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To all of our dedicated volunteers, great local musicians and the many who continue to support the Eugene Irish Cultural Festival. We had a wonderful time celebrating Irish culture with you!

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news Briefs

House. Despite winning awards from the Sierra Club and the Natural Resources Council of America, she has managed to remain in that position through four presidential administrations, three of them Republican and not known for their positive positions on the environment.

Bear addressed current challenges to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), expressing concern that most people don't realize how useful a tool it is. She stated that under NEPA, the public can comment during all phases of proposed legislation and federal actions that "significantly affect the quality of the human environment."

Bear warned her listeners to fight attempts to undermine NEPA. Legislation such as the Walden Logging Bill that weakens NEPA often claims to "streamline" policy making. In reality it takes power away from the public by removing the ability to comment, and sets dangerous precedents, she said.

One such instance is the Department of Homeland Security's fence along the U.S.-Mexico border. When activists sued in 2004 to prevent the building of the fence, citing environmental concerns, the secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) promptly waived all legal requirements that would prevent the quick building of the fence, including NEPA. In other words, the secretary of the DHS can waive all environmental laws along the southern border with Mexico.

When asked to comment on which agencies had the worst records of NEPA compliance, Bear showed the poise which has al-

lowed her to serve under presidents as diverse as Bill Clinton and both Bushes. She neatly avoided the question and responded, to the dismay of her audience, that the military services, particularly the Air Force and the Army, had the "best and quickest" analyses of the impact of their actions on the environment. — Camilla Mortensen

CORRECTIONS

Last week's dance story about Ailey II contained an incorrect subheadline. It should have read as our dance writer, Rachael Carnes, wrote it: "Ailey II a revelation."

Lane County Herbicide Spray Schedule

- **Near Triangle Lake School:** Daniel Klemp (927-6181) will ground spray 11 acres with Westar, Accord and Garlon herbicides near Lake Creek tributary (ODF No. 50266).
- **Near Mapleton School:** Western Helicopter Services (503) 538-9469 will aerially spray 513 acres for Swanson Group (No. 935-3010) near Mapleton (Siuslaw River tributaries, Porter Creek); near Greenleaf (Greenleaf Creek tributary and Windy Peak); near Low Pass (Jones Creek, and the Long Tom River); and near Lorane (Letz Creek) with Atrazine; Hexazinone; Clopyralid; Sulfometuron Methyl; Glyphosate herbicides March 13-31 (No. 781-50267).
- **Oregon Dept. of Forestry** 935-2283.

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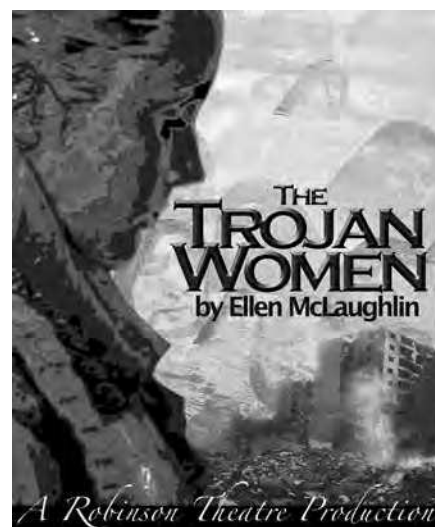
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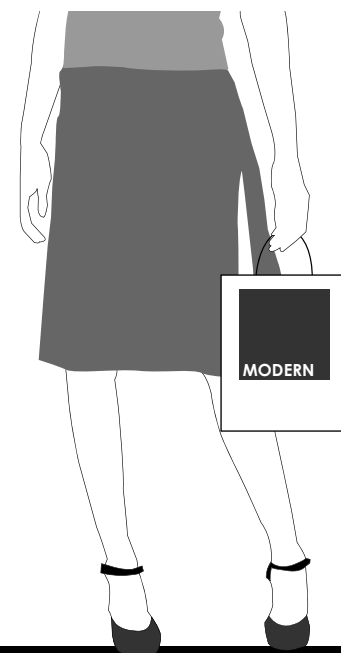
Friday & Saturday
March 9, 10, 16 & 17
8:00pm

Sunday Matinee March 11
2:00pm

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