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Junior Queen Feels Lucky To Call Portland Home

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AMY CHAN, OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WAS CROWNED JUNIOR ROSE FESTIVAL QUEEN WEDNESDAY IN A CORONATION CEREMONY AT WILSON HIGH SCHOOL.

Chan, 11, represents Southeast Portland's Sellwood neighborhood.

She received a crown, scepter, roses and a special gift from Portland Mayor Vera Katz.

"I proclaim the official beginning of the Junior Rose Festival," she said, upon her installation as chief royalty in the magical kingdom of Rosaria.

Chan is one of eight princesses participating in the festival's junior court.

Chan's referred to her immigrant parents, Samaantha and Loi-fu Chan, during the ceremony. She called Portland, a special place.

"I'm glad my parents moved from China to Portland," she said. "I feel so lucky Portland is my home."

Her favorite pastimes are music, hockey and soccer.

Paul Linnman, a news anchor at KATU Channel 2, presided over the coronation.

He said the eight young ladies were the good news of children in Portland, and provide a positive counter balance to the reporting of kids in trouble, too often seen on TV.

Linnman praised each princess as representing the best of youth, each with hundreds of boys and girls just like them, who are good students with good grades and making outstanding citizens.

"Some think the coronation is silly," he said. "I think they're wrong."



Portland's 1994 Rose Festival Junior Court with princesses Kristin Ellis (from left), Elyse Taylor, Ashley Scheitel, and Jessie Runyan, Queen Amy Chan, and princesses Kristina Brown, Shauncey Mashia and Amy Weberg.

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Community Calendar

Gloria Steinem, Art Exhibit Featured

Feminist writer Gloria Steinem and a special art exhibit are planned June 5 on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene.

Steinem will speak and sign copies of her new book, "Moving Beyond Words" at the Erb Memorial Union Ballroom, 1222 E. 13th Ave. The event is free. For information call 346-4331, ext. 33.

At noon, the art exhibit, "David McCosh: Observation and Abstraction," continues at the university's Museum of Art, 1430 Johnson Lane. The museum is open from noon - 5 p.m., Wednesday-Sunday. Admission is free. For information call 346-3027.

Graduates Show Art At Oregon Campus

The Master of Fine Arts Show continues at the University of Oregon Museum of Art at noon, June 8. Graduate students from the Department of Fine and Applied Arts are showing the best of their work, ranging from painting to multi-media displays.

Also on display, will be the exhibits, Footprints Across Asia: Buddhist Art from the Collection, Chinese Ceramic Tomb Figurines and Later Chinese Porcelain: for Kings and Commoners. The museum is at 1430 Johnson Lane in Eugene and is open from noon-5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is free. For information, call 346-3027.

U of O Commencement Set

University of Oregon Commencement takes place June 12 at Autzen Stadium in Eugene, or McArthur Court in the event of rain. For information, call 346-1160.

Jay In Memphis For Conference

Marketing Portland As Tourism Destination

Portland was the center of attention at the African American Travel and Tourism Conference in Memphis, Tenn.

Portland business entrepreneur, Roy Jay was a keynote workshop speaker before a standing room only crowd consisting of predominately Black convention and tourism professionals at a downtown Memphis convention center hotel.

Jay, a pioneer of Portland's minority convention and tourism efforts, opened his non-stop presentation by burning money to the amazement of the participants, national media reporters and Wilbur Hawkins, the Undersecretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Jay explained that it was to signify the \$30 billion annually that Black and other minority conventions, conferences and tourism generate on a nationwide basis. Jay's topic "Black To The Future... The Benefits of Ethnic Convention and Tourism" brought rave reviews and gave Portland more recognition as a possible destination site for future conventions.

At a gala reception, hosted jointly by the Greater Memphis Black Tourism and Convention Network and the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau, Jay was suddenly surprised when Mayor Dr. W.W. Herenton asked him to step forward and accept a symbolic "key to the city" on behalf of the African American Travel and Tourism Association.

