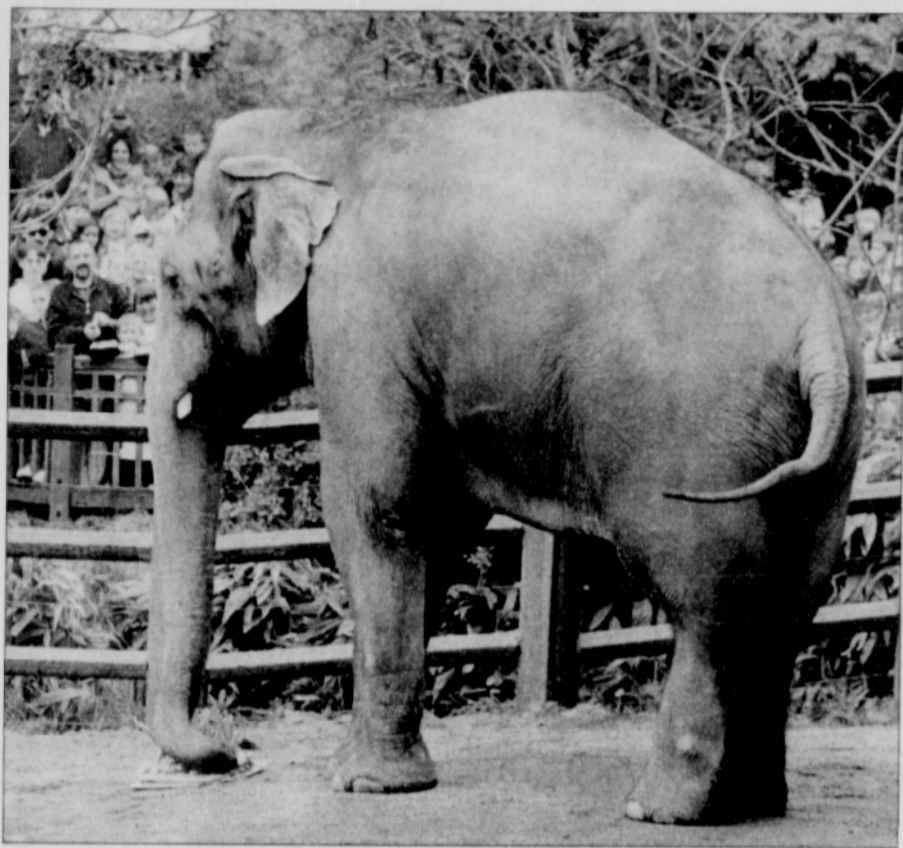


Focus



Packy is the largest and oldest male Asian elephant in North America.

Zoo Celebrates Famous Birthday

Packy, the Oregon Zoo's most famous elephant, celebrates his 42nd birthday with the help of zoo visitors, Saturday, April 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Several events are planned. Keepers will share their elephant experiences and demonstrate Packy's training program. The highlight of the social event occurs at 2 p.m. when keepers present Packy with his giant birthday cake, a 40-pound whole-wheat concoction topped with peanut butter frosting, apples, carrots, and celery. Visitors can also meet costumed elephants Eliza and Elliot while they enjoy face painting and games.

Packy, the first elephant born in the Western Hemisphere in more than 45 years, was born on April 14, 1962 making international news. He is the oldest and largest male Asian elephant in the United States. He has fathered seven calves, including 21-year old Sung-Surin ("Sunshine") and Rama, both of whom currently live at the zoo.

More information is available on the zoo's Web site at www.oregonzoo.org or by calling 503-226-1561.

Expressions of Love

'Casting Call,' a celebration of mother and child

An exhibit celebrating pregnancy will premier during Last Thursday, April 29 and show through May at WomanTree Gallery, 2641 N.E. Alberta St.

Creating life-castings of pregnant women has been Dorion Stanger's passion for the last six years. The unique 3-D art form is an exact replica of the body and allows women to preserve and commemorate a wonderful but fleeting moment in time.

The sculptures are validations of just how beautiful they are and a celebration of their role in producing new life. They are ex-

pressions of the love that is felt when mother and child are one.

Whether the artwork is simple, elaborate or symbolic, the cast becomes an expression of the individual pregnancy. Stanger believes that by capturing the beauty of their pregnant forms, women are empowered and supported as they prepare to take the journey into motherhood.

Stanger has her studio in southwest Washington and helps women in the Portland and Vancouver areas commemorate their pregnancies. She has 21 years of experience as an elementary and middle school art teacher.

Admission to the Alberta exhibit is free. For more information about the artist visit www.pregnancysculpture.com or call 360-666-2728.



Dorion Stanger's castings preserve and commemorate a pregnant woman's wonderful but fleeting moment in time. Her art will premier during Last Thursday at WomanTree Art Gallery on Northeast Alberta Street.

Progressive Radio Debuts in Portland



Al Franken

(AP) — A radio network touted as a progressive alternative to politically conservative programming debuted in Portland last week.

The network, anchored by a show hosted by political satirist Al Franken, can be heard on KPOJ on 620 AM.

The flagship program —

called the O'Franken Factor — airs weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Franken makes no bones about his main target — he'll be going after President Bush, who, Franken says, is "taking the country in the wrong direction." "When George Bush ran for president in 2000 and said he

was against nation building," Franken said, "I didn't realize he meant only our nation."

Aside from Franken, Air America's lineup includes shows featuring comic Mark Maron, actress Janeane Garofalo and Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" co-creator Lizz Winstead.

Jazz Artist Presents 'Ten Grands'

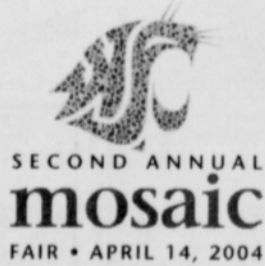


Dena DeRose

Dena DeRose, who critic Joe E. Siegel calls the most creative and compelling pianist since Shirley Horn, performs "Ten Grands" Saturday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 137 S.W. Broadway.

DeRose is a true triple threat: a pianist, vocalist and composer/arranger. Or, in the words of Terry Teachout in "The New York Times," "Dena DeRose sings jazz as if she has been at it her whole life long, and then some. She interprets standards in a deliciously laconic, no-nonsense manner, accompanying herself on piano with hard swinging grace."

Reserved seating is available at www.ticketmaster.com.



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