

Tears of Joy Family Series

Share your favorite plays with this year's puppet shows put on by Tears of Joy.



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Intimate Portrait: Phylicia Rashad

See the actress, wife, and mother, special premiering on "Lifetime" on August 29th.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Missile Strikes

Cruise missiles fired at strategic targets in Afghanistan and Sudan against terrorists who bombed two U.S. embassies in Africa. The attack was ordered by President Clinton some time after addressing the nation about his sexual involvement with Monica Lewinsky.

Hurricane Bonnie

Hurricane Bonnie has been moving up the Atlantic with winds clocked at 115 mph at 400 miles wide. The Category 3 storm is capable of causing severe coastal flooding and serious damage to buildings and homes.

Boris Yeltsin

Viktor Chernomyrdin was recalled by Boris Yeltsin to become head of the Russian government. Chernomyrdin was Yeltsin's prime minister for five years before being fired in March. The new leader faces severe economic and political chaos.

Quebec Attempts Secession

According to Canada's Supreme Court ruling, Quebec needs the consent of the federal government to secede. Quebec was obligated to also negotiate with the other Canadian provinces as part of the procedure.

Increased Home Sales

July findings have indicated that there has been a 4% increase of single family home sales. This has been encouraged by low interest rates and healthy income growth. The real estate trade group predicts that sales of existing homes will reach 4.7 million this year.

NBA Lockout

The stalemate continues between NBA players and owners which could force the NBA to cancel games for the first time ever. So far, the 220 basketball players in the league are owed \$800 million in salaries.

Unemployment Rate Drop

In July, Portland's unemployment rate dropped from 4.2 percent to 4.1 percent which includes Vancouver, Washington. Oregon's state-wide rate has stayed the same all summer at 5.4 percent.

Oregon ACT Scores

Oregon's Class of 1998 have the highest ACT scores in the nation. The state's average score is 22.7 on a 36-point scale compared with a national average of 21. Twelve percent of Oregon seniors, versus 37 percent of all U.S. seniors took the ACT test.

PDC Teams Up With Fannie Mae To Expand Home Repair Opportunities In City

New Program To Aid Additional Portland Families

The Portland Development Commission's (PDC) Neighborhood Housing Preservation Program has received approval to offer Fannie Mae HomeStyle loan programs to Portland homeowners.

"We are very pleased to be one of the few public agencies approved as a Fannie Mae lender," said PDC Housing Direc-

tor Baruti Artharee. "The alliance will allow us to make hundreds of new home loans available, stretch our precious public funds farther, and in the process, strengthen Portland neighborhoods," Artharee added.

The new program will:

- *Be available to families not previously served by PDC programs.
- *Allow greater use of the home's equity by considering the value of the home after the planned repair work is completed
- *Provide an affordable housing re-

pair option through Fannie Mae's flexible Community Lending Guidelines at competitive conventional lending terms

*Offer PDC's personal and well-regarded construction consulting and monitoring services throughout the repair process at no charge

*Bolster Portland communities and protect neighborhood livability by keeping homes repaired and safe

PDC is the City's agency for urban renewal, housing, and economic development. PDC's home repair loan programs also receive federal funds from

the city's Bureau of Housing and Community Development.

Fannie Mae is a private corporation, federally chartered to provide financial products and services that increase the availability and affordability of housing for low-, moderate-, and middle-income Americans. Today, more than twelve million American families live in homes Fannie Mae has helped finance.

In 1997, Fannie Mae purchased or guaranteed \$218 billion from home mortgages.

Placement Of Monument To Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Final placement of "The Dream," Oregon's monument to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



The monument was transported from Millennium Art Works in Wilsonville and then hosted to its final resting-place at the Oregon Convention Center on Monday, August 24, 1998.

The dedication of "The Dream" will be held on August 28, 1998 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Oregon Convention Center (777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.). The ceremony will take place thirty-five years to the day of Dr. King's "I Have A Dream" speech. The public is invited to share in the celebration with dignitaries including: Houston Mayor Lee Brown, Portland Mayor Vera Katz, Metro Presiding Chair Jon Kvistad, Portland Parks and Recreation Director Charles Jordan, Bishop A.A. Wells, and the artist, Michael Florin Dente.

Serena Cruz Confident as November Run-off Approaches



Serena Cruz prepares for November Run-off for Multnomah County, District 2 seat. See El Observador De Portland, page A6.

530,000 Ordered To Evacuate in N.C.

By ESTES THOMPSON

More than a half-million tourists and residents were ordered to leave the Carolina coast yesterday as Hurricane Bonnie closed in with gathering speed.

Hurricane-force winds could hit the coast by daybreak today.

By early afternoon, traffic was bumper-to-bumper on roads leading inland from North Carolina's Outer Banks as people tried to get out of the way of Bonnie, a behemoth of a storm with winds of 115 mph.

Many residents were unwilling to take the chance that the first hurricane of the Atlantic season would follow the path of some previous storms and take a last-minute turn out to sea.

"This is a big sucker," said Sterling Webster, a resident of coastal Dare County on the Outer Banks.

"It's very, very frustrating. We're eating some serious rent," Jane Hanley said as she, her husband and two children were about to cut short their long-planned vacation in Nags Head and go back home to Sparks, Md.

On Monday, Bonnie's path was so slow and wobbly forecasters were unsure when or even if it might hit land. But by yesterday night, the storm was centered about 250 miles south of Cape Lookout and was pushing toward the northwest at 16 mph — three times faster than a day earlier.

Hurricane warnings were posted from Chincoteague, Va., to Cape Romain, S.C. Swimming was banned at beaches as far north as New York's Long Island as Bonnie kicked up dangerously rough surf up and down the East Coast.

More than 330,000 people were ordered off North Carolina's coastal islands. About 200,000 more, including 120,000 tourists, were instructed to leave South Carolina's two northernmost

coastal counties.

"Anybody who does not abide by the mandatory evacuation, our law enforcement has been instructed to ask them their next of kin," South Carolina Gov. David Beasley said.

Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore declared a state of emergency, authorizing communities to order evacuations. But none had done so by early afternoon.

About 60 Navy ships at Norfolk, Va., were instructed to leave port and ride out the storm 300 miles at sea. Other ships were being moved to inland waterways.

At Pope Air Force Base, N.C., "every plane that is flyable is leaving," said Lt. Tisha McGarry, a spokeswoman at the base. Fighter jets also were leaving Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in North Carolina.

Dave Davidge of Downington, Pa., was fishing on the beach just south of Nags Head when a park ranger sent him packing.

"I'm going out of here and heading to Charleston (S.C.). I was getting a little scared, especially getting evacuated off the beach," he said.

It was Davidge's second warning of trouble from the storm. On Sunday, his 7-year-old son was caught in one of the riptides caused by Bonnie as the storm churned the ocean hundreds of miles away. Davidge and a stranger saved the boy from being swept out to sea.

Many people were staying just long enough to protect their property.

At Surf City, Chris Medlin used a circular saw to cut plywood to cover the windows of his fishing store. "We've done this too many times to stick around," he said. "Mother Nature tells you when it's time to split."

Farther out in the Atlantic, Hurricane Danielle moved toward the U.S. Virgin Islands with 80 mph winds, and forecasters expect the storm to be as strong as Bonnie within days.