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restaurant and entrepreneur since those days.

The Corvallis Branch of the NAACP has hosted a Freedom Fund Banquet each year since its founding in 1973. In addition to dinner and the address by Bobby Seale the evening will include

recitations by the OSU Black Poets Society and service awards to community members.

The banquet will start at 6 p.m. at the Methodist Church Community Center, 121 N.W. 12th St. The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$45 and may be obtained by contacting Joan Collison at 541-745-7901.

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### Request for Proposals Planning Department

#### Consultant Services - Great Urban Communities Study 06-1178-PLAN

The Long Range Planning Division of Metro, Department of Metro, a metropolitan service district organized under the laws of the State of Oregon and the Metro Charter, located at 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-2736, is requesting proposals for consultant to assist defining the concept of Great Urban Communities as a component of Metro's New Look at Region 2040 work program. Proposals will be due no later than **4 p.m., March 27, 2006** to the attention of Cinna'Mon Williams, Procurement Division, Metro 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232-2736.

Proposal documents may be obtained by contacting 503-797-1590 or may be downloaded by visiting <http://www.metro-region.org/pssp.cfm?ProgServID=22>.

All questions relating to this RFP should be addressed to Tim O'Brien at (503) 797-1840. Any questions, which in the opinion of Metro, warrant a written reply or RFP amendment will be furnished to all parties receiving this RFP. Metro will not respond to questions received after March 23, 2006.

All information submitted by Proposers shall become public record and will be subject to disclosure under the Oregon Public Records Act, except those portions of the proposals for which Proposers request exception from disclosure consistent with Oregon law.

Each proposal must be submitted in a form as described in this proposal document.

All proposals must conform to the RFP format and be complete including the use of any required forms. Metro may accept or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, or waive irregularities not affecting substantial rights if such action is deemed in the public interest.

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# Portland Observer Auto Review

## 2006 Mercury Milan

BY KATHLEEN CARR

The 2006 Mercury Milan is a new midsize sedan, and it's the best car Mercury has had for many years. Designed to compete with the Toyota Camry and other midsize family cars, the Milan is based on the superb Mazda 6 platform. It's smaller than the Montego and will be Mercury's entry-level car from now on. It shares much in common with the new Ford Fusion. The base Milan comes with a 2.3-liter, four-cylinder engine, with a starting price of \$18,995.

Mercury's V6 engine is a good one, offering smooth, even acceleration at most speeds without ever sounding coarse or unrefined. Its suspension has a sport-like feeling, gripping the road while zigzagging through curves



of the road.

Mercury exterior is bold with tapered lines. It has an upscale luxury look that has consumers interested. It has Mercury traditional waterfall grille and is surrounded by a much more conventional-looking combination headlamp units.

You can tell the Milan has high aspirations as soon as you sit in the cabin. It has trim that looks like brushed aluminum, an upscale, two-tone color scheme, and contrasting colored

stitching in the leather so if you don't like the satin and patterned aluminum trim, there's a Wales Mahogany interior trim option at no charge.

The Comfort package includes a leather-wrapped steering wheel with secondary audio, speed and climate controls, automatic electronic climate control, auto headlamps, fog lamps, puddle lamps, and an auto dimming interior rearview mirror with compass. Options include traction assist (\$95), heated seats (\$295), power moon roof (\$795), and the Audiophile system with eight speakers (\$420).

The Milan is the best car Mercury has made in a long time. It looks great, drives even better. It will deliver a smooth, enjoyable ride with enhanced drivability.

**Tested Vehicle Information: Price: \$25,495; Engine: 3.0L DOHC V6; Transmission: Catalyst 6-Speed Automatic.**

## Ask Deanna!



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### Dear Deanna!

My grandmother raised me because my parents were crack addicts. Now that I'm older, I want to see my mother. I'm in the middle of a war because my grandmother feels betrayed and my mother wants a second chance. I'm grateful and appreciative, but I can't hate my mother. I'm trying to do the right thing but my grandmother has threatened to evict me and disown me if I reach out to my mother. What do I do? -Anonymous; Omaha, Neb.

### Dear Anonymous:

You're the baby of the bunch that

can teach growth and wisdom to these ladies. Your grandmother wants to protect you from further harm but she's taking the wrong approach. She's possessive because with a mother on crack, there are plenty of things you were too young to see or remember. Ask your grandmother to partner with you as you reach out and seek to seal and heal the triangle together.

