

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Radical Roots Run Deep

Play to strike a chord with Portland audiences

Emma Joseph is heir to a leftist family tradition, but when evidence emerges that her grandfather may have shared secrets with the Soviets, Emma struggles to reconcile her disappointment.

"After the Revolution" by Amy Herzog is extraordinarily written, full of heart, humor and incredible portraits of the fictionalized Joseph family.

The play closes the current season for Portland Playhouse and will be performed beginning with a preview on Wednesday, April 30. Opening night is on Saturday, May 1; and shows continue through June 1 at The Church, 602 N.E. Prescott St.

The play dramatizes revelations

in 1999 about Julius J. Joseph, Herzog's grandfather, who was blacklisted in the late 1940s, and their impact on three generations of the Joseph family.

Several members of the real-life Joseph family will attend the opening night performance and participate in a talk-back following the Sunday, May 4 matinee performance.

"The Josephs' history as activists passionately engaged in fighting for change over

multiple generations will strike a chord with Portland audiences," said the play's director Tamara Fisch. "Portland has a rich history of activism and radical politics (John Reed, the founder of the America Communist Party, was born in Portland!) and I'm excited to bring this story, with roots that run deep into America's past, to Portland audiences."

While the underlying history and political issues are richly interwoven



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into the script, Fisch is quick to point out that "this is a play about family. In many ways, it's about growing up, and the loss and disap-

pointment that is an inevitable part of that process. The difficult questions of family, loyalty, and disappointment that are so beautifully

rendered in the play are truly universal."

Tickets are \$15 to \$36. Call 503-488-5822 or visit portlandplayhouse.org.

Incredible Edibles Plant Sale

Embrace homegrown goodness at the Multnomah County Master Gardeners' Incredible Edibles Plant Sale on Saturday May 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Westminster

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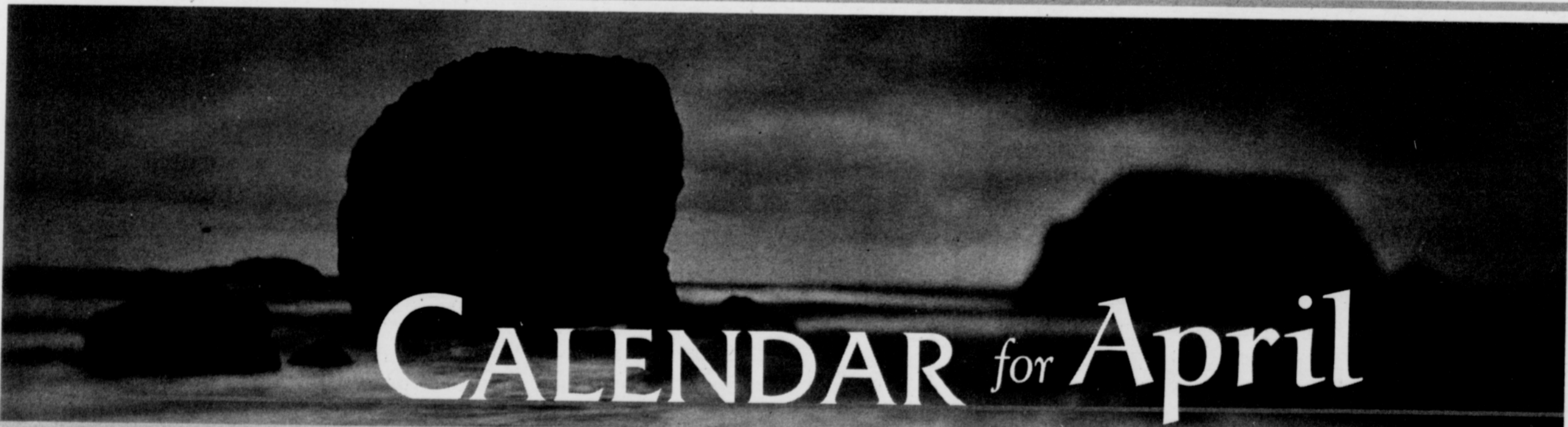
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SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
26 Hug a Friend Day National Pretzel Day Seismologist Charles Richter born, 1900	27 Tell a Story Day Walter Lantz born, 1899 (The creator of Woody Woodpecker)	28 James Monroe born, 1758 (5th President)	● 29 Zipper Day (patented by Gideon Sundback in 1913)	30 National Honesty Day Anniversary Louisiana Purchase completed (1803)		