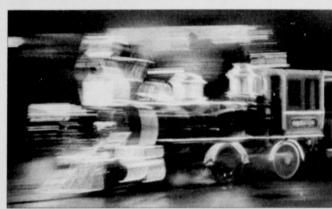
Kwanzaa Marketplace-

- Currently through Dec. 30, Saturdays and Sundays, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; the Kwanzaa Marketplace at Interstate Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate, offers a beau-

tiful selection of home crafted culturally rich gifts to warm your Kwanzaa celebration.

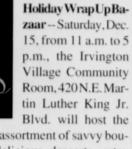
Theatrical Christmas -- Miracle Theatre Group invites the whole family to enjoy the Posada Milagro, the celebration reflecting upon the journey of Mary and Joseph in their search for refuge, Sunday, Dec. 16 from noon to 5 p.m. at El Centro Milagro, 525 S.E. Stark St. For more information, visit vilagro.org or call 503-236-7253.

An Evening In December -- Saturday, Dec. 15 and Sunday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m.; experience the sights and sounds of the Christmas season through drama, music, carols and more at the Central Church of the Nazarene, 9715 S.E. Powell Blvd.



Zoo Lights -- The Oregon Zoo is alive with holiday lights through Dec. 30. ZooLights is a family tradition featuring illuminated life-size animal silhouettes, trees, buildings, walkways and the zoo train. There's also music from schools, churches and community groups. Hours are 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays. The festival is closed Dec. 24-25.

Holiday Happenings



fantastic assortment of savvy boutiques, delicious desserts, artsy clothing vendors and more.

Wintersong 2007 -- Saturday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 16 at 2:30 p.m.; celebrate the holidays with Native American Ambiances and Jackson Berkley (co-founder of Mannheim Steamroller), for more information contact 503-226-2588.

The Grotto's Festival of Lights --

Sunday, Dec. 23 through Sunday, Dec. 30, gates will be open at 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., The Grotto, NE 85 and Sandy Blvd., welcomes all who seek the true spirit and meaning of Christmas; for more information contact 503-254-7371.

Tuba Christmas 2007 -- Saturday, Dec. 15, from 1:30

p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Pioneer Courthouse Square, 701 SW 6 St. will host this free event with nearly 200 tubas playing festive music for the holiday season and sing-a-long carols.

Yuletide Spectacular -- Saturday, Dec. 15, at 3 p.m., Schnitzer Hall, 1037 SW Broadway, the Oregon Symphony brings the magic of the holiday season alive to enchant one and all; visit or symphony.org for ticketing.

An Evening with Liv Warfield -- Friday. Dec. 14, Jimmy Mak's, 221 NW 10 Ave., will

host an intimate concert featuring local celebrity Liv Warfield; performing hits from her debut album 'Embrace Me'; contact 503-295-6542 for ticketing.

Christmas At The Old Church -- Saturday, Dec. 15 through Monday, Dec. 24, Michael Allen Harrison will be performing at The Old Church, 1422 SW 11, at the 18th annual Christmas Concert Series. For more information contact 503-244-8499.



Christmas Ship Parade -- Currently through Thursday, Dec. 20, enjoy the beauty of Christmas with the beautiful holiday ships at the River Place Marina; visit christmasships.org for more information on this free event.



The Nutcracker --Monday, Dec. 24, parkling lights of the towering tree, the sweeping crescendo from the full orchestra and the dazzling land of swirling snow performed by the Or-

egon Ballet Theatre at Keller Auditorium, SW 3 and Clay. Visit obt.org or call 503-222-5538 for more information.

Holiday Concert -- Linda Hornbuckle and Janice Scroggins perform a holiday concert, Sunday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. at Mississippi Studios, 3939 N. Mississippi Ave. Tickets are \$15. For more information, call



Brass, Bells, and Wassail -- Friday, Dec. · 14 through Sunday, Dec. 16, Kaul Auditorium ReedCollege, 3203 S.E. Woodstock, host the Portland Gay Men's Chorus annual holiday concert ·celebra-

La Boutique Fantasque: The Enchanted Toyshop --Friday, Dec. 21, thru Sunday Dec. 23, the Pacific Artist Ballet Theatre-youth company presents the enchanting holiday ballet; a magical tale of two children left forgotten overnight in a toyshop. Performances will be held at the Lincoln Performance hall, 1620 S.W. Park Currently through Ave. Call 503-224-4400 for ticketing and performance schedule.

> The Polar Express -- Currently through Sunday, Dec. 23, take a train ride to the North Pole on the 'Polar Express' for a memorable journey that will thrill children young and old; contact 800-872-4661 for more information.

> A Christmas Carol -- Currently through Sunday, Dec. 23, Portland Center Stage, Gerding Theater, 120 N.W. 11, presents Charles Dickens' classic tale of greed and redemption. For more information contact 503-445-

> PIR Winter Wonderland -- Presently through Jan. 1, Portland International Raceway, 1940 N. Victory Blvd., host the largest animated drive-thru light show in the Northwest; contact 503-821-4396 for more informa-

> A Fairy Tale Christmas -- Currently through Monday, Dec. 31, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, Pittock Mansion, 3229 N.W. Pittock Drive., transforms 23 rooms into enchanted fairy tales that come to life before your child's eyes. Call 503-823-3622 for more information.

