

Entertainment Guide



by Allen Jones

Entertainment Ratings
Fair*Good**Excellent***

THE ORIGINALS ***

Lonnie Bates, George Tribble and I were out the other night, so we decided to stop by the "Down Stairs Lounge" and check out the "Originals" who opened the night before. The group, consisting of: Tye Hunter, Walter Gaines, Hank Dixon, Freddy Borman and the exciting Cannonball Express Band had their act totally together. The Originals, who are no stranger to the spotlight, have been together for six years. They've already had two "Million Dollar" sellers - "The Bells" and "Baby I'm For Real." They also sang: "If I Ever Loose This Heaven," "We Can Make It Baby," "Disco Lady," "Engine Engine #9," and a host of other hit tunes. They offer the audience: a varied selection of tunes, good footwork, neat appearances and originality. A combination that is inevitable in today's music industry, and the Originals got it!!!

THE PONTENTATE BALL ***

One of the major community functions that a lot of people look forward to each year is the Annual Potentate Ball, sponsored by "the Masons." This year it was given at the Airtel Motor Inn. This organization is unquestionably one of the strongest in the nation. They are undaunted in support of one another, as exemplified at the ball Saturday night. I would venture to say a third of the comfortably seated participants were from Seattle and Tacoma, Washington. An exchange of support that has been going on for years, according to John Blow, a Portland-Mason. The five piece band, known as the M and M's, provided the footstomping music for the evening. They even went back to the 50's and played a classic, "The Honky Tonk," which had the dance floor packed in a matter of seconds. Both the ladies and gentlemen who attended the affair were handsomely attired. The entire evening was a sheer delight - the people were friendly, the music was good, the atmosphere was classy and I had a ball.

ART ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON ***

I've always had a special attraction for the "Albina Art Center". Not just because I served on the board temporarily and did assist in making a few improvements, but more importantly, the Albina Art Center is a forum for talented artists, musicians, sculptors, actors, poets and other interests that deal mainly in the arts. The Art Center, under the directorship of Clarence Wood, has stabilized itself and is obviously on the upswing. The "Art Show" Sunday was a good indication of the continuous support the Art Center is getting these days - both in and out of the community. There was a cross section of supporters on hand to view the work of: Charles Tatum, sculptor and Isaac Nommo, painter. Both Tatum and Nommo are very talented artists. I particularly liked "The Lady", a wood carving by Tatum, that showed excellent detail. Along with: "My Fathers Hands" by Nommo that blends color, composition and imagination into one. The talented Ms. Azzree Lathan added the touch of class to the evening, by providing the African decor and arrangements. Along with: Ms. Virginia Roberts, Ms. Jean Wakefield, Ms. Audry Lathan, Ms. Parker and Ms. Grayce Baldwin, they provided the homemade cakes, pies, salads, meats and a warm hand of hospitality. I don't know when I've had a more relating Sunday afternoon of Art and hospitality. Thanks for inviting me, it was coooooool.

L.T.O. CLUB **

With all of the social clubs around, there is no reason why they can't set up a meeting with a couple of people from each club and plan a calendar together. In this way, they won't have conflicting dates on social affairs that they are planning. The L.T.O. Club also had a dance Saturday night at the Elks Lodge. L.T.O. stands for Louisiana, Texas and Oregon. In spite of the small crowd, everybody was in a party mood, and that's just what they did - party. But when you have a band like the "West Coast Sound Assembly" it's quite understandable. Having gone to two functions prior to going there, I just ran out of steam. But regardless, everyone was having fun and that's the name of the game. Right? Right!!!

CHECK IT OUT

I met three charming and provocative women at the Potentate Ball, who came down from Seattle. To Millie Adams, Mary Miller and Dorothy Eichelberger, I dedicate this weeks column to you. It was a pleasure meeting you all.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ENTERTAINMENT

April 30th - The Albina Lions present "Unity In the Community", Fashion Show and Dance, Award Presentations.
April 30th - Jefferson's Junior Class presents, Spring Fashion Fair - "You Are So Beautiful." Jefferson High School Cafeteria, 7:30 p.m., donation \$1.50.



Female models will be showing various types of fashions from Zukors. From left to right LaRan Smith, Nancy McKimins and Linder Brown.



Male models pause while being fitted at Meier and Frank, Lloyd Center. From left to right are Rodney Woods, Lonnie Bates and Stan Johnson.

Albina Lions sponsor fashions

The Albina Lions Club will hold its 3rd Annual "Unity in the Community" Fashion Show and Dance, along with award presentations, on Friday, April 30th from 9:30 until 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 single and \$7.50 double. The exciting West Coast Sound Assembly will provide music for the evening. LaVerne E. Davis, a Portland model, will coordinate and commentate the Fashion show with men's fashion from Meier and Franks, Lloyd Center, Night & Day Formal Wear. Women's fashion are from Zukors, Lloyd Center, The Foxes Den, and Heads "N" Threads at N.E. Halsey.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

People's World Forum will be held on May Day. Guest speaker is Carl Bloice, Black activist, journalist, commentator and executive editor of People's World, a West Coast working-class weekly. Bloice will report on observations and experiences from his third trip to the Middle East...Lebanon and Yemen. There, he was guest of The Lebanese Community Party, met with Palestinian Resistance leaders, with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP). He interviewed Yasir Arafat, spoke with leaders of the Front for the Liberation of Oman and the Gulf (PLOG) and visited the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

Bloice, who will be arriving from San Francisco, will be available for a press conference on **May Day, Saturday, May 1st**, at 1:30 p.m. at the PCC Cascade Campus, Student Union Cafeteria, 705 N. Killingsworth. Bloice will address the People's World Forum at 705 N. Killingsworth, the Student Union Cafeteria, at 3:00 p.m.

