

WHAT'S happening



Sea shanties like "Pegleg Tango" and "Nelly the Elephant." Dancin' and partyin' and talkin' like piratical: That's right, it's time for **Captain Bogg & Salty** to sea-dog out the WOW Hall. Yes, the band hails from the city to our north, but Cap'n arrives in Eugene for the first time this week. Usually, of course, the mateys are too busy in the Bahamas and Vegas, but they're here now, so bring the kiddies, your best eye patches and boots and other pirate implements and get ready to tear it up with the crew! See Sunday Calendar.

A juggler, a clown, a man who rode a unicycle around the small village where he entertained and educated the kids: Ben Linder was a really good guy. U.S.-funded Contras murdered the Portland engineer in 1987, but his family, friends and coworkers continued his engineering projects in Nicaragua, providing light and drinking water to thousands of people. And near the 20th anniversary of his death, we remember him. **CISCAP Commemorates the Life and Work of Ben Linder** includes music, light refreshments and the chance to meet Linder's family. Here's your opportunity to celebrate true patriots – those who stand up to torture, intimidation and secret wars for the sake of humanity. See Calendar for Thursday, April 26.



OK, first of all, get this: "*Best of Jo* is a stop action Lego film about a coffee-addicted guy named Jo. He is eager to try all the mountain sports available to him, such as climbing, skiing and fishing." Please! Who could resist? Then you've got your trips down the Mekong River, your injured Iraq veterans learning about adaptive winter sports, your mergansers and your various life-risking behaviors. It's the **Banff Film Festival**, and you *know* you can't miss it. See Calendar for Thursday, April 19.

The planet: It needs us. More than just charismatic megafauna (think pandas and polar bears), every little teeny tiny cell on Earth wants to remain part of the living, breathing Gaia sphere. We like our cells working together to stamp out air pollution, oil dependence, mercury in our water and a whole host o' other problems. Pay homage to our only planet – and make a commitment to keep it going – at any of the numerous **Earth Day** events, including-but-not-limited-to the **HOPES Eco-Design Conference** (see story, page 14), Corvallis' **EarthFaire** and Eugene's "**Spirit of Sustainability**" music-and-lectures-and-booths-and-food party at EWEB. See weekend Calendar.