

Family Living

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Just Wait Till You See It On Ice!

Walt Disney's World On Ice - Beauty and the Beast Live! In Portland!



The lovely Belle meets new friends in the exciting new version of a tale as old as time in *Beauty and the Beast*. Walt Disney's World On Ice presents the classic Nov. 8-12 at Portland's new Rose Garden. Tickets are on sale at the Rose Quarter box office and ticketmaster locations.

Walt Disney's World On Ice producer Kenneth Feld brings to audiences a powerful, live presentation of the most beautiful love story ever told... Walt Disney's World On Ice - *Beauty and the Beast*. The six-million-dollar ice extravaganza opens in Portland at the new Rose Garden for eight performances, November 8 through 12, 1995. Tickets are on sale now at the Rose Quarter box office and all TicketMaster locations for \$11.50, \$14.50 and \$16.50.

The beloved tale of the beautiful young girl who finds that true beauty lies within features an unforgettable

Low Income Residents For Help Keeping Warm

The Energy Assistance Program of the Clark County Department of Community Services provides financial assistance with home heating costs to qualified households.

Low-income households with electric, gas, oil, propane or wood heating systems are eligible to apply.

Persons seeking assistance may call the Energy Assistance Hotline at 253-4194 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday. People can also call on Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Hotline also can be reached by calling 1-800-773-5133 (long distance or toll free from a pay phone) or TDD 253-4225 (for the hearing impaired).

Before calling the Hotline, applicants should cancel their Call Waiting because the telephone sequencer will disconnect them if they receive an incoming call. To cancel Call Waiting, before making your call, push 70. Call Waiting will resume after you hang up.



cast of characters - Belle, Gaston, Lumiere, Mrs. Potts and Chip, Cogsworth and - of course! - the Beast himself. Add to this extraordinary ensemble the Academy Award-winning score of Howard Ashman and Alan Menken, featuring "Be Our Guest," "Beauty and the Beast," "Belle," and a host of other favorites.

This enchanting production of song, dance, comedy and romance showcases the ice skating excellence

of an international company of champions. Graceful and engaging, Russia's Tatiana Ratchkova plays the charming Belle, who is yearning for adventure. Handsome young skating dynamo, Victor Baryshevsev, portrays the bragging village bully, Gaston. The comedic talent of Joey Daysog elicits giggles and guffaws from audiences as he skates the role of hapless, hilarious Le Fou. Valerei Artioukhov and Yulia Borissova of

Russia offer a remarkable repertoire of skating skills in their presentations.

"When you see the story of *Beauty and the Beast* in a theater, you are a spectator," says producer Kenneth Feld. Walt Disney's World on Ice - *Beauty and the Beast* brings this classic fable to life. You experience the emotions along with Belle and the Beast. The audience becomes a participant in a wonderful production that is truly for Kids of All Ages."

African-American Seniors Face Higher Costs Under GOP Plan

African-American seniors will find themselves paying more for health care as a result of \$270 billion in Medicare cuts proposed by Newt Gingrich and the Republicans, in exchange for a \$245 billion tax cut for wealthy Americans.

"African-American seniors who live on fixed incomes will face an enormous hardship if Republicans are allowed to put the interest of the wealthy ahead of elderly Americans," said DNC National Chairman Don Fowler. "These proposed cuts will directly affect millions of seniors who will see their Medicare premiums increase \$30 a month."

The Republicans are proposing by far the largest Medicare cut in history.

Under the Republican plan, 37 million people who depend on Medicare will pay more in higher premiums. Meanwhile, their out of pocket cost could

increase thousands of dollars per couple after seven years.

Medicare recipients - 75% of whom have incomes under \$25,000 - are forced to pay significantly more for their fee-for-service plan to guarantee their choice of doctors. The bottom line is they're cutting Medicare to pay off the massive tax cuts.

"Thirty years ago, then Congressman Bob Dole and the majority of Congressional Republicans opposed the creation of Medicare, and have consistently worked against it," Fowler said. "Now they want to destroy it."

Fowler added, "Democrats believe there are improvements that can be made in Medicare to make the system more sound -- crack down on waste, fraud and abuse in the system. We want to strengthen Medicare, but we're not going to hurt beneficiaries to do it."

Cruise Industry Eyes Family Travel

A recent travel study suggests that the cruise line industry could be the right answer for the favorite family question — where to vacation this year?

The study surveyed adults who traveled with children on one or more pleasure trips taken during the last year. The trips had to be more than 75 miles away from home and include overnight accommodations. The majority of family travelers are between the ages of 30 and 49, are college educated and they tend to have higher annual household incomes than the general population.

And, as children become the focus of the family again, the market for family cruise lines will continue to grow according to Gary Sain, senior vice president of Premier Cruise Lines.

"The cruise industry in general provides a number of bonuses for the family," he said. According to Sain, the study identifies key expectations

from families that are delivered by the cruise lines. "The number one concern of families is safety," said Sain. "A cruise provides a controlled environment that is secure. Even if you are visiting exotic ports-of-call, you always have the safe haven of your cruise ship to return to each night."

The report said family travel consumers "actively screen travel decisions and suppliers on this issue" with nine out of 10 saying the safety of the hotel and the destination is the most important attribute of a pleasure trip.

Sain said families want to experience new and different destinations, but like the security of familiar surroundings, food and language.

The study also indicated a growing preference toward vacations which are "all-inclusive," providing the family a sense of control over the vacation budget. "Cruises fill this need admirably," said Sain.

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