

# EL OBSERVADOR

## Love, Mischief and Second Chances

Day of the Dead play tweaks Don Juan tale

What happens when Don Juan, a most devilish and infamous romantic, appears in spirit form to disrupt a Day of the Dead street theatre perfor-



mance? ¡Viva Don Juan!, of course!

Milagro Theatre's original, bilingual play is set in the late 1800s—just prior to the Mexican Revolution—when a troupe of poor actors has arrived to present its annual street theatre production of Don Juan Tenorio (a play that has since become a día de los muertos tradition in Mexico).

But amidst the actors' preparations enters the spirit of Don Juan himself, quite upset that no one has remembered him on this special day.

Directed by Olga Sanchez, the production plays with the themes of love, discovering a new perspective on life and second chances.

An exhibit of Day of the Dead altars created by local Latino artists will be on display one hour prior to each performance.

¡Viva Don Juan! runs through Sunday, Nov. 14; Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m., and special shows Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. For more information, visit milagro.org or call 503-236-7253.

*The spirit of Don Juan played by James Peck in ¡Viva Don Juan!, Miracle Theatre Group's bilingual Day of the Dead celebration.*

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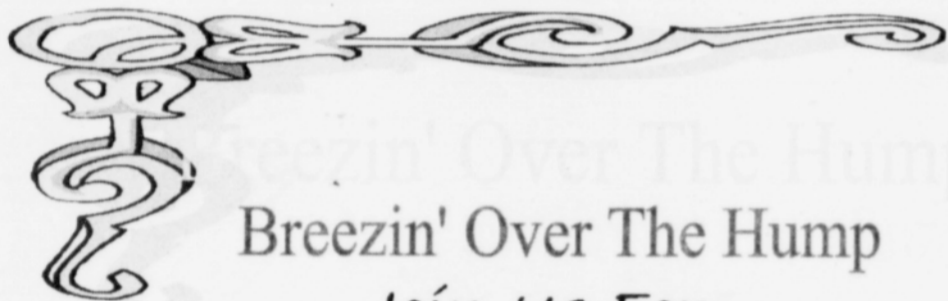
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## Nonprofit Wins Housing Grant

Hillsboro nonprofit Bienestar has been awarded \$2.4 million to build 24 new apartments for farmworker families.

Bienestar has helped provide affordable housing and resident services for 460 low-income families in Aloha, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Hillsboro and Scappoose over the past 29 years. The federal award will go toward their latest project, Juniper Gardens in Forest Grove, where they plan to break ground in

April 2011.

"We are so grateful to be able to develop new quality affordable housing for farmworker families in Washington County", says Bienestar Executive Director Karen Shawcross. "The need for quality, safe, affordable homes with resident services is great for those who provide essential labor in our community. We believe that we have a unique cultural competency in serving farmworker families, and are looking forward to

breaking ground."

Housing help is crucial as the estimated median annual income for a farmworker family in Washington County is between \$10,000 and \$14,000, according to Oregon Employment Department. The number of farmworkers in Washington County swells to 18,000 in the harvest season, and many workers live in unsanitary, unsafe, and overcrowded conditions, whether in labor camps or in private units.

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