

## Norman Sylvester Band to appear

The Norman Sylvester Band will appear at the Royal Esquire Club, 1708 N.E. Alberta, Saturday, Feb. 1, 8, and 22. The band will also perform at Cisco and Pancho's, 107 N.W. 5th Ave., Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14 and 15, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 28 and Mar. 1. All these performances will start at 10:00 p.m. and end at 2:00 a.m. There's no cover charge at Cisco and Pancho's or at the Royal Esquire Club.

The Norman Sylvester Band is a four-piece blues and R&B band that plays blues with a down-home flair and R&B with a funky and soulful touch. Combining gospel harmony and a contemporary dance beat, the band produces a sound that's pleasing to the ear and great for kicking the dust off your shoes.

## Best of Portland benefit

The Oregon Special Olympics will be the benefactor of this year's "Best of Portland" celebrity fashion show, auction and dinner, co-sponsored by the Portland Trail Blazers and 62-KGW Radio. The show will be held Sunday evening, Feb. 2 at the downtown Portland Masonic Temple.

The "Best of Portland" will feature Blazer players, television and radio personalities, noted Portland journalists, other professional athletes, prominent businessmen and women as well as political figures.

There will also be a diverse selection of auction items, including some exciting surprises not to be found anywhere else, according to Adrianna Carr, chairperson of the "Best of Portland."

Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. Tickets are available for \$75 per couple or \$40 per person and are available only through Oregon Special Olympics, 110 S.E. Taylor. Call 295-4637 for an invitation or 230-9400 to purchase tickets.



The Rance Allen group in their first West Coast appearance, will be in concert March 8 at the Benson High School Auditorium, 546 N.E. 12th Ave. Grammy award-nominee Vanessa Bell Armstrong will also perform at Benson High in the same concert 8:00 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Reserved tickets, \$16.50. Ticket outlets: Christian Supply, Stevens and Son, Lloyd Center, House of Sound, 3634 N.W. Williams Ave. (287-1960).



**Brown Sugar**, a four-part series, profiles the lives and careers of America's "dark divas"—the Black female performers who over the last 80 years have enriched national popular culture with their extraordinary talents. (Clockwise from top left) Legendary blues singer Bessie Smith, singer and actress Ethel Waters, actress Dorothy Dandridge, and actress Cicely Tyson (in a production still from the film *Sounder*).

## Black History Month on OPB

During February's tribute and celebration of Black History, Oregon Public Broadcasting presents specials and series that highlight the pride, pain and progress of Black Americans, as well as their cultural and political contributions to American society.

**BROWN SUGAR** Sundays, Feb. 2, 9, 16, and 23; 2:30 p.m.

A lively four-part series on the lives and careers of American Black women performers who, over the last 80 years, have enriched our national popular culture with their talents. Featuring Josephine Baker, Ethel Waters, Dorothy Dandridge, Aretha Franklin, Bessie Smith, Diana Ross and many others. Hosted by Billy Dee Williams. **AMERICAN MUSICAL THEATER: TREEMONISHA** Sunday, Feb. 2, 1:00 p.m.

A folk opera written by Scott Joplin in 1908. *Treemonisha* combines opera and rag, with an up-from-slavery, education-over-superstition theme. Performed by the Houston Grand Opera. **GREAT PERFORMANCES: THE COTTON CLUB REMEMBERED** Friday, Feb. 7, 9 p.m.

Famous Cotton Club performers attending a reunion, remember in interviews, performance and film clips the historic heyday of the Cotton Club. Artists include Cab Caloway, the Nicholas Brothers and Adelaide Hall. **A WALK THROUGH THE 20th CENTURY WITH BILL MOYERS: THE SECOND AMERICAN REVOLUTION** (2 parts) Monday, Feb. 10 and 17; 10 p.m.

A two-part series hosted by Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee on the History of Blacks in America up through the Civil Rights Movement, and then civil rights struggles of the past several decades. The series focuses on the philosophical disputes between Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois, the career of Marcus Garvey.

**DANCE THEATER OF HARLEM: A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE** Friday, Feb. 21, 9 p.m.

Based on the play by Tennessee Williams, the Dance Theater of Harlem movingly combines ballet and modern dance to the highly charged movie score by Alex North. Featured dancers are Lowell Smith (formerly a dance instructor at Portland's Jefferson High School) and Stella Kowalski. **PAUL ROBESON: MAN OF CONSCIENCE** Sunday, Feb. 23, 1 p.m.

Narrated by Sidney Poitier, this is the story of Paul Robeson whose dedication to racial justice led to a career of inspiration and tragedy. The film focuses on Robeson's life as a performer from the 1930s through the 50s.

## Red Cross cares about kids program

The public is invited to attend a special two-hour program on some solutions to the problems of adequate care for preschoolers and early elementary "latchkey" children. The program is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 30, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Red Cross Headquarters, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave.

Special guest speakers for the day will be Superintendent of Schools Dr. Matthew Prophet and State Senator Nancy Ryles.

The Oregon Trail Chapter of the American Red Cross will present information on three of its current programs: "When I'm In Charge," a training program for third and fourth graders who are left alone after school; a training program for child-care providers being developed with a special project grant from United Way; and the "Supper Sitter" course which trains adolescents to care for younger children in their own families or in their neighborhood.

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