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Community Calendar

The Fantasticks

Lakewood Theatre Company will be having open call auditions on Sunday, April 11 to complete its casting of the musical comedy, *The Fantasticks*, directed by Ron Daum. Actors will receive remuneration. Each actor should prepare a classic Broadway song for the audition. Lakewood Theatre Company supports and encourages multi-ethnic diversity in its casting. Call the theatre at 503/635-3901 during the hours of 9-5 weekdays to schedule an appointment.

Model Movement & Attitude

All women dream of walking through the door of a party only to have every head turn. Venus Imaging Education will impart to you the secrets that professional models use to command this attention. Our entertaining class will infuse you with confidence as we teach you how to walk, move, stand & turn like a professional model. Call 360/882-4416.

Your Advertising Dollar

The Women Entrepreneurs of Oregon (W.E.O.), Lake Oswego/West Linn Chapter will be hosting a speaking event on Monday, April 12, from 5:45 to 8 PM at Stuff Pizza (4200 Mercantile Dr.). Loni Sander's lecture topic will be on "Make the Most of Your Advertising Dollar". Call 656-6127.

A Question Of Mercy

Artists Repertory Theatre takes a powerful look at love, compassion and dignity with its production of *A Question of Mercy* by David Rabe. Closely based on an essay by Dr. Richard Selzer, the play confronts the emotional tribulations of loved ones and a physician in helping a terminally ill patient plan his suicide. *A Question of Mercy* runs through Sunday, April 25 at Artists Repertory Theatre's main stage - The Reiersgaard Theatre (located at 1516 SW Alder). Call 503/241-1ART.

Sistas In Motion

Sistas In Motion, dedicated to the cultural and educational empowerment of African American women through travel, is now open for second quarter enrollment. Membership entitles women 30% to 70% savings offered by all travel vendors, and 10% to 25% discounts on national tours, concerts, and events (i.e. AAWOT, UniverSOUL Circus, The Harlem Nutcracker, Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo, ESSENCE Music Festival and more). Call 310/323-5903 or email inmotion79@hotmail.com.

Cancer Awareness

Many cancers are caused or aggravated by lifestyle choices. Learn how to keep cancer at bay with good nutrition. In a free one-on-one session Saturday, April 10, 12-4 PM at Natural Center-East, of the National College of Naturopathic Medicine, 11231 SE Market. Call 255-7355, ext. 0 for appointment. For complete list of free screenings, call 499-4343, ext. 103.

Earth & Spirit

The Natural Way lecture series will be hosting a talk on Wednesday, March 31 by Sister Jose Hobday, a Seneca Elder, Sister of Franciscan Order and the author of *Simple Living: The Way to Inner Freedom*. The event will be held in the Unity World Healing Center (on 366 Third Street) in Lake Oswego, from 7:30-9:30PM.

Star Wars Collection

This spring break, A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village gave you a few reasons to stay in Salem! Monday, March 22 through Friday, March 26 everyone was invited to "spring into art" at the Village! "Space-ship to Tatooine" arrived at the Village spring break! Visit Jordan Hofer's extensive Star Wars collection on the Toy Inventor's Workshop, including many of the original Star Wars action figures, a real light saber, a life-sized Yoda and new figures from Episode 1. Call 503/371-3631.

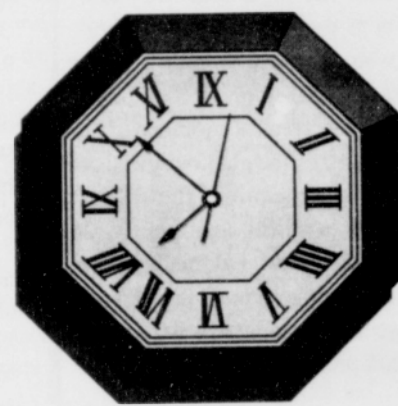
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Wisdom of the Elders



Hispanic and Native Americans gathered at Linfield College for "An Afternoon of Wisdom of the Elders." For more details, see El Observador de Portland section

It's That Time!



Give It Up!

It'll go whether you like it or not.

Remember to adjust your clock a hour ahead on Sunday, 2:00 A.M.

It's also a good time to check the batteries in your smoke alarms as well.

Housing Our Families Abandon Project

By LEE PERLEMAN

Housing Our Families has put its proposed Fargo 10 housing development proposal on hold. HOF interim director Joan Miggins told the Observer that the agency didn't want to undertake such a complex project, utilizing property tax credits, "until we get our house in order."

The Boise Neighborhood Association had opposed the proposed 10-unit row house development at North Borthwick Avenue and Fargo Street, and had successfully put a hold on a \$361,000 federal grant, based on dissatisfaction with HOF. The non-profit agency has allowed drug dealing in its Betty Campbell Building and Maya Angelou apartment complex, critics charge, and has been unresponsive to community concerns.

Thomas D. Walsh, co-developer and contractor on the Fargo 10 project, told the Observer that he still intends to attempt to build it, but is "in limbo at the moment." Creating a partnership with another non-profit agency to build affordable housing would be "our first choice." Another possibility is a "speculative" venture to offer the units for sale at market rate.

Chris Brown, co-chair of the Boise Association, says that the group has not yet had a chance to take a position on the project, but that most members would probably prefer to see owner-occupied dwellings on the site.

Walsh says building in this way would amount to "a \$1 million bet. I don't know what the market size is for that kind of housing in that location."

The recent 42-unit Knott Street Town Home project, east of Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at Knott Street, was a success, he says, but "That was closer to Irvington and its higher property values." However, he adds,

"Perhaps we'll do it and grit our teeth."

Meanwhile, HOF and Boise are continuing negotiations to resolve their differences. While neither wished to discuss specifics while the talks are under way, both say there has been definite progress. Brown adds, "The withdrawal from the Fargo 10, which caught us off guard, certainly didn't hurt."

Brown heard the announcement as a pledge by HOF to do no more

development in Boise for the time being. Miggins says that "at this point we have no new projects planned." Asked about a planned development on Northeast 10th Avenue south of Alberta Street, in the King neighborhood, she says, "I don't know if it is proceeding or not."

Miggins is the latest in a series of interim directors who have managed HOF since Gretchen Dursch left in October. Part of the problem was that the agency board's first choice for a permanent successor later turned the job down, and other candidates were deemed unsatisfactory, Miggins says. HOF is now going through a new recruiting effort for the directorship, Miggins says.