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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Landlord Training Set

Portland Police is offering a program to teach landlords how to spot and prevent drug activity and other problems on their properties Friday, Nov. 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Portland Building, 2nd floor auditorium. A weeknight program is held Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Kenton School, 7528 N. Fenwick Ave. Register by leaving a message at 823-0955. For other questions call 823-0283.

Air Fair Features Astronauts

Aspiring astronauts and pilots can meet Apollo 12 astronauts Friday during the Oregon Air Fair's student day at the Oregon Convention Center. The event features astronauts Pete Conrad, Richard Gordon and Allen Bean and 250 exhibits and aircraft displays. Students will also have opportunities to fly an airplane simulator, build and fly paper airplanes and experience jobs astronauts perform in space. Saturday and Sunday the fair will be open to the public. Admission is free.

Forum Set On Adult Foster Care

Community forums sponsored by local government agencies will be held for residents wanting to learn more and give their opinions about adult foster care home services. The forums are scheduled Monday from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Mid-County Aging Services Division, 2900 S.E. 122 and Saturday, Nov. 19 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Southeast Multicultural Center, 4610 S.E. Belmont.

East Africa Jewelry Featured

Jewelry, crafts from East Africa and other treasures will be featured by African Team Ministries, Inc. Saturday, Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. Philip the Deacon Episcopal Church at the corner of Northeast Rodney and Knott.

Forum On Money Management

The Coalition of Black Men present a forum on personal/business finances and money management Friday, Nov. 18 at the Mallory Avenue Christian Church, 126 N.E. Alberta. A panel of local bankers and business owners will address and try to create a better understanding of business and personal finance and entrepreneurship. There is no charge. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the program starting at 7 p.m.

World Class Dancer At PSU

Athlete turned dancer/choreographer David Dorfman, hailed as one of the world's most mesmerizing modern dancers, presents a free master class for athletes and dancers at Portland State University. The session takes place Saturday, Nov. 19 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Room 207 of the Health and Physical Education Building. Dorfman and other athletes are also scheduled to perform next Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. in Lincoln Performance Hall.

Vigil To Honor Alzheimer Victims

The Alzheimer's Association invites families, friends and caregivers to honor and remember loved ones they have lost or are losing to Alzheimer's disease during a candlelight vigil Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the World Trade Center, 121 S.W. Salmon St.

Queens Of Black Oregon Area Women Vie For Miss Black Oregon

BY PROMISE KING

It is a scholarship affair. But they are coming with brain and beauty. They are the queens of Black Oregon. A carefully selected group of contestants for the Second Miss Black Oregon USA Scholarship Pageant. Intelligent and brilliant in their articulation, they exude pride and dignity in the way they walk and in the very original talents they display.

The day had gotten cold last Thursday as we trailed these contestants, eight in number, to their rehearsing area at the Lutheran Community Center on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Skidmore, to get them to comment on their wishes and aspirations.

One by one they spoke with the dignity of a true queen.

Arletha Faye Phillip likes skiing, horse riding, weight lifting and listening to music. She would like to see less and less young women of color having children out of wedlock. She is a 1987 graduate of Tigard High School, spent some years at Portland State, majoring in Psychology and theater Arts. And also a graduate of Academy One modeling school. Oprah Winfrey and her mom are her role models.

Tonya Thomas is a student at Roosevelt high School. She likes to play volleyball and basketball. She hopes to own her own business someday. Miss Thomas thinks the Miss Black Oregon scholarship Pageant would help women feel good about themselves.

Angelic Brown enjoys playing piano and dancing. She is currently completing her school at Portland Community College. She hopes to be a surgeon in future. Her model is Mia Angelo.

Nathasha Ross attended Woodrow Wilson High School and Portland Community College. She loves working with children, singing and dancing. She is hoping to be a film director and a fitness expert.

She believes this pageant will open another positive outlet for minority women to express themselves besides being a Rose Festival princess. Janet Jackson is her role model.

