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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Fly Tying Exhibit Opens

The intricate and colorful craft of fly tying and rod building will be on display when the Flyfisher's Club of Oregon exhibit their skills at the World Forest Center. Visitors are welcome to the event Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the World Forestry Center.

Older Women's Group Meets

The Older Women's League invites the public to hear a report on the recent United Nations Conference on Women during an open discussion Saturday, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Portland Impact Senior Center, 4610 S.E. Belmont.

Neil Diamond Sets Concert

Solo Artist Neil Diamond has scheduled a July 29 concert at the new Rose Garden arena. Tickets are on sale at the Rose Garden ticket office, Blazers on Broadway and all G.I. Joe's Ticketmaster outlets.

Deacon Jones Performs

The ambassador of the blues Deacon Jones performs Thursday at 9:30 p.m. at Key Largo, 31 N.W. First Ave. Since 1963 when he first hit the Chicago music scene with Baby Huey, Deacon has been associated with many of the finest names in show business.

Irish Festival At Kells

The 6th annual Kells Portland St. Patrick's Irish Festival is an authentic Irish event with fun for the entire family. Scheduled March 15-17, the celebration at 112 S.W. Second Ave. will include authentic Irish crafts, dancers, a genealogist and activities for all ages.

Women's History Celebrated

The Women's Union and Resource Center at Portland State University has scheduled several events to recognize March as women's history month. Admission is free. For a calendar of events, call Oona Jenkins at 725-5672.

Low Blood Pressure Help

A seminar on how to lower your blood pressure and cholesterol will be held Thursday and Friday at 7:15 p.m. at the Stone Tower Church, 3010 N.E. Holladay. The program includes 15 different methods to lower blood pressure and cholesterol without medications.

Franklin Presents Oklahoma!

Franklin High School's performing arts program presents the musical Oklahoma! Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. The school hopes to generate enough extra revenue with the performance to keep the extracurricular theater program alive through next year's budget cuts.

Chinese Treasures On Display

Children and adults can spend an afternoon immersed in Chinese culture Sunday when the Portland Art Museum presents Buried Tombs and Treasures of China from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Diversity At Oregon Shakespeare Festival



Paulina (Tamu Gray, foreground) unveils a statue of Hermione (Lise Bruneau) in the Oregon Shakespeare Festival's 1996 production of William Shakespeare's "The Winter Tale."

An exciting diverse 1996 season has begun at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland.

Currently four indoor plays are being performed at the festival in Ashland. Later, the outdoor season will open and in July the festival features the world



Movie director Otis De Marko (Douglas Markkanen, above left) greets August Strindberg (Philip Davidson) as Micki Kidde (Karole Foreman) looks on in the Oregon Shakespeare Festival's 1996 production of Drury Pifer's "Strindberg in Hollywood."



The medical advice of Dr. Toxin (Derrick Lee Weeden, far right) surprises (left to right) Dr. Mortice (David Kelly), Dr. Snot (U. Jonathan Toppo), Gorgibus (Sandy McCallum) and Dr. Prophyllactus (Robert Vincent Frank) in the Oregon Shakespeare Festival's 1996 production of "Moliere Plays Paris," translated and contrived by Nagle Jackson.

premier of "The Darker Face of the earth" by African American playwright Rita Dove, the former U.S. Poet Laureate. For tickets and information, call the

Oregon Shakespeare Festival box office at (541) 482-4331. Box office hours are Tuesday-Sundays, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Mondays, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tri-Met Adds More Advocates



Tri-Met is boosting customer service and security by assigning more "rider advocates" to ride the transit system.

Tri-Met is expanding efforts to improve customer service and safety by hiring 10 AmeriCorps workers as Community Safety Advocates who are now riding the transit system.

The advocates carry two-way radios, report any problems to police, and assist customers with route schedule and other information.

The public service workers will ride Max light rail and selected bus routes in the Lloyd District, southeast and northeast Portland and on the downtown Portland Transit Mall.

The program is funded through a partner-

ship with the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office.

AmeriCorps is a national service program similar to a domestic Peace Corps. Its goal is to improve the community, while training leaders for the future.

The AmeriCorps addition to Tri-Met is an extension of the current Rider Advocate program and other security measures implemented by Tri-Met over the past five years.

Most recently, Rider Advocates have involved 10 north and northeast Portland residents who ride eight different bus routes in the region.

The effort resulted from the support of the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods and provides services ranging from summoning emergency medical assistance to rewarding youth for good behavior, officials said.

The other security efforts initiated by Tri-Met over the five year period, include, paying for 16 Portland police officers and two Gresham police to patrol to the Tri-Met system; hiring a Multnomah County deputy sheriff to coordinate Tri-Met security programs; paying for a deputy district attorney to prosecute crimes against Tri-Met and installing security cameras at three MAX stations and on 40 buses.

Portland Teens Go To The Capital

Izear Sweet and Su-mar Dawson from the Portland Opportunities Center, 717 N. Killingsworth Court, have been selected to attend the National Young Leaders Conference, March 12-17 in Washington D.C.

The conference is a leadership enrichment program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit.

The theme of the conference is the Leaders of Tomorrow meeting the Leaders of Today.

The students will interact with key political leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps.

Highlights of the program include welcoming remarks from the floor of the United States House of Representatives and a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club.

The scholars will visit foreign embassies and receive policy briefings from senior government officials.

The conference is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, a nonprofit nonpartisan educational organization.