

What's Happening in the Sky

December 1-7



Appropriately dressed in windswept days and chilly nights, the darkening fall nears its greatest extent this week. As this period of early December watches the last "tree fires" burn out in deep reds and yellows, it also witnesses the daylight ending far in the southwest at 4:35 p.m. Given this early sunset, average lows of 37°, and wet streets every other day, we in Lane County are experiencing a typical rainy autumn. Yet typical also is the other side of our experience: a blessed environment of peace, community, and abundant color.

If the clouds break open and let in some starlight during the next few nights, lovely celestial forms are to be seen surrounding us. One of these is a "W" shaped constellation in the northeast after sunset known as the "bragging Queen," Cassiopeia. A prominent configuration of stars, it is said to be bragging probably because its "arms" are upraised and the central star of

the "W," or "head," varies in luminosity. In the sky along with the "Queen" will be the thin crescent moon, which melds with the sun on Sunday (providing a solar eclipse for those in the Atlantic Ocean) and comes out on the other side thereafter. Making for a very full pre-dawn sky Friday morning, this sliver of moon will be found next to the yellowish planet Saturn in the southeast, while brilliant Venus and reddish Mars are higher in the heavens. Weather permitting, the four of these ob-

jects will appear to make a tow-rope pulling up the sky-lightening sun in a straight line. If you can rouse yourself to take a peek outdoors toward the east before dawn, your heroic effort may well be rewarded with a sight even your dreams can't match.

This Week's Terrestrial Eye-Opener (taken from the book, *Insects* by Ross Hutchins): "It has been found that a monarch butterfly can fly about 600 miles on one 'tankful' of nectar."

—Larry Deckman

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Casablanca. Authentic, exotic Middle Eastern foods, downstairs at the 5th St. Public Market, 5th & High. Open 7 days, 10 am-6 pm, til 8 pm on Friday. 342-8411.

Casa Don Carlos. Affordable Mexican cuisine for lunch or dinner, including chimichangas, tamales, rellenos, and more. Beer and wine. Open Mon-Thurs 11 am-9 pm, Fri-Sat noon-10 pm. Closed Sun. 4th & Blair Blvd.

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The Factory. Family-style dining featuring steaks, fresh seafood, and Italian specialties. Banquet rooms available. Live music in the bar Thurs-Sat 9 pm-2 am. Happy hours Mon-Fri 11:30 am-2 pm, Mon-Sat 4-6 pm. Open for lunch and dinner Mon-Fri, dinner only Sat. 4740 Main, Springfield. 747-7900.

Fifth Pearl Delicatessen. 51 different sandwiches (or make your own). Soup, salad bar, desserts, specials. Import and domestic beer, wine, and orders to go. Open Mon-Sat 8 am-5:30 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 207 E 5th Ave, Fifth Pearl Bldg. 484-0686.

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Keystone Cafe. Homestyle breakfasts featuring eggs and potatoes, whole grain pancakes, and fresh-ground coffee. Lunch specials, desserts, beer & wine. Open 7 days, 7 am-2 pm, and Fri-Sun nights 5:30-9:30 pm. 395 W 5th. 342-2075.

Lenny's Nosh Bar. Late night giant omelettes, deli sandwiches, matzoh ball soup, cheesecake, beer & wine. Sunday champagne brunch. Juke box. Indoor/outdoor seating. Open 7 days 10 am-3 am. 669 E 13th (in the courtyard).

McKenzie Cafe. Featuring a variety of freshly prepared foods, including international specials daily. "French fried" ice cream a specialty. Open Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. 4265 Main St, Springfield 747-1517.

Noble Duck. Deli sandwiches, soups, salads, orders to go, party platters. Prince Pucklers ice cream. Open Mon-Fri 10 am-6 pm, Sat 11 am-4:30 pm. 1744 Willamette. 342-5539.

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