

OTA Executive Director Lisa Arkin feels it's crucial for people to educate themselves about the link between toxins and cancer. "Scientific and health research is teaching us that humans are not separate from the conditions of our environment," she said.

Titled "Body Burden: A Clown Show About Cancer and the Environment," the writers stress that our bodies carry a heavy burden of toxins and carcinogens regardless of how healthy our lifestyle. Eating organic food and drinking pure water help. But until we can strap personal atmosphere tanks to our backs, we're all forced to breathe the same polluted air. Toxic chemicals such as perchlorate, carried to some pesticide-free farms by contaminated irrigation water, sometimes taint even wholesome organic produce.

Body Burden confronts the epidemic of breast cancer using humor to target high school and college-age students. Laughing about a very difficult subject such as cancer enables a person to set aside their fears and be open to new information, said Larkin. "Through humor we may find a new way to cope, or find a sense of relief."

The performance takes its name from a type of testing known as "body burden screening," a form of biological monitoring which tests human body fluids and tissue for the presence of cancer-causing agents.

Shows are at 2 pm May 15, UO School of Music, Room 198 (free); 7 pm May 15, The First United Methodist Church; and 7 pm May 18, Maude Kerns Art Center (\$5 suggested donation). — *Vanessa Salvia*

## COUNTRY FAIR DATES SET

The 36th annual Oregon Country Fair will take place July 8-10 near Veneta and tickets will go on sale Saturday, May 14 at TicketsWest outlets, EMU on campus and by phone at (800) 992-8499.

Price of advance tickets this year is \$40 plus a \$1 service charge for three-day admission, or \$13 for Friday and Sunday, and \$16 for Saturday. No tickets are sold at the fair.

OCF news and updates can be found at [www.oregoncountryfair.org](http://www.oregoncountryfair.org) and a complete performance schedule will be published on the site in late May.

## CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Last week's story four of the Springfield School Board candidates ("Divided on Diversity") contained a factual error. Candidate Jeff Bantz is not a Mormon. He identifies his religion as simply "Christian."

• Last week's Happening People profile of Cindy Ingram had some errors. Ingram tells us she is already in grad school at UO, wrapping up her first year in planning and public policy management. Also, her partner plays lead guitar in the band Silas, [www.silasband.com](http://www.silasband.com)

## SWAN MEETS PEACOCK

Unless you're a Suicide Girl, the term "makeover" doesn't bring to mind blue Mohawks, purple streaked hair or ladies with tribal piercings. Well, not unless you just won a makeover from Hair Virtuoso, a newly opened salon with the subtitle, "Not Yo' Mama's Salon."

Last Saturday 11-year-old Danica McWaid made sure her mom, Heather, went to bed early by spinning a tale involving a Mother's Day trip to the coast. What Heather didn't

know was that she'd been picked for a free makeover package at Hair Virtuoso, which included a limosine ride from Sunshine Limo's and a Mother's Day brunch at Ambrosia Restaurant.

When the limo arrived Sunday morning, Heather was confused. "I was like, what's going on?" she said. "How can my daughter afford this limo? Great, she's dealing drugs."

The Mother's Day makeover was the first of a series planned by salon owner CeCe Borrego. Sitting at the salon waiting for Heather and Danica to arrive, she was excited to share her plans for Heather and for Danica, even though the makeover was officially just for the winning mom. "See, Danica has really curly, hard-to-manage hair," she said. "And so as part of the makeover, I'm going to relax Danica's hair if she wants me to. And I know that will make Heather happy because Danica'll be happy."

That three-hour process costs more than \$300. "There is no way I could have afforded that," Heather said, looking over at her daughter. "But she really likes it." Danica, who had barely spoken a word since the media arrived, smiled shyly and nodded.

Standing outside Ambrosia, Heather and Danica were all smiles. And with their sassy rainbow of hair colors, the group got quite a few stares. Of course you don't have to leave looking like a peacock. But if that's what you want, Borrego and Thomas can do it.

Which worked for Heather, who wanted something different. No, this was not your typical sorority girl frosted highlights and equally frosty makeup makeover. This was a makeover Eugene style.

To enter into the next drawing for a free makeover at Hair Virtuoso call the salon at 868-1189.

— *Melissa Bears*



Cece Borrego (left) stands with makeover winner Heather McWaid, her daughter Danica, and stylist Heidi Thomas.