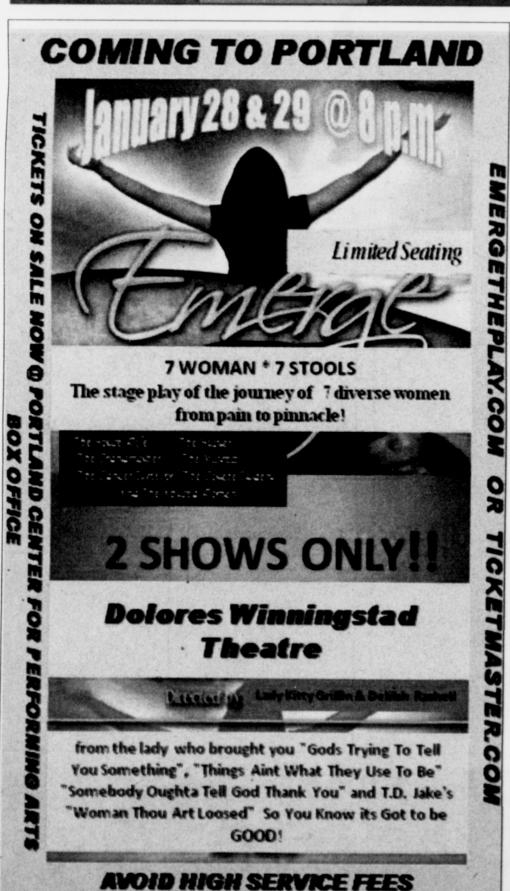
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The **Imaginary** Invalid

Argan (David Margulies) attempts to lay a big smooch on his less than enthusiastic wife, Beline (Christine Calfas) in The Imaginary Invalid, a skewering of a health care crisis from an entirely different century, now playing on the Portland Center Stage Main Stage through Feb. 6.

Graceful Names Art Exhibit -- "Graceful Names," an art exhibit at the Littman and White Galleries at Portland State University, will feature the work of locallybased artist Kanaan Kanaan and highlights the 99 names of Allah (God) as titles, each with intricate detail and vibrant color. Show continues all month.

Last Polar Bear exhibit -- At the World Forest Center Discovery Museum, photographer Steven Kazlowski documents the devastating urgency of global warming's impact on the Arctic in the photo exhibit, The Last Polar Bear: Facing the Truth of a Warming World. Show runs through April 3.

Norman Sylvester Band -- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band performs Friday, Jan. 21 at Tillicum's; Saturday, Jan. 22 at Mac's Place Silverton; Friday, Feb. 4 at the West Linn Saloon; and Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Top Shelf in Vancouver.

ChocolateFest - An anticipated 75 vendors are expected to be at ChocolateFest, a World Forestry Center fundraiser for educational programs that moves this year to the Oregon Convention Center. The opening night premiere is Friday, Jan. 21 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; and the celebration continues Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 22-23 from 10 am. to 5 p.m. Visit chocolatefest.org.



Murals Exhibit -- The exhibit "Walls of Heritage, Walls of Pride: African American Murals," showcasing murals from Portland artists and all over the country takes place at the Oregon Historical Society through Feb.

Mel Brown Live -- Portland jazz giant Mel Brown performs at Salty's on the Columbia every Friday and Saturday night. Known as the "Gentleman of Jazz," Brown has a career spanning over 40 years.

Chili Cook Off - Bethel Church, 5828 N.E. Eighth Ave., will host a Chili Cook Off on Saturday, Jan. 29 from

noon until 4 p.m. A donation of \$10 will be accepted at the door. For more information, call 503-288-5429.

Tinker Toy Inspiration -- Tinker toys are bigger than ever at the Portland Children's Museum where a "Build Your Imagination" exhibit continues through Sunday, Jan.. 23. Giant replicas of the classic Tinker toy construction set provides for fun and educational activities targeted to children ages 3-10.



Explore What Makes You Tick -- OMSI's new highly interactive exhibit "Identity: An Exhibition of You" explores the physical, psychological and social elements in your life and challenges our notions of personal identity.

Live Jazz -- Every Friday and Saturday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Third Degrees Lounge at the River Place Hotel, 1510 S.W. Harbor Way. No cover or minimum purchase. For more information, visit pdxjazz.com.

Music Millennium Free Shows -- The Music Millennium, 3158 E. Burnside, hosts in-house live performances. Enjoy free music and the opportunity to meet artists. Call 503-231-8926 for a schedule.

Office Warming Party -- Freedom Socialist Party and Radical Women invite friends and the activist community to celebrate their new Bread & Roses Center home, 6834 N.E. Glisan, on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 4 p.m. Event is free and open to all.

Discount Admission -- OMSI visitors pay only \$2 per person for general admission on the first Sunday of each month as well as discounted admission of \$5 to the Planetarium, OMIMAX Theater and USS Blueback submarine.

Slough Celebration -- On Friday, Feb. 4, 6-9 pm, the Columbia Slough Watershed Council invites the community to the 12th Annual Slough Celebration and fundraiser; includes dinner, drinks, silent auction, award presentations, creative videos, and live music. Melody Ballroom, 615 S.E. Alder St. For tickets, visit columbiaslough.org or call 503-281-1132.

