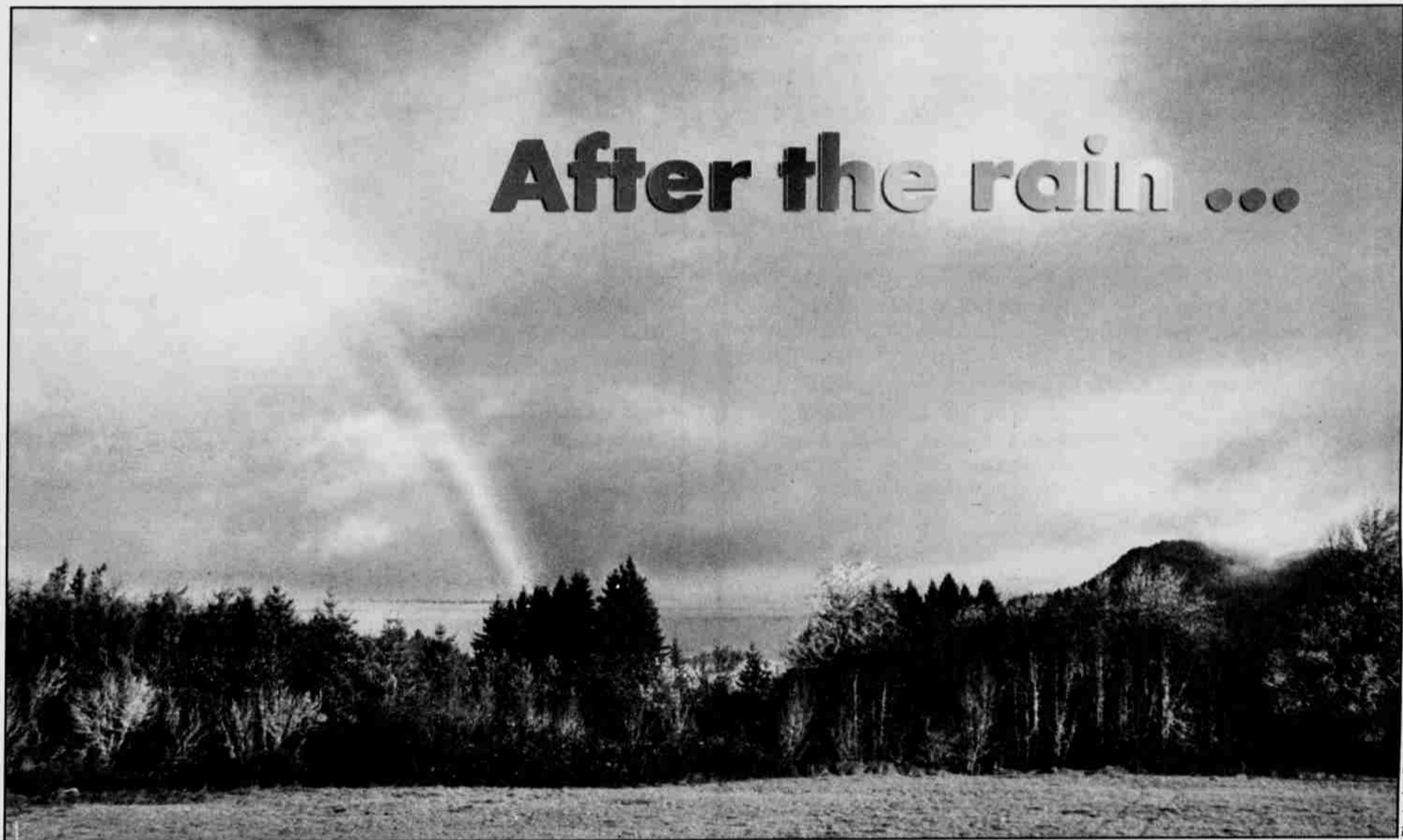
UMPQUA

MOLALLA

ROGUE RIVER

KALAPUYA

CHASTA



## After the rain ...

Photo by Brent Merrill

**Rainbow Mountain** — Into our lives last week, a little rain finally stopped falling. Grand Ronde had avoided flooding from the South Yamhill at press time, though the river had crested its banks already and the forecast was for more rain. Between rains, the sun came with this display of light and color.

### Culvert Replaced On Agency Creek



Photo by Brent Merrill

**Replaced** — Pictured here is Tom Brown with Grand Ronde's Round Valley Construction as they replace a weather damaged culvert up on Agency Creek on Tuesday, January 17.



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### Doernbecher Children's Safety Center Opens

■ Community Fund gift helps launch the Center.

**By Ron Karten**

Doernbecher Pediatrician Doug Leonard, M.D. — presumably somebody who knows something about preventing accidents around the house — told a story about his 5-year-old son at his home, who found his way to the window and well, it was about 25 feet to the ground. The doc and the rest of the household ran out to see what was left of the kid who then said he landed on his feet and was fine. They took him to Doernbecher for observation and the outcome: now the kid's a gymnast.

It was a two-punchline illustration, however. The

first lesson was that accidents can happen in any house, no matter how much the parents know about prevention, and the second was that *preventable* accidents are by far the major cause of death and serious injury among children.

"The number one thing that children die from is accidents," Stacy Nicholson, Chair of the Department of Pediatrics. "They're almost entirely preventable. We want to not only treat those who have accidents but to prevent them."

"I can't overemphasize the importance of this," said Nicholson. "In pediatrics, we have been involved for a



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