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## ON STAGE AT IFCC

Eugene Hughes, Jr. as Malcolm X, Jerry Forster as Martin Luther King, Jr.



**THE MEETING**  
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In honor of National Black History month, the IFCC is proud to announce the production of THE MEETING an award winning play by Jeff Stetson. This exceptional script has generated tremendous response and critical acclaim throughout the country including eight 1987 NAACP Theater Awards and six AUDELCO nominations.

THE MEETING is a powerful enactment of a fictional encounter between Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr. in a Harlem Hotel

in 1965. They are meeting for the first and only time to discuss the struggle for Black equality. Both are fighting for the freedom and dignity of their people, although the methods they advocate are diametrically opposed. This Meeting never took place, but Stetson has constructed a gripping, believable format to showcase the ideas and philosophies of these two great men. THE MEETING is stimulating and thought-provoking theatre at its best.

The IFCC production features Eugene Hughes, Jr. as Malcolm X, Jerry Forster as Martin Luther King, Jr., and Michael Brickler as Rashad, the body guard to Malcolm X.

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center

will present one public performance of THE MEETING at 8:00 pm, Saturday, February 12, general admission is \$10.00, seniors and students \$8.00. For more information about tickets and reservations call the IFCC at 823-2000.

**THIS IS ONE MEETING YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!**

Theater go'ers will have a truly cultural evening with the opportunity to enjoy 2 Art Exhibits featuring 2 African American Artists. In the Main Gallery Joseph Conroy's exhibit, "They Worked So Hard," is a series of paintings depicting African American role models and "Recent Works" a collection of mixed media and paintings by Travis Bonneau. Featured in the Entry Gallery.

## Four Win King Association Awards

Steven Foust has become the first two-time winner of the annual King Neighborhood Association King Award. An urban designer, Foust chairs the King/Walnut Park Advisory Committee. He has worked unselfishly on the Albina Community Plan and the King Plan, according to Fred Stewart, neighborhood association chairman.

"When the great work of rebuilding this community is complete, Steven will be one of the fingerprints from the neighborhood," Stewart said. Two other 1994 King Awards were handed out at the association's meeting January 26. This is the third year for the awards.

Michael McElwee, a project coordinator for the Portland Development Commission, earned his award for work on the Walnut Park North Precinct Project, the Albina Community Plan, and the Convention Center Urban Renewal Area. At the awards ceremony, Stewart said, "Michael has helped this association encourage residents to get involved and feel that their voices are heard and their efforts are respected."

A joint award went to Paul and Geneva Knauls, long-time business people and community leaders, who own and operate Geneva's Shear Perfection, a popular full-service barber and beauty salon, which has attracted commerce to the area. "The association wishes to thank the Knauls for leading the renovation of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.," said Stewart. "They have not only invested their voices but their lives."

Past winners of the King Award are Host Community Development Corporation, Safeway, Bart Jankins and Pat Arnold (joint), and Steven Foust in 1993; and City Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury and Portland police officer Harry Jackson in 1992.

Nominations for next year's awards begin immediately. Residents and others active in the northeast Portland neighborhood can nominate any person, business or organization that they feel make King Neighborhood a better place to live and work. Call association secretary Robin Stewart at 289-4895 or fax 289-3435.

## Homicide Investigation

N Borthwick Avenue and Humboldt Street

On Thursday, January 27, 1994, at approximately 2:31 AM, 9-1-1 dispatchers received a call from a resident who resides in the 4800 block of N Borthwick Avenue regarding sounds of gunfire and a person lying on the sidewalk near the complainant's home. Upon the arrival of medical personnel and North Precinct Uniform Officers, they found the victim lying on the sidewalk near the intersection of N Borthwick Avenue and Humboldt Street. The victim, who

was suffering from a gunshot wound to the back, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Investigators have few details and are attempting to locate any witnesses in an effort to determine the events leading up to the shooting. The victim appears to be a white male, 25-30 years of age. The name of the victim is being withheld pending identification and Detectives have no suspect. The investigation is continuing.

## Cleveland High Held Memorial Principal Rose

Students and staff members paid tribute to Cleveland High principal Myra Rose Tuesday (Feb. 1) during a memorial assembly in the school auditorium.

Community members were invited to attend the memorial, which featured songs by the Clevelandairs, a student choral group, and senior Maurice Wright. First-semester student body president Tirian Mink and vice principal Geoffrey Henderson also spoke at the memorial.

Rose, who died of cancer Jan. 24, served as Cleveland's principal since the fall of 1993. She previously was principal of Grant High School and contributions can be made to a scholarship fund established in her name at Grant.



