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Josephine Hampton of Aumsville frosts a cake designed to look like the Capitol. The cake will be served today.

Salem plans a Capitol party

By Ron Cowan

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The Capitol in Salem turns 50 today, and the town is ready to celebrate.

Events last most of the day, and some continue into Sunday. Here's a list:

Continental breakfast: 9 a.m., for those involved with the building and 1938 dedication of the Capitol, Capitol Coffee Shop.

Exhibits: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 'Temples of Government: The Oregon Capitol Buildings in Salem' and the 'Oregon Arts Commission Invitational Exhibit: Bicentennial Ratification Celebration,' both in Capitol gallery — first floor lobby. Continues Sunday.

100 years of Oregon railroad history: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., railroad museum car at the train station, 12th Street and Pringle Parkway SE. Continues Sunday.

Parade: 9:30 a.m., through downtown Salem, starting at Willamette University Bellevue Street parking lot, passing in front of the Capitol and ending at Willamette.

Oregon Army National Guard Band: 10:30 a.m., the brass ensemble performs on the front Capitol steps.

Rededication: 11 a.m., Capitol front steps. Gov. Neil Goldschmidt, Salem Mayor Sue Miller, other guests, current and former state officials will attend. Festive Choral Oregon performs. Parts of Summer and Court streets closed to traffic.

Cake cutting: Following the rededication, in the Capitol gallery — the first floor lobby.

Picnic: 12:30 p.m., Willson Park, with Oregon Army National Guard bands, square dancing, Capital City Jazz Band, Oregon Children's Ballet Theatre and park tours.

Constitutional debates: 1 to 4 p.m., in the House Chambers of the Capitol.

The Capitol building will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. All events are free.



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A scene from "Up in Oregon," with (from left) Portia Marx, Cathy Jo Shippy, Lara Walbridge and Jeanie Houts.

'Up in Oregon' is one of a kind

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Up in Oregon, which opened at Salem's Elsinore Theater Friday night, is destined to be an instant classic.

Or at least one of a kind. It's encouraging also in reminding us of the leveling influence of the arts: The

fact that the governor of Oregon should have to sit through this with the rest of us is some compensation.

Producer-director Bill Dugan, who assembled this lighthearted cavalcade of Oregon history, has created **Turn to Oregon**, Page 6B.

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