

METROPOLITAN



Ishaq Shamsud-Din explains the village scene depicted in the mural at the Children's Museum. The mural was painted by his father Isaac. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

"Zululand" delights

by Robert Lothian

Isaac Shamsud-Din had children in mind with his mural, "Zululand," at the Children's Museum.

Zululand fills an upstairs hall in the children's learning center, located at 3037 S.W. 2nd.

In the mural, a Zulu warrior holding a leopard-skin shield stands behind a group of playing children. A Zulu woman mixes food in a big pot nearby.

Cattle peer over a corral made of willow sticks. Nearby stands a group of round, thatched houses. A rainbow arches over a hill in the background, where a farmer plows his field with a team of oxen.

It is Zululand 100 years ago. "The culture was pretty much intact back then," says Shamsud-Din.

He took time off last week to visit the museum with four of his eight children: Ishaq, 12; Ayasha, 10; Jalil, 8, and Yasmin, 6. Ishaq and Jalil helped in painting the mural.

"What was it like to live in Zululand 100 years ago?" reads a sign next to the mural. "The Zulu were great cattle raisers. Girls and boys would help with the animals, gather and prepare food and play. Boys herded cattle and girls did weaving and built together. The children and elders built new houses and celebrated the seasons."

Children guided the project, said Shamsud-Din. "Their perspective had more to do with it than anything else."

As he talks, children crawl and run through a replica of a thatched house that slopes from the mural down to the floor.

Ishaq pointed to figures in the mural as he explained to a group of children. "It tells a little about some history," he said. "It tells about the type of things they did every day."

Sickle cell anemia drive

The Portland Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation is launching a paper drive during the Month of July. Please save all of your clean paper (no magazines, mag cards, etc.), Taylor stated. Mrs. Taylor, who is the Executive Director of the newly established foundation, is a former genetic counselor for SCA and holds a BA in business and education, but states she has a firsthand education in Sickle Cell Anemia because an immediate family member is a victim of this deadly disease, which strikes primarily Blacks. One out of every 12 Blacks are carriers.

Taylor hopes the newspaper drive is as successful as a benefit musical held this past March at Allen Temple Church where the late Ira Mumford was a member. Mrs. Taylor attributes much of the success of that musical to Rev. Mumford, who not only helped

implement the musical, but sang with the Portlanaries. Taylor says a van will be centrally located in late July for those wishing to make newspaper drops. If you wish to have your clean newspapers picked up, please call 249-0023, 281-4070, or 645-7642. Young people wishing to participate or anyone else desiring to drive cars, trucks, help stack, etc., are asked to call one of the above numbers.

Youth program

Each of Portland's five city supported youth service centers has recently developed a new delinquency prevention program called the Neighborhood Accountability Boards. Based on similar models developed throughout the United States, the NABs are comprised of three to five trained volunteers, including a teen, who are residents of the area served by the board. Under an agreement with our local juvenile court, serious and repeat misdemeanant offenders appear before the NABs and enter into a contract which may require restitution, community service, attendance at a diversion or substance abuse prevention class and/or an apology. Youths who fail to complete their contract with the NAB are referred back to juvenile court who assure accountability. The NABs serve as a community alternative to the juvenile justice system and local youth participate voluntarily in the program. The program stresses youth and victim rights, family involvement, accountability, and neighborhood/court partnership. Presently over 50 volunteers serve on 10 boards throughout the city. Potential volunteers may apply at their local youth service center.

Shriners' clinic

A screening clinic to diagnose children with orthopedic or burn problems will be held at Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 3101 S.W. Sam Jackson Park Road, on Saturday, June 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Doctors and nurses will check all visiting children to determine if their conditions could be treated at the hospital either on an inpatient basis or by becoming a regularly-scheduled outpatient. Ranging in age from birth to 18 years, patients are never charged for the treatment they receive at Shrine hospitals.

At the Saturday, June 15 clinic, each examination may require about one hour. Those waiting for diagnosis will be entertained by Shrine clowns and refreshments will be available for children and their families. A "funny car" and a racing car will be on display by their drivers. Music will be provided by radio station KMJK.

The Portland Unit of the Shriners Hospitals, founded in 1924, has treated about 20,000 children. Since the new \$22 million hospital on Portland's Marquam Hill opened in May of 1983, Shriners have sought to expand services in the treatment of afflicted children. The hospital facility is located adjacent to the Oregon Health Science University on S.W. Sam Jackson Park Road. Free parking is available under the building.

Bicycle skills

Bicycling for fitness and learning to improve bicycling skills are topics of two 3-hour classes scheduled by the Park Bureau's Outdoor Recreation in June.

A bicycling skills session from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, June 9, will concentrate on gear shifting, effective braking, signaling and road position. Participants will meet at Sunnyside Park, SE 34th and Yamhill.

The fitness session is designed for intermediate riders who will learn stretches, pedaling with cadence, and hill climbing techniques for aerobic benefits. This session meets at Normandale Park, NE 57th and Halsey, at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, June 15, and goes until 4:00 p.m., also.

Each session has a \$3.00 fee, payable in advance to City of Portland, and mailed to Outdoor Recreation at its new address, 1120 SW 5th, Room 502, Portland, OR 97204.

The information number is 248-4018.

Africa fund dance Saturday

Students at Mt. Hood Community College will hold a dance to raise money for the USA for Africa fund Saturday, June 8, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., in the Vista Dining Center.

"Three students came to me and said they would like to do something to contribute to the fund," said Ozelle Hazzle, student activities coordinator. "They presented the idea to the activities committee and it was approved."

The music for the dance will be provided by Hazzle. Admission is \$2 for MHCC students, \$3 for others. Call 667-7260 for more information.

Jewish federation supports HR 2001

The Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Portland has voted to support HB 2001, joining with those many other community groups which have asked the State of Oregon to divest itself from corporations whose business practices make possible the continuation of the abhorrent system of apartheid.

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