Donita Lincoln holds a bachelor degree in communications from the University of Portland. She loves singing and writing poetry and having time with her family. Her ultimate goal is to be a news reporter. She said Jesus Christ is her role model.

Valarie R. Doakes is graduating this December from George Fox College as an arts major. She enjoys aerobics, writing, and working with her church. She would like to



Tammie Morris



Michelle Soles, 1994 Miss Black Oregon USA.



Angelique Brown



Donita Lincoln



Valarie Doakes



Donna Knight



Natasha Ross



Arletha Phillip



Tonya Thomas

see people of color taking active roles in politics, foreign Affairs and also in spiritual matters. Her role models are Nelson Mandela, State Rep. Margaret Carter, Oprah and her parents.

Donna Knight attends Moller Barbers College and PCC. Playing piano and designing hair is what she love to do best. She has a dream to earn her masters in business

administration and also to own her salon. Her role models are Pastor Ida Simpson and her mom.

Tammie Morris is a student at Jefferson High School. If she is not singing, she is perhaps working with kids or with the elderly. She hopes to own a beauty salon and an income tax agency.

Organizers of the scholarship pageant

are promising "the best of it's kind".

The event will be held Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Holiday Inn rand ballroom, 1021 N.E. Grand. Doors will open at 7 p.m. with showtime scheduled at 7:30 p.m. A special appearance is by Sean Strong and the Northwest African American Ballet. Tickets are available for \$16 at Ticketmaster outlets.

Manager of Portland Cable Access Resigned



(L to R) Lenny Edwards, Television Production Teacher at Jefferson; and Deborah M. Luppold, General Manager of Portland Cable Access Television.

Deborah M. Luppold, General Manager of Portland Cable Access Television has resigned after eleven years of service. Portland Cable Access Television is an independent non-profit organization that provides access to the medium of cable for organizations and members of the com-

munity. Ms. Luppold is leaving PCA to join the state office of TCI Cablevision of Oregon as Video Conferencing Manager.

On November 2, Ms. Luppold was feted at a reception attended by over 150 people in acknowledgement of her years of leadership and commitment to the community.

Members of the Board, staff and business associates shared stories of Ms. Luppold's accomplishments. During her tenure, Portland Cable Access established its business at 276 NE ML King Blvd. undertaking one of the first major renovations on what was then referred to as the blighted Union Avenue corridor. PCA's 7,500 sq. ft. facility was one of the first businesses dedicated to the revitalization of the Martin Luther King Blvd. business corridor.

Ms. Luppold is recognized nationally as being one of the foremost experts in establishing and running community access centers. PCA is one the oldest and largest access centers in the country. She is also a leading proponent of First Amendment rights and has often been quoted as saying "I may not agree with what it is you have to say, but I will defend your right to say it." She believes that one never has to worry about the voice of the majority being heard, it is the voice of the minority that we must not silence. Over the years, many controversial programs have been shown on PCA's channels. These programs, because of their controversial nature, are the most well known. But lesser known, yet enduring, are the programs produced by members of the community which provide valuable services to the religious community, seniors, persons who are shut ins, diverse ethnic communities and a host of others.

Statement From Mayor Vera Katz And Commissioner Earl Blumenauer Regarding Bureau Of Maintenance Criminal Investigation

City of Portland Mayor Vera Katz and Commissioner Earl Blumenauer released the following joint statement. Their statement is in response to media inquires regarding an ongoing criminal investigation by the Portland Police Bureau of possible misappropriation of public property by employees in the Maintenance Bureau.

"Allegations have been made regarding potential criminal activity associated with employees of the Bureau of Maintenance. The matter has been under investigation over the past month by the Police Bureau, and two employees have been placed on administrative leave.

"In the event probable cause is found for criminal activity, the City will press vigorously for prosecution and restitution for any loss to the public as well as take appropriate disciplinary action.

"To protect the integrity of the ongoing investigation, no further comment will be made until the investigation is complete."