Myra Rose

## Free Child Immunization Clinic Scheduled For Beach School

Multnomah Education Service District, Portland Public Schools and Multnomah County Health Department are co-sponsoring a free child immunization clinic on February 8, 1994, 2:30-7:30 p.m. at Beach School, 1710 North Humboldt Street. The clinic is for children who attend schools in the Jefferson Cluster and is open for infants as young as two months. The clinic will provide four Multnomah ESD immunization specialist to review records and forecast specific immunizations needed by the children. Six Multnomah ESD nurses will administer immunizations

and provide health counseling to families.

The clinic coincides with Multnomah County Health Department's review of immunization records maintained at each school. Their review resulted in 3,028 "exclusion order" letters sent to parents in Multnomah County public schools whose children do not have the required immunization records. In the Jefferson Cluster, 527 exclusion orders were sent to families, according to Janis Betten, disease prevention consultant with Multnomah ESD.

Parents have until February 16, 1994

to bring their child's completed immunization record to the school. While many exclusion orders are resolved when updated records are presented by parents, the Beach School clinic will provide neighborhood access to those who need immunizations for their children.

For more information, contact Dee Bauer, coordinator, Multnomah ESD School Health services, 257-1733 or Peggy Lou Hillman, immunization coordinator, Multnomah County Health Department, 248-3816.

## Kids Join Together To Combat Racism

Middle schoolers from five Portland schools; Oregon Episcopal, Ockley Green, Fernwood, Catlin Gabel and Beaumont are participating in Project Transcend. Project Transcend aims to bring kids from diverse economic, racial and social backgrounds together to combat racism and teach each other skills vital for living a multi-cultural society. Project Transcend is in its fourth year and works closely with the Portland organization Youth Today to coordinate and organize activities.

In October of the 1993-94 school year students participated in an anti-discrimination workshop that taught them to look at how they and their peers view the world. They examined how their own backgrounds can create biases which can hurt others. They learned that it takes practice to be aware of these some-

times subtle acts of discrimination. The students learned to confront discrimination in an effective manner and to each their peers these same skills.

Transcend students presented The Project Transcend curriculum at the National Middle School conference in November. The group was the only student presented workshop during the three day conference and drew a crowd of more than fifty. The project was explained and presented and students shared parts of the antidiscrimination training with the adults.

Portland City Club invited three high school seniors Tinea Osborne from Jefferson High School, Russell Jackson from Benson High, Joel Sankey from Oregon Episcopal (graduates of Project Transcend) and Transcend middle schoolers to speak and field questions at

the December 10, City Club. The three speakers presented Project Transcend to Portland area business men and women, and talked about how their participation has enriched their school experiences and opened doors for them.

Currently Project Transcend is planning for the yearly session of City School. City School is a mentor program which pairs students with local professionals for a day. The professionals come from all career backgrounds: law, entertainment, education, arts, business, journalism. This encourages kids to develop health role models.

The culmination of Project Transcend's year long string of events and partnerships is the Community Celebration. Students, teachers, parents and professionals gather together to celebrate diversity in our communities.

## Hollywood Here We Come!

The 1994 Regional Little Miss of America Preliminary Pageant will be held Sunday February 20, 1994 at the Performing Arts Center in Newport, Oregon. The Pageant is open to the residents of the State of Oregon.

The winners will advance to the Final State Competition to be held in the spring of 1994.

The Pageant is open to babies ages 3-35 months with three age divisions, boys and girls, and girls age 3-17 with 5 age divisions, and boys ages 3-10 with 2 age divisions. The divisions are broke down as follows:

**BABIES**  
Pee Wee • 3-12 Months  
Minnie • 13-23 Months  
Baby • 24-35 Months

**LITTLE MISS**  
Tiny Miss • 3-4 Years  
Little Miss • 5-6 Years  
Junior Miss • 7-9 Years  
Miss Pre-Teene • 10-12 Years  
Young Miss • 13-15 Years  
Miss Teene • 16-18 Years

Judging will be based on natural Beauty, Poise, and Personality. An optional Talent competition will also be offered.

Winners of each age division will receive the opportunity to represent their area at the State Finals. Winners will receive the Official Trophy Crown, and Sash.

Little Miss of America is in its 15th year of competition and is designed to help young people develop poise & character while experiencing the spirit of competition. It's goal is to give America's youth the opportunity to compete for fabulous prizes and opportunities.

For entry information on the Pageant, please call (206) 771-6527 or write:  
Oregon State Little Miss Of America, 15620 HWY 99 Ste. #4  
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