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Community Calendar

OMSI HOSTS ANNUAL AUCTION JANUARY 21 AND 22.

For tickets or information about volunteering or contributing, call OMSI: 503-797-4588.

MJCC OFFERS WOMEN'S SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

To register for class either call 244-0111 or register in person at the MJCC, 6651 SW Capitol Hwy. by January 6th.

GREATER PORTLAND FLUTE SOCIETY

Cookies, Cocoa, & Choir (Flute choir, that is!) 2 pm Sunday, Jan. 9 1994, Metro Music Arts, 16113 SW McLoughlin Blvd., Milwaukie (South of Oak Grove in Twin Oaks Shopping Center. Free

LIBRARY HOURS

North Portland Branch, 512 N. Killingsworth, 97217; 248-5394. Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

ST. JOHNS BRANCH

7510 N Charleston, 97203; 248-5397. Tuesday and Wednesday 1-8 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

HOLLYWOOD BRANCH

3930 NE Hancock, 97212; 248-5391. Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

PORTLAND PARK'S OUTDOOR RECREATION PROGRAM

For a free brochure and further information call Outdoor Recreation at 823-5132.

HUMBOLDT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

7:30 PM Humboldt School 4906 N Gantenbein. Contact: Mr. Maney 282-8212

Cultural Recreation Band: A Symphony Of Fun



Thera Memory and The Cultural Recreation Band

The Cultural Recreation Band is raising the eyebrows of everyone who hears their melodious sound. Started as an alternative to summer recreation fun in 1992, the band has grown from its original 28 members to its current 130 members and two tier band structure. The innovative recreation program turned serious and began performing when directors Greg McKelvey, Ronnye Harrison and Artist-in-residence Thara John Memory discovered the raw artistic talent that sits idle in our community.

The students recently performed an Intergenerational Benefit Concert for the Railroad Senior Citizens Association at Matt Dishman Center. "The students were amazed to discover some of the 'ol' timers' who helped build the community they now live in," says Michael Chappie Grice who produces the band and is an honorary member of the senior citizens group. The band also performed for holiday shoppers at Lloyd Center on December 22nd

The young people in the band range in age from eight years to fifteen years old. Thara Memory, describes the project as, "...One of the most meaningful things a musician can

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Mayor Katz Visits Garlington

Portland Mayor Vera Katz visited Garlington Center during one of her recent community outings.

Although Garlington Mental Health Care falls under the support of Multnomah County government, the visit was in connection to the mayor's commitment in wanting city government to work closely with county government.

Mayor Katz saw first hand the Center's child and family services unit and adult programs.

At the Child and Family program on Skidmore, Mayor Katz learned about services for emotionally and physically abused children ranging from 3 to 19 years of age. Because of the abuse, some of these children

"act out" by starting fires or abusing others. Many within the program have been turned away by other agencies.

The 3 to 6 year olds in the Day Treatment program were awed by the mayor's presence. One youngster walked over to the Mayor, pumped out a big smile and said, "Hi my name is..."

At the Garlington adult program on Martin King Jr. Boulevard, rehabilitation staff and consumers greeted Mayor Katz with a gift. The gift, a pine-cone turkey, was made by the consumers arts and crafts group at Garlington. Cookies were also served compliments of rehab's pre-vocational program,

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Mayor Katz tours Medical services and learns about successful outcomes

UNCF Honored Local Students At Reception



Tamisha Green

When singer Lou Rawls takes center stage for his annual "Parade of Stars" telethon on January 8, it will be the culmination of a nine-month campaign to bring television viewers an exciting--and enlightening--evening of entertainment.

Along with the bright lights, creative set designs and top-notch performances by perennial greats and rising newcomers will be important messages to encourage support for the United Negro College Fund (UNCF), the umbrella fund-raising organization for the nation's 41 private, historically Black colleges and universities.

Although he maintains a phenomenal career that has netted four Grammy awards and a host of other accolades, Rawls still manages to find time to push the cause of education. Whether its during his concerts or at special programs for UNCF volunteers and supporters, Rawls is quick to point out why he

has dedicated himself to the cause of higher education.

"I feel a responsibility to help students to college," Rawls says. "Even though I didn't have the opportunity (I got my education on the streets of Chicago) I was fortunate to receive help with my career. Now, I just want to return the favor."

Rawls is launching his 14th year of "returning the favors." He began the Parade of Stars with the support and backing of August A. Busch III, chairman and president of Anheuser-Busch Companies, the telethon's



Rhonda Richardson

national and founding sponsor. During its 13-year history, the telethon has raised more than \$109 million in cash and pledges for UNCF. The show is known for its high-caliber entertainment, which over the years has included such greats as Sammy Davis Jr., Muhammad Ali, Lola Falana, Nancy Wilson, Stevie Wonder, Bill Cosby, Reba McEntire, Michael



Kyra Shauna Parker

Jackson, Whitney Houston and many, many more.

Recruiting stars to volunteer for this special UNCF fund-raising cause is hard work, but worth it, Rawls says. "They're busy people but they know how important it is to help youngsters get an opportunity in life."

The "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" telethon is made possible with the support of its national and founding sponsor, Anheuser-Busch Companies. The St. Louis-based corporation under writes the production of the program, and through its Budweiser brand, provides national promotional, advertising and marketing support for the program.

The Kellogg Company is national co-sponsor for the ninth consecutive year. Kellogg provides substantial support for the local segments of the telethon in markets across the

country. American Airlines and AT&T are associate sponsors. American, in conjunction with the telethon, will once again sponsor the "Fly AAWay Challenge."

Extra-Strength Tyenol is the contributing sponsor, and Church's Chicken is a contributing co-sponsor. Other participating sponsors are General Motors, Eckerd/American Health and Beauty Aids Institute and Avon.

Corporate support is the backbone of the show, Rawls says. "If we didn't have them, we couldn't be on television."



Efi Moore

It is a message that will be echoed throughout the seven-hour program to be broadcast on some 80 stations nationwide, and it's one that Rawls believes pointedly describes the importance of UNCF school and their students.

UNCF held a Holiday Gala to honor Oregon students attending UNCF schools.

The Gala took place December 21 at the



Emil Bowles

Marriott Hotel. Students and local supporters of the UNCF were on hand for the festivities, which featured live music by the Rick McNutt Combo. Hosts for the party were State Representatives Margaret Carter and Avel Gordly.

The United Negro College Fund is a consortium of 41 private, historically black colleges and universities that enroll more than 53,000 students, including dozens from the Pacific Northwest. Its purpose is to raise funds and to provide services for its member institutions since its founding in 1944, UNCF has raised more than \$800 million for black higher education and expects to reach the \$1 billion mark during its 50th anniversary year in 1994. UNCF has been ranked among the leading U.S. charities by Money, Forbes and The Non Profit Times.

The UNCF Holiday Gala was made possible through the sponsorship of Anheuser-Busch Companies.