

Vote Would Remove Racist Language

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Voters in New Mexico will decide in November whether to remove an "alien land statute" from the state constitution that bars Asian immigrants from owning property. Last May, Kansas repealed a similar unenforced law. The Wyoming Legislature last year repealed its 1943 alien land law, enacted during World War II to keep Japanese from buying property.

Voters in South Carolina and Alabama expunged interracial marriage bans from their constitutions in 1998 and 2000, respectively.

Encouraged by the actions of South Carolina and Alabama, Jack Chin, a professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Law, is leading a nationwide project to inform states of anachronistic language in their constitutions, and to encourage them to remove it.

"Some say it's good to keep statues and buildings named after people like Jeffrey Amherst, who did much to settle the colonies but also gave smallpox blankets to Indians," Chin said. "But the constitution is not symbolic. It is a living law."

"I think this is a very good exercise," said Chet Orloff, director emeritus of the Oregon Historical Society. "It reminds us what kinds of people were here in the 1850s and reminds us of the vigilance and care one has to take in crafting the constitution."

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In Print

A Family's Mystical Understanding Thirteen Senses

BY VICTOR VILLASEÑOR/HARPER COLLINS PUBLISHERS; 2002

A gifted and accomplished storyteller, Villaseñor narrates the color and magic of his parents' marriage in "Thirteen Senses." The Villaseñor family saga reveals many of the universal joys and pains of family life, the sorrows that come with deep love and complicated relationships, and the immigrant angst associated with being regarded as an "outsider" in an adopted land. Through it all, the family perseveres, buoyed by a private understanding of the "thirteen senses."

Stop Self-Sabotage

What's Your Sabotage?

BY ALYCE CORNYN-SELBY/BEYNCH PRESS PUBLISHING; 1999

We are mysteries to ourselves. Why do we say we want to lose 20 pounds while we are eating a hot fudge sundae? Why do we pinch pennies and then splurge? People are at war with themselves. They think they want to be out there in the world but —

Self-sabotage: when you say you want something and then go about making sure it doesn't happen. Get this behavior out of your hair forever.

If you are sabotaging yourself, you have a "higher need" on the inside that is holding you back.



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ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Symphony of Fashion; Thursday, Oct. 3

The Friends of the Oregon Symphony present "Symphony of Fashion," a fashion show and luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 3, 11:30 a.m. at the Waterfront Marriott, 1401 Naito Parkway in Portland. Julie Emery, Portland television news anchor, will emcee the event. A highlight of the show will be a special appearance by Katie Harman, 2002 Miss America, singing "God Bless America" and Puccini's "O Mio Babbino Caro." Call 503-416-6338.

Oregon Symphony; Friday, Oct. 4

The Preservation Hall Jazz Band swings back into Portland with a concert of New Orleans-style jazz presented by the Oregon Symphony on Friday, Oct. 4, 7:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. For over 25 years, the Preservation Hall Jazz Band has been performing classic jazz, spirituals, Dixieland and a sound known as the Big Easy since 1952. Forticket information, call 503-228-1353 or 800-228-7343 or go online to www.orsymphony.org.

Jazz by Jonas Tauber; Saturday, Oct. 5

Getting deep into Jazz, Jonas Tauber brings his talent to Portland. Playing since the age of four, Tauber combines his lifelong musical passions into an evening of improvisational music — that is to say, dream interpretation and conflict resolution through sound. All ages are welcome on Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 p.m. at 116 N.E. Russell St. Call 503-335-6979.

Concordia University; Saturday, Oct. 5

Concordia University's MADE for Kids Program is having its fifth annual Arts Carnival at 2811 N.E. Holman St., between Ainsworth and Dekum. Kids aged 4 to 12 and their parents are encouraged to come to the Concordia campus Oct. 5, from noon to 5 p.m. for a day of creative play. The free event features music, art and drama workshops and performances. Everything is free. Call 280-8614 for more information.

Mt. Hood Festival; Oct. 5 & 6

The Cascade Geographic Society is holding their 11th annual Mt. Hood Salmon and Mushroom Festival on Saturday, Oct. 5 and Sunday, Oct. 6, from noon to 5 p.m. It will be held at the Mt. Hood Village, 65000 East U.S. Highway 26, near the Village of Brightwood. Besides an exhibit of salmon, wild mushroom and other resources, there will be a chili and barbecue competition.

Michael Allen Harrison Performs; Sunday, Oct. 6

Concert pianist Michael Allen Harrison and violinist Aaron Meyer will perform together at the annual benefit for Jewish Family & Child Service on Sunday, Oct. 6. Harrison will open for guest speaker and award-winning author Susan Goldman Rubin, author of "Steven Spielberg: Crazy for Movies." Her talk will be a platform for her entertaining behind-the-scenes look at Spielberg's life and films. To make reservations, call 503-226-7079.

Portland Arts & Lectures; Tuesday, Oct. 8

Portland Arts & Lectures is pleased to present Nobel Prize winning poet Seamus Heaney at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, located at S.W. Broadway and Main at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 8. Born in Northern Ireland in 1939, Heaney has been called "the finest poet now writing in English." The preview will focus on Heaney's "Opened Ground, Selected Poems, 1966-1996."



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