

ENTERTAINMENT



BLACK PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

Presents



An Holiday

Experience

Saturday, December 8, 1990 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Harriet Tubman Middle School 2231 N. Flint Street (located between the Coliseum and

Emanuel Hospital/Health Center)

Featuring food, crafts, games, products and services for the holiday season

ADMISSION IS FREE!!!

With Very Special Guest **U-KREW** And Nastymix Recording Artist KID SENSATION FRIDAY DEC. 14 8:00 PM MELODY BALLROOM In Association with Urban Entertainment Coalition Tickets also at One Stop Records 1615 NE Killingsworth

Cartoonist Focuses On Africa and Positive Messages

The world is so messed up, says comic book writer and illustrator Dwayne Ferguson, that escapism is a necessary thing. "When I go talk to kids," Ferguson explains, "I tell them, if you want to leave the world, don't do drugs: read comic books or read a novel." Ferguson, 25, practices what he preaches. "All I do is White Castle and Nintendo," he laughs.

He also acts, creates freelance artwork, watches, Saturday morning cartoons and has several novels in the

Ferguson's first published comic strip featured Hammy Hamster, a wisecracking hamster that wore clothes."

Ferguson flipped through the phone book until he found a publication, Prabatham, that wanted to print the strip. He also developed another comic strip that runs in two newspapers and an upcoming novel--"Captain Africa", which he describes as "Batman in Africa".

It's a futuristic, technologically advanced Africa, where "the world's a better place" and the racism issue has died, says Ferguson.

"It's nice to have a role model for young black kids," he says, displaying a Captain Africa T-shirt and noting the positive response he has received from parents.

Ferguson's freelance work has included jobs for Burger King, Walt Disney, and even a California Raisins coloring book. He was one of the recipients of 1989's Outstanding Young Men of America award.

"Captain Africa" is syndicated in the City News, distributed throughout New Jersey and New York. Combined , over 30,000 readers aound the nation are kept on the edge of their seats as they follow the non-stop action and ingenuity of this exciting new character.

Dwayne currently resides in Somerville, New Jersey, and works from his home-based studio.

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Stunning New Specials, Old Favorites Highlight This Year's Winter Festival on OPB

ter Festival on Oregon Public Broadcasting scheduled for November 30 on the Civil War, PBS's blockbuster 11hour epic will return for replay all in one day, so history buffs and Civil War aficionados should be sure to have an adequate supply of blank video tapes on hand to acquire the series for their library. Other festival offerings are A Gathering of Men, and Amazing Grace, both with Bill Moyers, plus Stand and Deliver, a critically acclaimed feature film with Edward James Olmos as a teacher who inspires and educates his inner city students in spite of nearly insurmount-

Music specials include a great variety of styles, from gospel to country

New holiday programs and return- western, and folk to big band. Some of ing favorites highlight this year's Win- the glittering array includes: the Unforgettable Nat King Cole; Kenny Rogers in Concert; Joan Baez with Jackson Browne; through December 10. The entire series A Peter, Paul and Mary Holiday Concert, and a stunning joint appearance of Kathleen Battle and Jessye Norman Sing Spirituals on Great Performances, a first for public television.

"Winter Festival features the traditional studio pledge breaks staffed by volunteers," said John Lewis, director of on-air fundraising. "We have set a goal for the eleven days of Winter Festival and we need to meet it to satisfy our annual budget requirements. Further, these funds are vital to our continuing efforts to bring programs of high quality and educational value to our audiences throughout the state of Oregon and Southern Washington."

THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SINGLES NETWORK Presents ..

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January 5, 1991

Atwater's Restaurant and Lounge 41st Floor - 111 SW 5th, Portland

Enjoy the enchanting view of Portland's skyline, mountains and river from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

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(Dress code strictly enforced!!) Music of Romantic Love Songs by KBOO radio personality

DJ 'Master T" Tony Sibley. Free Champagne, Elegant Hors d'oeyvres. Cush Bar available. Members Admitted Free. Non-members \$28.50 At door \$35.00

NO COUPLES, PLEASE Tickets on sale at the following locations: Broadway Hair Weevers, 5852 NE 42nd Av.

Portland Observer, 4747 NE Martin Luther King Blvd. For information on a membership or tickets, write or call: P.O. Box 12514 Portland, OR 97212 (503) 293-7979.



Eastside Performance 531 S.E. 14th & Stark

December 14th Doors Open at 7:15 PM Show Time at 8:00 PM For Tickets Call 280 - 6592 More Info. Call 239 - 4956 Price \$15.00

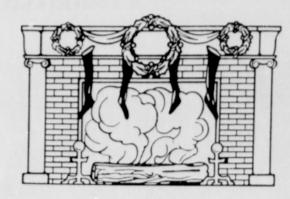
Doors Open at 1:15 PM Show Time at 2:00 PM Evening Performance Doors Open at 7:15 PM Show Time at 8:00 PM



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DJ will be featuring Top 40's music.

On Christmas Eve



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Holiday

One of the most charming traditions of the holiday season is the real Christmas tree. Knowing a few facts can help make yours even more delightful.

A few simple care tips can enday season.

When you bring it home, cut a

Before bringing it into the house, take another quarter inch off the base so the stem can take up water. Immediately place the tree in the stand and fill it with fresh water. Keep the water level above the fresh cut. The tree may need as much as a gallon of water a day, so check the stand daily.

For safety's sake, check all electric lights and connections before decorating your tree and home. Use lights with cords that are not worn or frayed and never use lighted candles on the tree. Do ensure that electrical circuits are not overloaded. Place the tree away from fireplaces, radiators, television sets and other heat sources.

hance your enjoyment of your Christmas tree and keep it fresh and fragrant throughout the holi-

quarter inch off the base of the trunk. Keep the tree outdoors in a container of water protected from wind and sun until you're ready to decorate.

Wed. Nov. 28

LIP TO LIP Thurs. Nov. 29. **BROTHERS OF** THE BALADI Fri. Nov. 30 & Sat. Dec. 1 **CURTIS SALGADO** & THE STILETTOS Sun. Dec. 2

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