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Community Calendar

Alice Walker Benefit

In Other Words Women's Books and Resources, Portland's feminist bookstore, is pleased to announce that it will be the bookseller for a benefit reading by Alice Walker on Wednesday, Oct. 18. The reading, hosted by Bradley-Angle House, takes place at 7 p.m. at PSU's Smith Memorial Ballroom. Tickets are \$12 (minimum donation), available at In Other Words and through Fastixx. Call 503/238-1672.

Kid's Safety Workshop

Open to ages 7 to 11, this workshop is a very valuable self defense experience and a lot of fun! Kids will learn to set boundaries and to use physical and verbal self defense strategies. They will acquire skills for dealing with bullies and would-be abductors, and will practice applying their newfound skills on a padded attacker. Call 503/231-1999.

The Salmon Festival

Salmon watching is a unique Northwest activity and the Salmon Festival on Saturday and Sunday, October 14 and 15, will offer guided salmon viewing tours at Metro's Oxbow Regional Park. Children games and activities, exhibits, arts, musical entertainment, horse-drawn wagon rides and great food round out the festival each day from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 797-1850.

Model Rail Road Swap

The Columbia Gorge Model Railroad Club will kick off a new Portland tradition with their First Annual Fall Railroadiana and Model Railroad Swap Meet on Saturday, Oct. 21. The swap meet will be one of the largest of its kind in the greater Portland-Vancouver area and will be held at the Collectors Market (formerly the Pay-N-Pak Antique & Collectors Market), 8900 N. Vancouver Avenue at N. Schmeer Road & Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. (Delta Park) in Portland, Oregon. The swap meet will be open to the general public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the admission for adults at \$3 and children under 12 free. Call 360/694-7769 evenings or 503/288-7246 or email: swap@cgmrcc.com

Generation Jam

Get 'em before they're gone! Tickets are now on sale for the 3rd annual Doernbecher Generation Jam on Saturday, October 7. The Doernbecher Foundation Junior Executive Board is turning the Aero Air hangar at the Hillsboro Airport into a concert and dinner hall for the event, which features music by Hit Explosion. Tickets are \$50 (\$20 is tax deductible) and are available through the Doernbecher Foundation office by calling 503/294-7101 or 1-800-800-9583. Raffle tickets will be sold at the event.

Tools for Difficult People

The Hollywood Senior Center will be holding a workshop to provide neighborhood activists with a tool box of practical techniques for dealing with difficult people and difficult situations. They will examine why people can be "difficult" and methods you can use to control your own reactions. The workshop will be on Monday, October 23 from 7-9 p.m. at the Hollywood Senior Center located at 1820 NE. 40th. Call Joleen Classen at 823-3202 or Brian Hoop at 823-3075.

Writing Workshop

Barnes & Noble teams up with Writer's Digest to present the World's Largest Writing Workshop, an afternoon to explore the writing process. They will share tips, hints and ideas to get you started writing or help you improve your existing writing skills. The event will be on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 2 p.m.

Humane Society Telethon

It's a first for Oregon and a great day for animals when the Oregon Humane Society Telethon bounds onto the air. Grab the remote from Rover and tune to FOX 49 on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for an afternoon of "Petacular" entertainment. The telethon will feature dozens of dogs, cats and rabbits looking for good homes.

Marchers Hold Vigil to Return Peace to Neighborhood



It's a somber march from the Lutheran Ministries Community Center on northeast Skidmore and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. to the sites of three recent murders just blocks away. Mayor Vera Katz joined the peacekeeping effort and candlelight vigil on Thursday night. (Photo by Mark Washington/Portland Observer)

Cosby Brings Comedy to Dad's Weekend

Comedian Bill Cosby will be a featured attraction this weekend, when Oregon State University hosts Dad's Weekend 2000.

Dad's Weekend is becoming a fall staple. Traditionally, Dad's Weekend was held in February. Last year, citing a number of issues, including weather and a heightened interest in football, OSU planners decided to move the event to the fall.

"Last year, people indicated that they really liked having Dad's Weekend during football season so they had the chance to enjoy a game," said Machel Kennedy, coordinator for OSU's Memorial Union Program Council, which sponsors the event.

This year's Dad's Weekend football contest features the OSU Beavers hosting the Stanford Cardinal in Reser Stadium. Game time has been changed to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, to accommodate a national Fox Sports Net broadcast.

Cosby's comedy show is set for 7:30 p.m. on Friday in OSU's Gill Coliseum. Tickets which are \$35 and \$25, are available from the OSU Athletics Ticket Office at 541-737-4455 or 800-462-3287. Cosby was the first African-American actor to star in a dramatic series on television (ISpy, 1965-68). The veteran comedian also starred in several situation comedies, including The Cosby Show, which aired from 1984-92. He has won numerous Emmy awards and written several books, including "Fatherhood" in 1986.



Supporting Business Opportunities

Cinnamon Williams (from left), Tony Jones, Sheila McDaniels, Tyrone Henry, Teresa Blivens and Loretta Young are working to assist small businesses gain certification with the state of Oregon. Certification is the "key operative piece" to contracting opportunities available throughout the state. A recent workshop on the subject was sponsored by the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs, Portland Development Commission, city of Portland, Port of Portland and the state Office of Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business.

(Photo by Mark Washington/Portland Observer)

West Linn Teacher Wins McAuliffe Fellowship

Barbara Murray, a language arts teacher at West Linn High School, is this year's Oregon recipient of the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship.

Murray will receive a grant of \$34,000 to support the Oregon Reading Initiative introduced by state schools superintendent Stan Bunn.

She will develop videos for Oregon middle and high school teachers on strategies for teaching reading in other content areas.

"When we talk about being reading teachers in middle or high school, especially in subject areas like math or science, teachers get a little nervous that they will have to sacrifice the study of their subject in order to build skills in students," said Murray. "I understand this concern."

Murray goes on to say, however, that, "Understanding and comprehension of science, social studies and math is improved when effective reading strategies are employed." She believes that it is important for teachers to see other teachers in their own disciplines using these strategies successfully in classes in order to help move the Reading Initiative forward.

For instance, Murray asked Nicki Hudson, a math teacher at West Linn High School, to be part for the project and be videotaped in her classroom during real lessons. Both Murray and Hudson are former Oregon teachers of the year. Murray has collected other highly successful teachers in middle and high schools to be part of the project. "It's been exciting to talk about reading and literacy with



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such high caliber teachers who are willing to share their ideas with colleagues across the state."

Murray said West Linn-Wilsonville School District has made reading and literacy a focal point for a number of years, and the fellowship will be an opportunity to further that understanding. Jane Stickney, assistant superintendent for the district and a reading expert, will be involved in the video project.

"There is a need to reinforce reading in our secondary schools," said Bunn. "I'm delighted that several expert teachers will share their teaching success through this fellowship."

The fellowship honors teacher-astronaut Christa McAuliffe who died in the 1986 explosion of the space shuttle Challenger.