

WHAT'S happening



While some think beer makes the perfect cure-all for the blues; others believe the best pairing with a night of the blues is a good Syrah or Zinfandel (but no true wine connoisseur will ever admit it). If you secretly fall into the latter category, head on over to the aptly-named Secret House Vineyards for the 15th annual **Wine & Blues Festival**.

Featuring the Northwest Harmonica Championship Finals (watch 'em reach for the stars!) and special performances from Linda Hornbuckle (right), Henry Cooper (above) and other local blues greats, you would be amiss to miss this benefit event for the Musician's Emergency Medical Association. See Saturday Calendar.



We wonder if the **Bicycle Poker Cruise** was hatched after a bored poker-playing cyclist contemplated the back of his Bicycle brand playing cards and then considered combining the two in a benefit event for Lance "cyclist-cum-erstwhile-marathoner" Armstrong's LiveStrong Foundation. We'll never *really* know how it got started (that would require a Congressional subpoena, and even those don't work anymore), but here's how it works: Donate \$15 to participate, join the group ride around town to various checkpoints, collect a card at each stop and return to Diablo's Downtown Lounge to play your hand. The grand prize is a "Fat Tire" Cruiser Bike, as if you needed another bike in your six-bike garage. See Sunday Calendar.

Since 1999, the Huerto de la Familia (Family Garden) nonprofit organization has been providing low-income Latino families with gardening education and space in local community gardens to grow their own vegetables. All those fresh veggies make great food (and especially great salsa), so why not sample some of it at this weekend's **Garden Fiesta**, a benefit for Huerto de la Familia and FOOD for Lane County, at the Churchill Community Garden? There'll be art activities, silent auctions, garden tours and even a salsa-making contest (yum!) in addition to the appetizing food available for purchase. See Saturday Calendar.

