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Robots + Us Conquer OMSI

On Saturday, May 27, visitors to the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) will have a chance to see what robots look like in real life and how we use and interact with them in hands-on labs, when the highly anticipated 'Robots + Us' exhibit makes its debut. The exhibit will run through Sept. 4

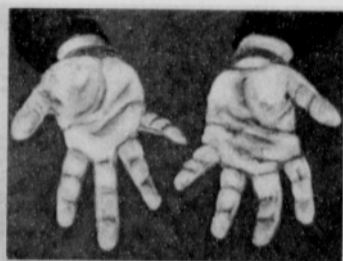
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'Open Hands,' Kathleen Simpson. Layered Art Featured

Northwest artists who produce layered works will be on display from Thursday, June 1 through Aug. 2 in the Student Services Building at Washington State University Vancouver, 14204 N.E. Salmon Creek Ave.

The group show sponsored by the Society of Layerists in Multi-Media will include tapestry, paintings, mixed media and a sculptural piece.

Layerists are diverse in their approach to making art, but they make similar references to overlapping disciplines.

The free exhibit will be open Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Odd Couple at Theater/Theatre!

Integrity Production presents a female version of the beloved "The Odd Couple" opening Thursday, June 1 at the Theater/Theatre! 3430 S.E. Belmont St.

Neil Simon's own rewrite of this classic 1965 comedy has Unger and Madison at it again! Florence Unger and Olive Madison, that is - with all the sidesplitting drama of the original.

When neurotic and fussy Florence is kicked out by her husband, laid-back and messy Olive takes her in. The clash of wills and won'ts that ensues - complete with flying pasta and moose calls - teaches both women a lesson in true friendship.

Surrounded by their zany friends and featuring visits by the handsome and entertaining Costazuela brothers, the story, set in the 1980's features an hysterically funny cast.

June shows are each Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 with discounts available.



Integrity Productions presents a female version of 'The Odd Couple' by Neil Simon at Theater/Theatre! 3430 S.E. Belmont.



Isley Brothers Celebrate

The return to center stage for Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee Ronald Isley, aka 'Mr. Biggs' has finally arrived.

His new CD "Baby Makin Music" celebrates five decades of music from the Isley Brothers, the first album for Def Jam's Def Soul Recordings. The album with the

lead single "Just Came Here to Chill" hit stores this month.

The Isley Brothers vocal group was formed in Cincinnati in 1955. The original recording lineup included Ronald and older brothers O'Kelly and Randolph. A fourth brother, Vernon died in the 1950s.

Highest Honor Bestowed

(AP) — France gave Sidney Poitier its highest arts honor Thursday at the Cannes Film Festival, where the culture minister praised the Oscar winner for tearing down barriers for black actors in Hollywood.

Poitier, 79, was named a commander in France's order of arts and letters. In 1964, he became the first black performer in a leading role to win an Academy Award, for "Lilies of the Field."

"You are the champion of equality between men," Culture Minister Renaud Donnedieu de Vabres said.

Poitier thanked his parents, who were field workers in the Bahamas, for giving him a sense of honesty, integrity and compassion.

He also thanked the directors who broke convention to hire him, calling them "men who



Sidney Poitier

chose to change that pattern because it was not democratic, it was not American, it was not human."

Poitier's screen credits also include roles in "The Defiant Ones," "In the Heat of the Night," "A Patch of Blue" and "A Raisin in the Sun."

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A 2006 AINSWORTH IN THE CITY

Ainsworth United Church of Christ
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A three-day celebration hosted by the congregation of Ainsworth United Church of Christ (AUCC), whose activities include social response and action in the greater Portland area, support for community issues, and promotion of interfaith understanding. Proceeds will support the mission and ministry of AUCC, as well as our community partner for 2006, Elders in Action. AUCC is also offering a special raffle for a three-night stay for two at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Friday, June 2 — Silent Auction, Hors D'Oeuvres and Dancing
When the sun goes down in Stump Town, we will gather at McMenamin's Edgefield, 2126 S.W. Halsey in Troutdale. From 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., we will enjoy a plethora of hors d'oeuvres, have great fun with our silent auction, Live music -featuring Janice Scroggins!-dancing. There will be something for everyone's taste. Tickets are available now: \$35 per person (\$10.50 of which is tax-deductible donation). Call the church as soon as possible at (503) 284-8767.

Saturday, June 3 — Family Festival
Saturday marks the Fourth Annual Family Festival, featuring food, beverages, an inflatable "Bounce House," a clown, face painting, a Portland Fire Truck; and a jewelry, plant and book sale. Festivities run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. right next to the church on a closed N.E. 30th Ave.

Sunday, June 4 — Celebration Worship Service and Birthday Party
When you are as welcoming as AUCC, the worship service offers inspiration, jubilation and the Word of God brought to you by people of profound faith, witness and service. This morning, Ainsworth's Pastor Lynne Smouse Lopez's sermon topic will be "Rejoicing in the Gift of God's Spirit." Rooted in AUCC's traditional Four Seasons Birthday Celebration, the after-church activity will honor and celebrate everybody's birthday with scrumptious food, cakes, punch and beverages. The drawing for the Las Vegas trip will be done at the Four Seasons Birthday Celebration. The winner of the drawing will receive a three night stay at the Bellagio Hotel for two adults air fare included.

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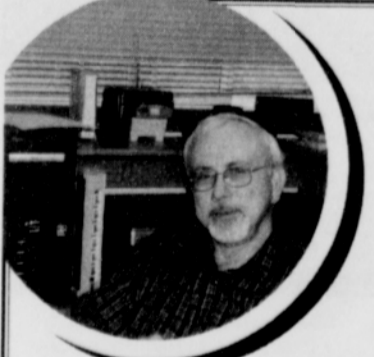
Waterfront Blues Tickets, Cruises

Tickets are now on sale for five-day festival passes and for blues cruises for the 2006 Safeway Waterfront Blues Festival, presented by First Tech Credit Union, June 30 to July 4.

Blues Cruise tickets sold out quickly at last year's event, so two additional cruises have been added to this year's schedule, according to Peter Dammann, festival talent coordinator.

Blues fans will have a chance to hear festival artists perform on intimate stages on the three decks of the Portland Spirit, as the boat leisurely cruises the beautiful Willamette River.

To purchase tickets, call TicketsWest at 503-224-8499 or 1-800-992-8499, or visit www.ticketswest.com. The Blues Cruises are in addition to the festival's stellar lineup of more than 100 performers on four stages at Waterfront Park on the banks of the Willamette River in downtown Portland.



ODOT KEEPS OREGON BUSINESSES GOING STRONG

Oregon businesses are finding opportunities for growth with the Oregon Department of Transportation's OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program.

The bridge program is repairing or replacing more than 300 bridges on Oregon's highways. This work stimulates Oregon's economy and keeps Oregon businesses strong.

Gladstone-based TLP GeoSpatial Solutions LLC is providing remote sensing, topographic, GIS and aerial mapping services for the bridge program. The company recently won three contracts worth more than \$120,000 to provide high-accuracy topographic mapping in Hood River and the Columbia River Gorge

National Scenic Area, plus additional work at 17 bridge sites near Eugene.

As a result of these contracts, TLP GeoSpatial owner Tom Pagh has hired an Oregon-based small business as a subcontractor to provide additional services.

To learn more, visit ODOT's web site at http://egov.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/OTIA/bridge_delivery.shtml.

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