

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Zoo 'Safari' for Seniors

Annual event offers free admission

If you yearn for high adventure but high prices are keeping you home, the Oregon Zoo may have just the ticket. Anyone 65 or over (along with one companion) can visit for free during the zoo's annual Senior Safari, Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sponsored by Providence Health Plan, the event provides a day of activities and entertainment planned with those 65 and over in mind.

In the morning, safari-goers can fortify themselves with complimentary coffee and doughnuts. Throughout the day, seniors and their guests can pet animals at the Trillium Creek Family Farm, attend



Roberta Prowell (from left), Courtney Newstead and Wallace Prowell visit with bird trainer Ginny Steingruber and Sundance, a red-tailed hawk, during the zoo's annual Senior Safari.

animal talks, ride the zoo train, take in a "Wild Life Live!" presentation on the concert lawn and enjoy special musical performances. A senior lunch special will be available at the picnic shelter and in zoo restaurants.

Seniors can also watch orangutans and white-cheeked gibbons swing and climb through the zoo's new Red Ape Reserve exhibit, which opened Sept. 3.

Providence Home and Community Services is providing free wheelchairs for use on a first-come, first-served basis. The supply is limited, so people who need wheelchairs are urged to bring their own if possible. Volunteers will be available to assist with wheelchair navigation.

More information is available at www.oregonzoo.org or by calling 503-226-1561.

Vintage Hollywood on the Main Stage

Sunset Boulevard opens downtown

Are you ready for your close-up, Portland? The glamour and horror of Vintage Hollywood splashes across



Linda Mugleston stars in *Sunset Boulevard*, the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical adaption by Portland Center Stage at the Gerding Theater at the Armory.

the Portland Center Stage in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Sunset Boulevard*, which started on Tuesday with performances continuing through October on the Main Stage at the Gerding Theater at the Armory.

Set in 1950, but it could just as easily have been ripped from this morning's TMZ.com, the production brings Billy Wilder's glittering Hollywood train wreck of a tale to Portland with Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical adaptation of

Sunset Boulevard.

There's no worse sin a Hollywood actress can commit than the sin of getting older. For fading silent film star Norma Desmond, life after the silver screen was a forced retreat into a luxurious Sunset Boulevard mansion, left alone with her memories, a monkey and a butler named Max.

Enter the handsome but destitute young writer Joe Gillis, on the lam from the repo man and looking for anything that might keep his belly full and his car off the street for more than a day. As she draws him into a scheme to re-launch her film career (and simultaneously lures him into her bed) she spins a web of jealous, defiant illusions that ultimately ensnares them both.

Billy Wilder once said of *Sunset Boulevard*, the blockbuster movie classic that launched William Holden's career and re-launched

Gloria Swanson's, "It should be an opera. After all, what is Norma if not a dethroned queen?"

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