

Entertainment Guide

by Allen Jones

Entertainment Ratings
Fair * Good ** Excellent ***

GIL SCOTT HERON - A NEW BREED ***

Aside from Gil Scott Heron's obvious talents as a performer, Heron's profound belief in his musical compositions sets him apart from the crowd. As I was surprised to find out, his popularity tends to be limited to the seventeen to thirty age group. One of the main reasons I suppose, is because his songs are political with heavy racial overtones. Among the "college set" in particular he is considered a super star. He is the "Black revolutionary of song" - if you will.

Fred Baker of Fred's Place is to be commended for the turn of events now taking place in his establishment. Gil Scott Heron and his eight piece aggregation "did their thing" last night to a capacity salt and pepper audience. Most of his selections were taken from his latest album entitled: "From South Africa To South Carolina" (see what I mean). If you think the cover name is deceiving, it's not. In it you'll find tunes like: "Gospel Train," a Alice Coltraine composition; "The Good Old Days," a song depicting the good life for the man and constant hell for minorities; "Ain't No Such Thing As A Superman," "Must Be Something We Can Do," "Sharing," a ballad written and sung by Victor Brown, a young man, who in my opinion sings better than Heron, and is featured vocalist with the group known as the Mid Night Band. Who are all multi-talented entertainers. He closed the set with his most controversial tune to date - "Johannesburg." The entire evening was entertaining and educational. Earl Crumble of the Scanner was also on hand to check out the show. We both agreed it was a dynamite performance.

Without question Gil Scott Heron has established himself in the world of musical expression. He loves life, music and more importantly - his people. And if you're Black, you just have to love him for it!!!!

Jefferson actors attend meet

A troupe of 35 performers from Jefferson High School's performing arts program will make a trip to Muncie, Indiana next month to perform for the International Theatre Arts Conference at Ball State University June 21st through the 25th.

The group has been invited to perform Jefferson's spring production of "See-saw" before the 2,500 conferees from the U.S. and several foreign countries.

The students are currently working to earn \$80 to cover fees and room and board during the conference.

Students have scheduled a couple of garage sales besides selling candy and pepperoni.

Wanda Nichols, director of the production and Department Chairman of the Performing Arts Magnet Program, said the students have redone some of the numbers in the production to accommodate the much larger facilities to be available at the conference. She said the stage at Ball State University is twice as big as Jefferson's so the production will have to be altered to make better use of the facilities.

Peggy Joseph

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

"Women in Prison": A Community Educational will be held Saturday June 12th, from 2:00 to 10:00 p.m. at St. Andrews Gymnasium, 806 N.E. Alberta. Schedule for the day includes speakers, a slideshow, skits, and workshops on topics such as women political prisoners, racism and sexism in prison, family and children of prisoners. Potluck dinner is at 5:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided.

"Please make these side seats available to the handicapped and elderly passenger."

Decals carrying this request are going up on fifty Tri-Met buses this weekend and the results will be closely observed. Public reaction and comments from bus operators will provide Tri-Met with the answer to whether or not the decals should be placed on every bus. Will the young and able-bodied relinquish the convenient side seats at the front of bus?

That is the intent of the message. Some elderly or handicapped passengers have real difficulty negotiating the aisle to a seat further back in the bus.

If at the end of a trial period the decals have proven effective, they will be used on all Tri-Met buses.

The State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation will meet at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, June 10th at the Pittock Mansion in Portland.

Major items on the agenda include: four nominations to the National Register; a review of historic properties within historic districts for purposes of the Special Tax Assessment Act passed by the 1975 state legislature; and review of the proposed fiscal year 1977 apportionment warrant, which is Oregon's request for funding for preservation purposes.

The Management Development Institute of Marylhurst Education Center will offer a selection of its evening classes during the summer months for working men and women in the Greater Portland area.

Class offerings have been compacted into a five-week period commencing Monday, June 21st, to allow those participating to plan for summer vacations.

MDI classes are "practical management development courses" designed to assist working men and women to gain new insights in management skills, to test them against the reality of their work experiences, and to return to the classroom to question and develop additional perspectives, according to the director.

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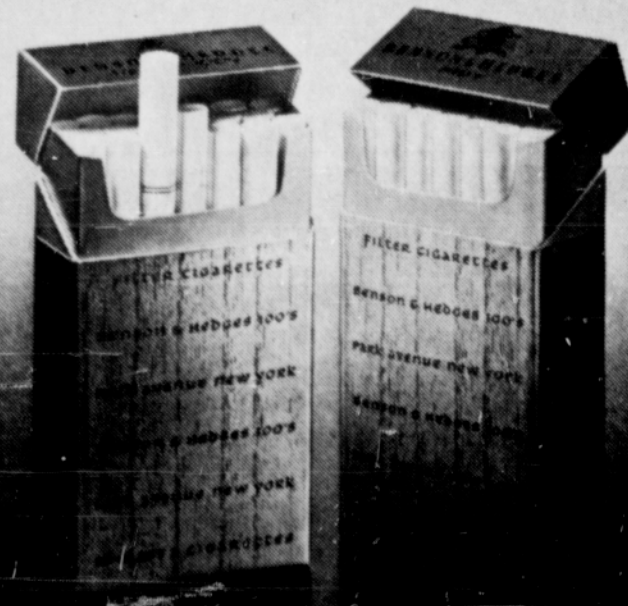
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