



Festival of Reuse on Mississippi

Cade Campbell, 3, stretches to drop a tennis ball into one of the many recycled toys made by Scrap volunteers for Saturday's outdoor event. "It was just fantastic," said Scrap employee Teri Thomas-Peterson. "There were hundreds of happy people." Scrap, a non-profit business located at 3625 B N. Mississippi, promotes the creative reuse of materials through the resale of usable fabric, office, school and art supplies.

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Earl of Earl and the Reggae All-Stars exercises his vocal talents from behind his drum set Saturday during the Back to Scrap Festival on North Mississippi Avenue. The event featured performances by local musicians, spoken word artists, a fashion show and a 20-foot scrap metal man. The giant puppet, assembled and operated by neighborhood artists, danced and painted on wood to a live musical accompaniment.

Ballot Measures Explained

Voters will have the opportunity to get first hand information on all the statewide ballot measures for the upcoming general election at a ballot measure fair Saturday, Oct. 5 at Portland State University, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The fair, hosted by the Oregon Progress Forum, will include booths for all 12 measures. Representatives from both sides of

the issues will be available for questioning. At noon, the pros and cons of each measure will be debated for the public. A panel discussion with guest speakers is also planned.

"I know the importance of giving voters as much information as possible," said Phil Keisling, Chairman of the Oregon Progress Forum. "This is a great way to do

that." For those who cannot attend the event, Multnomah Community Television will rebroadcast the ballot measure debate portion of the program on local public access channels 21 and 11.

The 2002 Ballot Measure Fair will be held at the PSU Smith Memorial Center in the Vanport room on the third floor.

Closed Ports Choke Shipping

(AP)—Officials Tuesday said that the lockout of West Coast dock workers is costing the Northwest about \$38 million a day by choking off shipments of grain, electronics, clothing and other products.

The Port of Portland is the largest wheat export center in the nation. But most of the crop is awaiting shipment or is being

held in grain elevators, with some stalled in rail cars, trucks and barges.

The port also handles the largest volume of automobile imports in the nation, but manufacturers say their supply of new cars is enough to withstand some delays.

Railroads and trucking companies also are affected, idling some railyards and keeping

trucks off the road.

Del Allen, president of Allports Forwarding, a Portland freight forwarding company that routes container cargo across the country, says the ripple effect is huge.

"Certainly the carrier loss from this will go on for months, for truck and rail in addition to shipping," Allen said.

Airport to Curb Water Pollution

Portland International Airport will receive \$2.5 million for construction of a de-icing containment facility to keep chemicals from polluting the nearby Columbia Slough, a waterway that runs through north and northeast Portland.

Federal money for the project was announced Friday by Oregon Senators Gordon Smith and Ron Wyden.

Currently, materials used to de-ice planes and runways at the airport combine with storm water and drain into the slough.

The new de-icing containment facility will utilize a holding tank to capture those materials before they are released to the city of Portland's sewer system or trucked to alternative locations for treatment. De-icing materials will no longer run off into the waterway.

Forum Addresses Airport Noise

Area residents can learn about airport operations and noise management programs during a public forum on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Portland International Airport Conference Center.

with staff from the airport's noise management office about specific areas of concern and learn more about opportunities for citizen involvement in reducing aircraft noise effects in the community.

The airport is located at the end

of the Red Max Line. The terminal is wheelchair accessible and parking is available in the short-term parking garage.

To RSVP for the program, or for special needs, contact Anne Mitchell at 503-460-4837 or mitcha@portptld.com.

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