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Community Calendar

Native Americans in Oregon

The Oregon Historical Society will feature a lecture consisting of three panelists discussing the topics: "Constructing the Modern Indian: Native American Organizations in Portland" by Nick Rosenthal (Univ. of Oregon), "Indians, Dams and Fish" by Roberta Ulrich, and "Indian Alliances of the 1850's: Reality or Pioneer Paranoia?" by Gray Whaley (Univ. of Oregon). The event will be held on January 22 at 9:30 a.m. at the Oregon Historical Society's Madison Room. Call 222-1741 or visit their website at www.ohs.org.

Research Your Old House

Find all the answers to all of your questions about researching the history of your house at a hands-on workshop presented by the Bosco-Milligan Foundation on Saturday, February 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. An overview on building research will be held at the Galleria Shopping Center at 921 SW Morrison, followed by a private orientation of resources available in the collections of the Oregon Historical Society. After a short, on-your-own lunch break, an afternoon session covering city directories, newspaper research, and maps will be presented at the Central Library.

Romeo and Juliet

Tygres Heat Shakespeare Company will continue its 1999-2000 season with "Romeo and Juliet" directed by Jon Kretzu. The play is set in the present, hurtling the doomed lovers through a world of quick tempers, rash judgements and bad decisions, which propels them through euphoria, passion, horror and heartbreak. Performances run through February 20 at the Dolores Winningstad Theater at the Portland Center for Performing Arts (1111 SW Broadway). Call 503/288.8400.

The Frederick Douglass Book Prize

The Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, a part of the Yale Center for International and Area Studies, is pleased to announce the second annual Frederick Douglass Book Prize, a \$25,000 award for the most outstanding book published in English in 1999 on the subject of slavery and/or abolition and antislavery movements. We invite you to submit books that meet these criteria. Please note that works related to the Civil War are acceptable only if their primary focus relates to slavery or emancipation. The submission deadline is February 1, 2000. Call 203/432-3339 or e-mail them at gilder.lehrman.center@yale.edu.

Better Health In 2000

Resolve to improve your health in Year 2000 by attending the free Saturday seminars sponsored by the Oregon College of Oriental Medicine (OCOM) on January 22 and 29. Each 90-minute seminar starts at 10 a.m. The seminars focus on acupuncture, herbal medicine and Qi Gong meditative exercise, and will offer sample treatments for those who wish to experience traditional Chinese medicine. To reserve a place in the free Saturday seminars, call the college at 503/253-3443.

Fourth Annual Bill Naito Award

The Portland Parks & Recreation's Urban Forestry Commission is now accepting applications for the Fourth Annual Bill Naito Award. The award was created in honor of the late builder and community leader who did so much to beautify Portland with trees. The Awards will be presented at Portland's Annual Arbor Day Celebration on April 4, 2000. Applications must be received by February 15. Contact the Urban Forestry coordinator at 823-4443 for an application packet.

Local man establishes multicultural Hall of Fame

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Amid the perception that the Oregon State Sports Hall of Fame has been reluctant to acknowledge the accomplishments of people of color in the area of sports, Thad Spencer has enlisted the support of several community members and business leaders to establish a Multicultural Sports Hall of Fame.

At a press conference held Jan. 12, at McMinnamns Kennedy School, Spencer maintained that he had not been inducted into the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame.

He asserted that, since he was a No. 1 contender in 1969 and the last man to have scheduled a match with Muhammad Ali before his belt was vacated due to his stance as a draft dissident, he deserved to be in the Oregon State Sports Hall of Fame. Spencer stated that, in the spring of 1999, Mel Renfro nominated him as a candidate for the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame. He also inferred that it either took too long or he was denied as a Hall of Fame inductee. He further claimed that, on occasions he attended the Hall of Fame functions, he was the only person of color in attendance.

As a result of his perceptions, Spencer decided to pursue the establishment of an Oregon Multicultural Sports Hall of Fame. The sense of inequity and ostracization seem to be the common consensus of the newly founded organization's board of directors, which is composed of African Americans, Euro-Americans, a Hispanic and one woman.

Upon inquiry with Tim McGuire of McGuire Bearing, who is the current president of the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame, Mr. McGuire said he does not oppose the formation of a



The Oregon Multicultural Hall of Fame committee from left to right: Deborah Jones, Robert Taylor, Thad Spencer, Sal Guardino and Arnold Pitre.

Multicultural Hall of Fame. However, he would encourage Mr. Spencer and/or supporters to meet him personally or attend a board meeting to air their concerns. He readily admitted that

the board of directors is comprised of predominately white, Anglo-Saxon males. However, legitimate efforts have been made to recruit people of color to the board. The

board is a working board that makes demands on individuals both in terms of time and

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High winds leave tens of thousands without power



Crews labored to restore power and clean up the debris for several days after the storm hit the Northwest.

Associated Press

Gale-force winds—and stronger—whistled from the south through Oregon Sunday, downing trees across highways, damaging buildings and knocking out power to more than 100,000 customers.

The highest gusts reported by the National Weather Service were 115 mph at midmorning at Cannon Beach. Gusts of 81 mph at Netarts knocked a house 12 feet off of its foundation. "We've had quite a few, about 100,000 customers are without power now in northwest Oregon," Gail Baker, spokeswoman

for Portland General Electric, said Sunday afternoon.

She said all PGE crews were out and that daylight conditions and generally dry weather were favorable for quickly restoring energy. She said trees and limbs down across power lines were responsible for most of the outages.

PGE spokesman Mark Fryburg said about half of the utility's customers who lost power had it restored by mid-afternoon and that most of the outages took place between 10 a.m. and noon.

Dave Kvamme, of Pacific Power, said between 8,000 and 9,000 customers of that utility were without energy, largely along the Oregon Coast. "We have outages all along the coast, from the Coos Bay and Bandon areas to Seaside, Cannon Beach and Astoria," he said. Kvamme said there also were problems in Grants Pass, Winston and Roseburg.

Clatsop County officials reported extensive roof damage to businesses and residences and said Highway 26 linking the area to Portland was closed for a time by downed trees.

Clackamas County reported outages throughout the county and the sheriff's office said some downed trees were set afire when they became entangled with power lines.

Trees were reported down on cars and buildings, but no injuries there were reported. By mid-afternoon the brunt of the storm had moved north into Washington.



Jefferson High School celebrates Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. day with dance and song

The festivities offered the students of Jefferson High School and Portlanders a chance to savor the dream of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Monday during their annual celebration in the Jefferson High School Performing Arts Center. Following what would have been Kings 71 birthday Saturday, the event did him justice in a diverse and inquisitive crowd that took in dance, music, and song as well as informational booths that told of his life and his dream. Kings traditional themes, opportunity, education and equality were brought to life brilliantly by the events many activities.