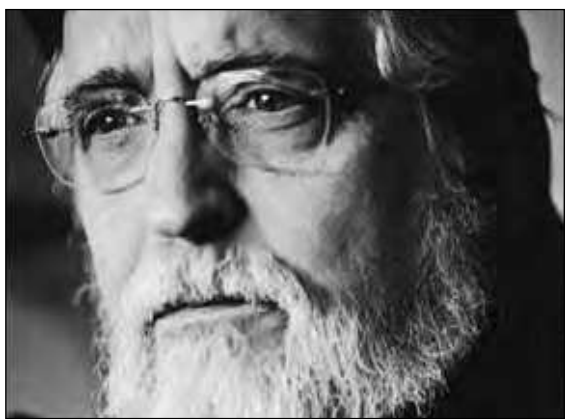


WHAT'S happening



American Gadfly: The Story of Wayne Morse highlights one of Eugene's most memorable political figures this week. Written by Charles Deemer and directed by Judith "Sparky" Roberts, the play will be presented at LCC for one day only. The drama centers on the controversial senator's life and the timeless issues he cared about – protection of civil rights; education for everyone; congressional control of the power to make war and the paths to peace. The event includes two performances, each followed by a panel discussion. Proceeds go toward the creation of a Wayne Morse Free Speech scholarship. Claude Offenbacher (pictured above) stars as Morse. See Sunday Calendar.

Get in touch with your spiritual side when **Neale Donald Walsch**, best-selling author of *Conversations With God* speaks at South Eugene High School. Walsch, an internationally renowned modern day spiritual messenger, will appear as part of the Health & Well-being Group series, with the goal of ending separation in our community by bringing people together with dialogue and infusing spirituality into our daily lives. See Friday Calendar.



Need another taste of Brazil? **Carnival Brasileiro** comes to Cozmic Pizza this week, offering up a giant-size night of entertainment. Portland's Sambalada joins forces with Samba Ja's impressive array of percussionists (pictured below) and Capoeira Raca's dizzying dancers. An informal, accessible dance lesson with Silvia will top off the festivities. See Friday Calendar.



Local performer **Lyn Burg**'s 20-year career has been marked by memorable performances in song, dance and musical theatre, and now, Burg (pictured right) hits another high note with her debut jazz album, *Good Morning Heartache*. The album also features other local musicians, including Mike Denny and Barbara Dzuro. Burg includes something for everyone, from old favorites to more contemporary tracks. She celebrates the CD's release at Cozmic Pizza this week, and the event will include a chance for other musicians to jam with Burg. See Thursday, Feb. 19 Calendar.



The UO's 12th Annual Queer Film Festival kicks off this week, with a provocative schedule of seven international queer films and a juried short film competition. See Friday Calendar and Movies Column.