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NYEWUSI ASKARI

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Local Poet To Receive National Awards

by Jerry Garner

Nyewusi Askari, a local poet, has been nominated to be a recipient of the Silver Poet Award for 1986, by the World of Poetry's Board of Directors.

The special awards presentation will take place during the Second Annual Poetry Convention, to be held at Marriott's Orlando World Center in Orlando, Florida. The convention will begin August 30 and continue through September 1. It will be seen on World Television where celebrities Maya Angelou, Vincent Price and others will be in attendance.

Askari will be presented the Silver Poet Award in recognition of his poetry submitted to World Poetry which is located in Sacramento, California. Askari finished third out of 1000 finalists who entered a poetry contest sponsored by World of Poetry. The Silver Poet Award is one of the highest honors the organization bestows on a poet.

Askari said it was an honor to be

recognized by World of Poetry. "I feel great about receiving the Silver Poet Award. The Award will bring me into full circle with my peers."

Askari said he hopes his receiving of the award will bring recognition to the city of Portland. "There are many talented poets in the city who haven't received the recognition they deserve."

Besides writing poetry, Askari is a percussionist and playwright. The Franklinton, Louisiana native is also Founder/Director of the Sojourner Truth Theatre. He has developed a cultural enrichment program with the Portland Public School District. The program educates young Black and White students on Black culture.

Askari said it will cost \$1,300 to attend the awards in Orlando. Anyone who wishes to donate money to assist him in attending the awards can make contributions to Nyewusi Askari, P.O. Box 12183, Portland, Oregon 97212.

Act One
By Ken Covington



EDITORIAL/COMMENTARY

Shut Up and Shut Out

There is a general consensus in the Portland entertainment industry that has to be destroyed, discredited and dissolved. It is an affront to all minorities and a cancer to the growth and well-being of the community as a whole.

As America prepares to celebrate her 209th year as a quote "free nation," recently right here at home a new or old systematic injustice and slavery has been and is being practiced in our very faces.

Approximately two weeks ago, the Z100 radio station had a guest, Dr. Jim Mars, on the air. While Mr. Mars was on, he made false statements concerning the Jackson family. To be specific, "Michael and LaToya Jackson are the same person. Michael likes to dress as a woman."

Within the next few days thousands of teenagers and children made frantic attempts to verify that their hero had indeed been falsely accused. This was not only an affront to his many fans but a slap in the face to the community. We all know that a minority that reaches the limelight is always a major target for hearsay and false accusations. It also is funny when one of our brothers or sisters falls from grace how all of the sudden we don't hear so-and-so's name but the "black" actress or that "black" this-and-that. I'm stating this so you understand than when Z100 allowed this man to air such blatant trash on city-wide radio, it was a slap in the face to the community.

If we had a reputation, a track record, as a community that speaks up, they would have thought twice about even letting the good "doctor" even in their building. We are known not to care too much about anything unless somebody gets killed, so after a few threatening calls from L.A., a representative of CBS records was given time on the air to refute the false statements, but the damage had already been done.

White Rose Productions out of Mercer Island, the organization responsible for the Stevie Wonder concert, spent large sums of money on the ad campaign for this event. I personally have never seen five or six radio stations and two or three newspapers involved for one concert. This is very expensive, and with all the money that was spent, I only saw one pitiful example of them putting any of the money into the black business community. My god! This is a black superstar, but since we don't speak out, they will continue to insult us in this fashion. In other cities in the south and east, I've seen full page advertising in minority publications. I didn't even see a poster in our community. Our paper wasn't sure until the last minute whether or not press passes would be issued. Aren't we the press!

There are even businesses in the midst of the community that make a killing and don't even hire from the community. Video Depot is a prime example right on the corner of Killingsworth and Union. They refuse to even advertise and put money back into the community, let alone hire a minority to work. It's wrong!

Take the money and run; legalize prostitution, play only black artists that hit the top ten, give us only a couple of hours a day of black programming. Do anything to us. We obviously don't care. We rarely speak out.

I know this is untrue, and the only way to let it be known is to write and call those who are unfair and let them know we are aware and won't take it. Call and tell them what you think. You make the difference. As long as we shut up, we'll be shut out.

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The Last Hurrah	555 S.W. 224-1336 Thurs.-Sat., Cool 'R
Pioneer Courthouse Square	701 6th Ave., 223-1613 Thurs., noon, Mary Lockridge and the Millionaires; Sat., 4-6 pm, Cool 'R
Red Lion Inn (downtown)	310 S.W. Lincoln St., 221-0450 Mon.-Sat., Blaze
Remo's	1424 N.W. Glisan St., 221-1150 Sun. nite jam session w/ Ron Steen; Tues., Shirley Nannette w/ Darin Clendenin
Salty's	(Foot of S.E. Marion St.), 239-8900 Wed.-Thurs., Beverly Ducatt Band; Tues., Cool 'R
Shanghai Lounge	0309 S.W. Montgomery St., 220-1865 Sun., Calvin Walker & The Conquerors Orchestra
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9. Theatre of the Mind Mtume/CBS
10. Children of the Night 52nd Street/MCA

Word of the week: Consensus - popular opinion.
Color of the week: Tobacco Brown

Cathedral Park Jazz Festival Party!!!!

A party will be held for the musicians, press, sponsors and anyone interested in having a great time on Tuesday, July 22, from 6:00 'til 9:00 at Dad's Restaurant and Lounge, 8608 N. Lombard in St. Johns. Many of this years performers will be playing in a festival jam session.

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