

Nicaraguan Black leader to speak on Atlantic Coast

Ernan Savery, founder of the Culture and History Institute of the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua and Vice President of the Southern Indigenous Creole Community, will hold a press conference to address the situation on the Atlantic Coast Thursday, Dec. 12, 9 a.m. at the King Neighborhood Facility, 4815 NE 7th.



ERNAN SAVERY

Mr. Savery is on a national tour of the United States. His Portland visit, Dec. 11-17, is being sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee and the Oregon Rainbow Coalition.

His Portland itinerary includes presentations at Portland State University, Jefferson High School and Tubman Middle School; meetings with educators and Black and Native American groups; and a public meeting, entitled "The Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua: Cultural and Political Perspectives," Sunday, Dec. 15, 2:30 p.m., at Maranatha Church, 1222 N.E. Skidmore.

Mr. Savery is a noted musician and ethnomusicologist. He has authored several articles about traditional African customs and home education on the Atlantic Coast and is currently writing a book on ethnic music of the Atlantic Coast.

Commission on Black Affairs meeting

The Oregon Commission on Black Affairs will hold its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, Dec. 11, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., State Capitol, Room 354, Salem. The meeting is open to the public and all interested persons are welcome.

POSAF benefit

Obo Addy and Kukuru will perform on Dec. 15 at 8:00 p.m. at Pine Street Theatre. The seven piece music group plays modern African music. The program includes pure traditional Ghanaian music and progresses to more contemporary selections.

In 1972, Obo Addy performed at the Olympic Games in Munich. Since then he has performed on an international level, with successful appearances in Europe, Australia, and the Middle East. He formed Kukuru in 1981. The group has performed at colleges, community centers, folk and jazz festivals, and dances. The high-energy program features bright Ghanaian handwoven costumes and handcarved instruments from Ghana. The interplay between African and Western instruments adds to the vitality of the presentation.

Intermission entertainment will be provided by the Fallen Angel Choir, a four-woman a capella group. The quarter, known as the most unique holiday act in town, and dressed in Dickens-era costumes, appears between Thanksgiving and Christmas to poke fun at the commercialism of the season. With kazoo accompaniment and soft-shoe routines, its top ten songs include Jingle Bells, O Can All the Faithful, and Hey Big Spender.

This joint performance is an anti-apartheid benefit for Portlanders Organized for Southern African Freedom (POSAF). Tickets are available at BASS (Meier & Frank), Music Millennium, Artichoke Music, and House of Sound. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door.

NEST fiesta Dec. 7

The New El Salvador Today (NEST) Third Annual Fiesta to benefit the civilian population in the countryside of El Salvador will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 6:30 to midnight at St. Andrews Community Center, 809 N.E. Alberta St.

The Fiesta will offer dinner, wine and beer; and a gift market with arts and crafts and entertainment. Music for dancing will be played by P'alan-te. A pinata and other entertainment

will be available for children.

The public is invited to attend the Fiesta. Proceeds will help to support an agricultural project in San Jacinto, El Salvador, sponsored by NEST.

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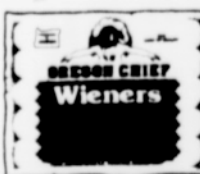
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