The conference attracted participants from coast to coast, including

reporters from Black Convention Magazine, Essence Magazine, Emerge, Washington View, and Success Source, as well as representatives from travel agencies, convention and visitors bureaus, government agencies and transportation companies.

"I was really impressed with the positive enthusiasm and professionalism demonstrated by Portland," said Angelia DeSilva of St. Louis.

Under Jay's leadership, Portland is the only city which as established minority tourism representation in Washington, D.C., which is the headquarters of many national Black organizations.

Jay is President and Chief Executive Officer of Oregon Convention and Visitor Services Network. He was awarded a multi-year contract by Metro regional government last October as an "official" convention and tourism agent for the Oregon Convention Center and metropolitan Portland.

Although the marketing efforts are scheduled to begin in 1995, Jay said that his convention sales manager, Lynda Grice and R. Weldon Woodruff in Washington, D.C. are already receiving inquiries from individuals and organizations that want to consider Portland as a destination site for future conventions.

"Portland and Oregon are finally starting to get a favorable presence with many groups and other contacts. This is the first step in part of our long-range marketing plans," said Jay.

16th Annual ACT-SO Competition

The national Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Portland Chapter, is sponsoring its 16th Annual Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological, and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO).

The purpose of ACT-SO is to provide an atmosphere in which high school students of African decent are encouraged to develop, nurture and showcase their academic talent.

Area students will compete in the following categories including: sciences, visual arts, performing arts, and humanities.

This year's local competition will be held on June 4, 1994 at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center (IFCC) beginning at 12:00 noon. For more information, please call ACT-SO chairman, Lucious Hicks IV at (503) 464-5768.

New Leaders At Portland Urban League

The Urban League of Portland Board of Directors has elected new officers to one-year terms.

They are Michael Lewellen, chair; Judi Pitre, vice-chair; and Rian Brown, treasurer. Secretary Laura Glosson was re-elected.

Lewellen is Director of Corporate Development at Nike, Inc. He was recently elevated to that position after successfully establishing the Urban and Minority Affairs focus for Nike's public affairs programs. He joined the Urban League Board in 1992, and previously chaired the league's fundraising committee.

Pitre is Director of Housing Management for the Housing Authority of Portland. Brown is Director of Personnel Services at Providence Medical Center. Glosson is a retired Portland school educator and serves on the Urban League's Senior Center Advisory Committee.

The board also elected two new members, Emmett Wheatfall and Amoy Williamson. Wheatfall is a Corporate Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist with Portland General Electric and a pastor at Maranatha Church in Northeast Portland. Williamson is a Senior Management Auditor for the City of Portland and a certified public accountant.

Lewellen said that one of his goals as board chair would be to enhance the league's transition under the new leadership of Lawrence Dark, named earlier this year as the organization's new president and chief executive officer.

"These will be some very exciting times for the League and for the Portland metropoli-



Michael Lewellen

tan area," said Lewellen. "It will be important that the urban league not only maintain its current momentum, but continues to solidify its role as a positive catalyst for community growth, development and partnership. We will also work to strengthen the league's financial reserves, and broaden its menu of community services and programs."

Lewellen also noted the league will celebrate its 50th year of service in 1994, "Something the entire Portland community should be proud of."

The Urban League of Portland is a non-profit, community-based human service agency serving at-risk youth, students, job seekers and seniors in the metro area. The league is a local affiliate of the National Urban League.

Graduation For At-Risk Students

The Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc. Alternative Learning Center will hold its second annual high school graduation, June 4 at 2:30 p.m. at the Portland Community College Cascade Campus Auditorium, 705 N. Killingsworth St. State Rep. Margaret Carter will be the featured speaker.

The alternative education program serves at-risk and dropout students referred by Portland Public Schools, youth service centers, the urban league, juvenile courts and other youth diversion agencies. The center is under the direction of Rosemary E. Anderson, executive director, and Dr. Samuel E. Kelly, director of education.

The center is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, registered by the state of Oregon as a private school and approved by the Oregon Department of Education to serve handicapped children.