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JIM PEPPER - FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL

■ Native American jazz musician who traveled the world with his music will be honored in Grand Ronde with Tribute concert.

Hollis Taylor and band will give benefit performance to help raise money for the Veteran's Memorial.

By Chris Mercier

Words often fail to capture the style of Jim Pepper.

Some might call his music "profound." Others have called it "genius." His music may have been both really, yet that unique fusion of jazz and Native American chants would probably best be summed with this: *Original*.

Those with an ear for something new, or simple jazz-lovers in general would be wise to make some time available October 26, when Grand Ronde will be hosting a trib-

ute to Pepper, lead by renowned violinist Hollis Taylor. The presence of Taylor herself should hint at the reputation of Pepper, especially since it was only shortly before losing his battle with cancer in 1991 that music lovers in his native Portland, or the whole country really, began to warm up to his implicit talent.

And Taylor, however, is but one of a long list of world class musicians who had been affiliated with Pepper in his life. Also included are such notables as Don Cherry, Bob Moses, Ornette Coleman and even Charlie Hayden.

Just who then was this Jim Pepper? Who was he to have earned the respect of the very respected?

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△ Photo provided by the Pepper family

◁ Photo provided by Hollis Taylor

Pepper and Spice — The late and legendary Native American jazz musician Jim Pepper will be honored by world-class violinist Hollis Taylor and some of her musician friends during a tribute concert in Grand Ronde on Friday, October 26. Taylor, who is currently in Paris, said she can't wait to perform in Grand Ronde.

TICKET INFORMATION — Tickets can be purchased or reserved by contacting the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's Public Information Office at 503-879-2190 or 503-879-2321. The cost of the tickets is \$10 by cash or check. Jim Pepper CDs "Remembrance" and "Pepper's Pow-wow" will be on sale at the concert.

Tribal Investments: Gregory Lofts Project Nearly Sold Out



Photo provided by the Gregory Lofts office

Lofty New Digs — The Tribe's Spirit Mountain Development Corporation has partnered into a residential real estate venture in Portland's Pearl District called the Gregory Lofts. The lofts are located on the light rail station at 11th and Gleason and are fashioned after other similar buildings in Cleveland, New York and Chicago that have proven to be successful investments.

By Chris Mercier

In keeping with the times, Spirit Mountain Development Corporation has entered into the Pearl business.

Pearl District business, that is.

Visitors happening to pass through Portland's artistic neighborhood can cast a glance at SMDC's latest venture and a rather striking one at that, the Gregory Lofts. Actually, anybody walking within eyesight of 11th and Glisan can't help but notice the new structure.

The Gregory Lofts dominates the cityscape in this part of Portland, a visual behemoth in an area known for its quaintness and laid-back attitude. Nobody is complaining of it, though, as the new building, sporting 133 new living spaces is rather on par with one of Portland's more prosperous, creative and not to mention up and coming areas.

Gregory Lofts will provide more than just new living spaces in the Pearl District. In a neighborhood known for aesthetics, it will provide residents the rare opportunity to customize their living spaces, i.e. to indulge their artistic impulses.

"Basically, the person buys the loft, which is a big open space," explained David Blum. "And from there they finish it off."

The idea is one that has enjoyed successful runs in cities such as New York, Cleveland and Chicago. Buyers are afforded the prospect of something that most of the time has been reserved for suburban homeowners — the chance to build their home, only this time in the city. They can add walls, leave it open, throw paint, etc.

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The Family Business is Racing

Brothers Todd (right) and Mark Shandy, the sons of Tribal Elder Louise Coulson (center), spend as much time as possible behind the wheel of their racecars at the Willamette Speedway in Lebanon. The Shandy's competed against each other in their recently completed racing season. Also pictured are Tribal Elders Cherie Butler and Donna Casey.



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