"The Importance of Writing" will be the subject of a conference at Oregon Episcopal School in Raleigh Hills on Saturday, May 8th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The conference will address such questions as "Can our students learn to write effectively? How? At what age? Toward what ends?" and "Is all the complaining from higher education justified?"

Registration is \$3.75 (including lunch). To register or to obtain further information call Dr. Peter W. Sipple, Headmaster of Oregon Episcopal School, at 246-7771. O.E.S. is located at 6300 S.W. Nicol Road, near the Portland Golf Club.

Four new workshops have been scheduled by the Portland YWCA during the first part of the month of May. A three-session workshop on how to do electrical and plumbing repairs in the home will begin May 17th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Downtown YWCA, 1111 S.W. 10th Avenue. A two-session workshop on gathering and preserving Oregon flowers and weeds for arrangements for the home and for gifts will be featured at the Downtown YWCA beginning May 13th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. A four-session workshop on how to do Colonial Counted Cross-Stitch will begin May 6th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. How to redecorate a child's room inexpensively will be a two-session workshop beginning May 5th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Advance registration is advised for all workshops. Further information is available at the Downtown YWCA.

Increasing fun, appreciation and understanding among family members is the main goal of the Family Enrichment Class being offered by the Portland YMCA Family Services Department. The next class will begin Tuesday evening, May 4th at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, N.E. 43rd and Broadway (223-6161).

The Tri-County Community Council will hold its 51st Annual Meeting at 12:00 noon on Thursday, May 13th, at the First United Methodist Church, 1838 S.W. Jefferson. Guest speaker is Richard Davis, Director, Oregon Department of Human Resources, he will speak on the topic "Relationship Between the Public and Voluntary Sector." Lunch: \$3.75, RSVP - by May 10th - 228-9131.

The PSU Black Cultural Affairs Board will present the play "The River Niger" by Joseph Walker at 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 30th and Saturday, May 1st and 3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 2nd, in the Park Theater (Shattuck Hall). The play includes an all-Black cast. Admission is \$2.50 general and \$2 students and senior citizens.

On Thursday, May 10th there will be a CRAG public workshop on Housing Issues. 527 S.W. Hall, 7:00 p.m. On Tuesday, May 18th there will be a Planning Commission hearing on Arterial Streets Plan. Rm. 200, City Hall Annex, 7:00 p.m.

Free Vasectomy Class - First Wednesday of each month (May 5th) at 7:30 p.m., Planned Parenthood, 1200 S.E. Morrison, Portland. Film and discussion. A Doctor will be available to answer questions. All you've ever wanted to know about Vasectomies!

Sunnyland Slim, who has been called "Mr. Blues Piano," will appear in a 9:00 p.m. dance/concert in the Reed College community center Sunday, May 2nd. The event is in conjunction with the college's annual Renaissance Fayre. Admission is \$3.50 general and \$2 students.

Playing both electric and acoustic piano, Slim is well known and respected in the highly competitive Chicago blues scene. He has been a strong force in creating and perpetuating what has become known as the "Chicago blues style."

The Grant High School Parents Service Group will hold their spring luncheon Tuesday, May 4th, at the Kitchen Kettle Restaurant, 10564 S.E. Washington beginning at 12:00 noon. Reservations can be made by calling Ruth Talbot, 284-0662 or Eithne Krantz, 287-2046 by Saturday, May 1st. The luncheon cost is \$3.75.

A cast, composed of students from Monroe, Benson and Central Catholic High Schools, will present the musical comedy, "The Pajama Game." The dates of the production are April 29th through May 1st and May 6th through May 8th. General admission tickets are \$1.50 with group rates available by calling Monroe High School at 234-0836.

The Re-Elect Senator Vern Cook Committee is sponsoring a fund raising "Gourmet Buffet" on Friday, April 30th in the Conference Room at the Coachmans Motor Inn at 1545 E. Burnside in Gresham. The event will be held between 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Those attending will be asked to make a contribution to Senator Cook's campaign for re-election.

Imani Performing Arts Company Incorporated celebrates its second official year of incorporation with a May Day fund-raising benefit, on Saturday, May 22, 1976, Dance and Show at 4816 N.E. 7th Avenue, beginning at 12:00 Noon, and on Sunday, May 23, 1976, Tea and Dinner at 3623 N.E. 17th Avenue, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Tickets for both days are \$6 or ticket for one day is \$3. Everyone is invited; for more information please contact Jean Crews or Betty Harris-Garner, at 287-1020 or 4815 N.E. 7th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, at the King Neighborhood Facility.



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Citizen of the week



Mrs. Marie Smith has been an active member of the community for longer than most of us can remember. She currently is Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Senior Adult Service Center (Urban League sponsored), a member of the Multnomah County Comprehensive Health Commission which introduced the unique "Project Health" plan for health insurance for the poor. She is a member of the City-County Council on Aging.

Mrs. Smith is a member of the King Neighborhood Facility Board and the Oregon Black History Project Board.

In 1950 she was selected as Portland's "Negro First Citizen" and was an "Oregon Woman of Accomplishment" for 1965. She is a past president of the NAACP and of the Oregon Association of Colored Women's Club, and was the first Black woman to serve on the board of the YWCA. She is a member of Church Women United and was one of the original ten members of the Albina Citizen's War on Poverty Committee. She is the wife of E.W. Smith.

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