Holiday Artisan Market at Pioneer Courthouse Square -- Portland Saturday Market artisans brings their wares to the center of Downtown Portland, under the Burnside Bridge, midweek from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., for those last minute, thoughtful holiday gifts.

Kanye West, Amy Winehouse and the Foo Fighters are among the leading Grammy contenders.

West received a leading eight nominations Thursday. Winehouse received six, including for best new artist, record and song of the year for her hit "Rehab," and albumofthe yearfor "Back to Black."

Best album nominees included the Foo Fighters, West and Herbie



Grammy Contenders Named

Hancock. Other best new artist nominees were Feist, Paramour, Taylor Swift and Ledesi.

Aretha Franklin and Mary J. Blige were nominated for best Gospel performance for "Never Gonna Break My Faith," featuring the Harlem Boys Choir.

Kanye West

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Dear Deanna!

credit report was good enough -- Jailyne; Myrtle Beach, SC to get approved for the lease and that's all that matters. I've only been late a few times but I'm now on time consistently. How do I handle this situation of constantly being judged, ridiculed and second guessed? -- Anonymous; On-Line Reader

Dear Anonymous:

on a short-term lease, a per- make yourself useful and

sonal post office box and an exit plan while you get your life together. Your old habits are hard to break and if you've been late then you deserve being second guessed. To save yourself some stress, save your money, break your lease and start on a fresh note that'll guarantee you success.

Dear Deanna!

My brother uses his children to pick up women and I don't like it. He takes the children to the parks and restaurants because opportunity to start his game, Cats; On-Line Reader I'm renting a room inside asking for phone numbers and someones house. The person I pushing for dates. Things came live with has started opening to a boiling point when he was my mail and has begun to criti- at a restaurant and a few of the cize me because of my finances. women were there at the same Yes, I have bad credit but this time. How do I get him to see is my personal business. My that it's wrong to do this?

Dear Jailyne:

Instead of hating the player and his game, you need to become counters and sleep in beds. part of the solution and stop complaining. If it's obvious that you can't deal with the what your brother is doing, you should volunteer your time he can date. Yes, he's wrong for putting his kids in the middle You signed a lease that opened and you're more wrong for not you up for invasion of your saying anything before now. privacy and you've handed This isn't rocket science and if them a key to your life. You you want to mind his business should've entered this situation and be nosey, go ahead and

babysit and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

My new girlfriend has a cat and this is now a problem. I didn't think she was one of those people that kiss pets, let them sleep in the bed and stuff like that. I was wrong. We were having dinner and I saw the cat in the kitchen on the counter licking its fur. I got sick, I was disgusted and we had an argument. The cat has become the deal breaker in this relationship. I really like her but if I he knows women will be there. have to make her choose the When someone compliments cat or me, I will. Any suggesthe kids, he takes that as an tions? -- Darryl Don't Like

Dear Darryl:

Now this is a classic case where the dog is really chasing the cat. Your girlfriend is not going to choose you over the cat because this pet has been there during her tears, bad times and lonely nights before you came around. You're grown and you know that cats walk on kitchen Your best bet is to let her know kitty cat at her place but you're willing to move dates to your place and see what happens.

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Mayor Honors Edna Robinson

continued A from Front

Robertson was a firm but lowkey leader who knew when to stay in the background. Unlike some of she did not become involved in constant care. electoral politics. "The candidate boss someday," she commented at the time.

During meetings of coalition directors at City Hall, when some of her counterparts engaged in games of one-upmanship, Robertson would sit quietly in a corner and knit.

"Edna had more magnitude than the program more cohesiveness

than it's had since." Robertson's withdrawal from day- family. At one point, with her cil Chambers at City Hall.

been fairly complete. A stroke in Portland Police Bureau, a gang of 1991 took away her mobility; she is confined to bed and a wheelchair much of the time. Her daughters her contemporaries in other offices, Synetta, Terry and Felicia provide

Robertson's perspective is that you're working against may be your of an inner-city resident, and like many of her neighbors she is not a fan of the new infill development she sees around her.

> "In the last few years there have been three new houses, and four houses are empty," she says. "Unless you're rich, they're hard to get.'

She sees a lack of neighborliwerealized," Fordrecalls. "She gave ness on the block compared to an earlier time when her neighbors, the Harris family, acted as surro- 20 other groups and individuals at Since her retirement, gate guardians for her and her 2p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13 in Coun-

to-day community activities has neighbors' help and that of the drug dealers operating on the block were pushed out.

Robertson grew up in Birmingham, Ala., the daughter of a contractor and a maid. ("You'd call her a domestic engineer today," she says.) Although her mother lacked advanced formal schooling, she was well-educated through her own reading and study, she says. She moved to Portland in 1959, and joined the Model Cities staff in 1969.

Commenting on her award she said, "I was shocked. It's very nice that someone would remember me and give me an award."

City Council members, will present awards to Robertson and



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