

# A & E: Black Music Month

## State Fair Seeking Local Talent

The Oregon State Fair Crafts Courtyard Stage is seeking local talent to book for this year's performance schedule. The Crafts Courtyard is an area of the State Fair where craftspeople demonstrate their skills to the fairgoing public.

Sam Bernardi, the stage coordinator, is looking for "an eclectic mix of high quality acts" to fill the entertainment schedule. Traditionally, the Courtyard Stage has showcased acoustic music, however, it is not limited to that format.

Bernardi is especially interested in including sidewalk performers in this year's courtyard.

For more information and application forms, contact Bernardi at (503) 378-3247. Or write to him at 9955 Bethel Rd., Amity, OR 97101.

The Oregon State Fair - "The Big One" is Aug. 25 through Sept. 5.

## Summer Carnival To Be Held At Collins Center

The Grace Collins Memorial Center Parent, Teacher Association will be holding a Hot Dog Feed and Carnival at the Grace Collins Memorial Center 128 N. E. Russell June 25th at 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Members of the community are encouraged to attend and support the activities of the P.T.A.

The Grace Collins Memorial Center is a 45 year old day-care, youth outreach agency and community center.

The carnival is being sponsored by the P.T.A. as a fundraiser to help with cost for the children attending daycare to go on field trips to such places as the Children Museum, O.M.S.I. and the Zoo.

There will be games, prizes, and hot dogs available. Javelina Hardy, parent chair of the carnival committee says the whole community is invited and we promise lots of fun for young and old alike.

Script will be sold for purchases for games and hot dogs. Any questions call 249-3750 ask for Danny.

## 'Gangsta Rap' Is Focus Of MTV Special

In a time when violence has become a dominant factor in the lives of our youth, the controversy over "gangsta rap" continues to build. Does the lyrical content of this genre of music influence behavior? Does "gangsta rap" contribute to the delinquency of today's youth by glorifying guns and drugs, or does it reflect the reality of life on the streets?

Bill Stephney, co-creator of Public Enemy and president and chief executive officer of his own label, Stepsun Music Entertainment, will appear on "Gangsta Rap: An MTV Special Report" in an effort to answer some of these questions. The special is the latest program to support MTV's "Enough is Enough" anti-violence campaign to raise awareness in young people of the tragic consequences of violence and make it acceptable to turn to non-violence solutions. Following a May 25 premiere, "Gangsta Rap" will air June 11 at noon and 9 p.m.

In the segment "The History and Definition of Gangsta Rap," Stephney will take viewer through the development of the genre as he traces the history and evolution of "gangsta rap" from its early roots in New York's Hip Hop scene, through its development on the West Coast out of the Los Angeles gang culture. Artists interviewed include:

Ice-T, Onyx, Dr. Dre, Snoop Doogy Dog, Easy E, Tupac, and Spice 1.

Along with Stephney, MTV will also talk to Jerry Heller, general manager of Ruthless Records, Rev. Calvin Butts and Suge Knight, chief executive officer of Death Row Records about the role record labels and managers play in promoting and perpetuating the "gangsta rap" image. Are they responsible for marketing negative messages to young people or merely providing an outlet for artistic expression?

Throughout the special, MTV will talk with young people from different socioeconomic backgrounds to explore how upbringing, environment, race and other factors affect the way we interpret and react to music. Other topics covered in the program include: Tupac Shakur: Gangsta Rapper or Not? and Perception and Influence of Gangsta Rap.

"People are too often satisfied noting the problems, but not considering possible solutions," said Stephney. "We may be able to heighten the level of discourse if we can get past blaming the messenger, to investigating why there is an audience for the message. If anything, we want to keep pace with the rappers, because they are the ones who really have brought this discussion forward."

## A 447-year tradition



Portland Brewing Company continued a 447-year tradition of German brewing when it brought on-line at its new brewer classic copper brewing equipment purchased from the Sixenbrau Brewery in Nordlingen, Germany. The new brewery, funded in part by the first microbrewery public offering in the State of Oregon, increases the company's capacity and will soon feature the new "Brewhouse Taproom" for sampling its fine, hand-crafted beers.

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## JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 18th, 1994

at the

Texas II Annex

1625 N.E. Alberta St. • Portland, OR

2:00pm - 2:00am

Amusement • Food • Crafts

Information Booths Available

For Vendor Info Contact

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**SUMMER SIZZLE**

**VANCOUVER FESTIVAL**

A Sanctioned Rose Festival event in the heart of downtown Vancouver, WA.

**Outdoor Party Friday, June 17, 4:30pm - Midnight**

**Featuring**  
**The Temptations - 7:45pm**  
**Mary Wilson of The Supremes - 9:30pm**

At Main Stage, corner of Evergreen & Washington  
 Advance tickets: \$15.00 • At The Gate: \$18.00  
 Tickets available at Fred Meyer FASTIXX outlets, Paradise Cafe, Columbia Arts Center

<b>Saturday, June 18, 9:00am - 11:00pm</b>	<b>Sunday, June 19, 10:00am - 6:00pm</b>
<b>Free Admission</b>	<b>Free Admission</b>
9:00am Kids Parade with Alvin & The Chipmunks C Street & E. 13th	3:00pm Curtis Salgado & The Stiletto's Main Stage
1:00pm Brain Waves Improvisational Group Comic Humor Visual Arts Stage	5:00pm Crazy 8's Main Stage
4:00pm Tom Grant Main Stage	Other events appear on four stages throughout the weekend. For a complete list of events, consult the official Vancouver Festival Program Guide.
6:00pm Swing Line Cubs Main Stage	Other events include: Art Avenue - Fine artists on display on various street corners around town. Kids hands-on activities Beer & wine garden Food vendors
8:00pm KWJJ Country Night Main Stage	

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