### Dear Deanna!

I tossed my future wife out of the house in the middle of the night. My family is taking her side because she told them about an old affair I had. However, she failed to mention I walked in and a strange man was asleep in my bed. I only wanted her to be honest about this man right then and there. She never came up with a good reason so I kicked her out immediately. I'm confused because she wants to return. Should I give her another chance? -Tony; Orlando, Fla.

### Dear Tony:

She's playing you left and right and that's why you can't see straight. Unless you just fell off the turnip truck, the man in your bed was there for a reason. You did the right thing by getting her out of the house on the spot. You always have the option of staying and faking it since you're both cheaters. But you should keep it real and get out of this relationship with the lottery approach and tell your fiancée "Don't play me, play Lotto!"

### Dear Deanna!

I have a small habit of hitting my husband. It's always playful but recently, he said he's going to start hitting back. I didn't think anything of it until I slapped him in the back because he wasn't listening to me. He caught me off guard and hit me so hard that I lost my breath. This has caused a problem because he won't apologize and I feel abused.

I'm looking at him differently and wonder is this a warning my husband is physically abusive? --Camille; Pasadena, Calif.

### Dear Camille:

He's not abusive. As a matter of fact, he's tired of you beating on him and taking it lightly because you're a woman. He gave you fair warning but when he put your lights out you wanted to cry because you didn't get your way. If he wasn't physical before, during or after marriage, there's not much there. If it was that bad, you would've called the authorities. In the future, remember and respect his warning and keep your hands to yourself.

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# EL OBSERVADOR

## Stage Set for Spanish-Language Theater

### Bellas Artes presents Ardiente Paciencia

An all Spanish-Language Bellas Artes Production of Antonio Skarmeta (Burning Patience) comes to the Milagro Theatre, 525 S.E. Start St., with an opening night performance, Friday, April 7 at 8 p.m.

Based on Antonio Skarmeta's novel, the source of the 1995 Academy Award-nominated Italian mo-

tion picture Il Postino (The Postman), Ardiente Paciencia imagines the Chilean poet Pablo Neruda making friends with Mario, a lovestruck and untutored postman whose only assignment is to deliver mail to the hero of the people. Their friendship over time becomes more passionate than any traditional love story as Mario is deeply inspired to great heights by Neruda's poetry and politics. Though this charming romance will be present in the original Spanish language, English supertitles will be available on Thursday evenings



and Sunday matinees to reach all audiences.

Ardiente Paciencia is a stunning and powerful play multi-layered with poetry, passion, and politics to tell the most compelling of love stories, not only of the tender love of Mario for Beatriz, but of the Chilean people for their great poet and political idol - Pablo Neruda.

Martin del Campo as Mario and Yoana Molina Marcial as Beatriz star in Ardiente Paciencia (Burning Patience).

## Immigrants Share in Robust Economies

### Wages increase with newcomers

Want to make more money? Move to a city teeming with immigrants, say two economists from California and Italy who have linked immigrant labor to robust economies in American cities.

The five cities that have benefited the most are Los Angeles, San Jose, Austin, Houston and Phoenix, all which have seen tremendous increases in their immigrant residents over the past 30 years, say Giovanni Peri from the University of California, Davis, and Gianmarco Ottaviano from the University of Bologna, Italy.

By looking at the data on the 100 largest U.S. cities over the past three decades, the two economists found that for each one percent increase in the number of foreign-born workers in a city, American-born workers saw a 0.3 percent increase in real wages.

Sacramento, which is average for growth in immigrant workers

among the 100 cities studied, saw an eight percent growth in immigrant labor from 1970 to 2000. That translates to a two percent improvement in real wages for American-born workers over those three decades due to the immigration effect, Peri said. In 2000, immigrants comprised more than 14 percent of the Sacramento work force.

"Our work shows that cities with more diversity — more immigrants — in the work force exhibit higher productivity for the American-born employees," Peri said.

Cities with little or no growth in immigration, such as Cleveland, Buffalo and Pittsburgh, did not benefit from this phenomenon during the same time, according to Peri and Ottaviano's calculations.

"We find no evidence that the American-born workers leave the city, but we do find evidence that they earn higher average wages," Peri said.

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