

# METRO *Life*

The Portland Observer

**SECTION B**

## Community Calendar

### Band To Strike It Up

Live music by the five-piece band Footprints will perform free to the public at a Musical Art Expo, April 1, from noon until 6 p.m. at Lutheran Inner-City Ministries community center at northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Skidmore.

### Jazz Underground

Jazz pianist Brian Ward plays two sets with his Trio and featured guest musicians every Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Theater on the Park, 904 S.W. Main St. Admission is \$5 for all ages. Non-alcohol drinks and free snacks are served.

### Focus On Fundraising

Sharing the Load: A Workshop On Building Partnerships, is presented at 8:30 a.m. March 29 at the Northeast Precinct to help nonprofit staff and directors ask for and get corporate support. For information, call Artangia Presley of the Black United Fund at 282-7973.

### African Dance Group To Perform

The Northwest Afrikan American Ballet will perform at 7 pm. Tuesday in the Chiles Center at the University of Portland in north Portland. The troupe is one of the premier African dance companies on the west coast, performing original and variations of traditional dances from Senegal, Gambia, Mali and Guinea.

### Vancouver Entertains For Kids

The city of Vancouver presents a variety of spring break programs for kids, 5 to 12 years old, April 3-7, at the Bagley Community Center, 4100 Plomondon St. Highlights include carnival games, a visit to Discovery Zone, dino stomp, edible flowers, swimming, roller skating, drama, music and clown classes. call (360) 696-8965.

### Spring Class Schedules Are Out

Portland Parks and Recreation's spring class schedules are now available. Copies can be found at Multnomah County libraries, city hall and all park recreation sites.

### Beat the Summer Rush

Swimming lessons are now available for all ages and skill levels through the Portland Parks and Recreation. For a pool schedule, call 823-5130.

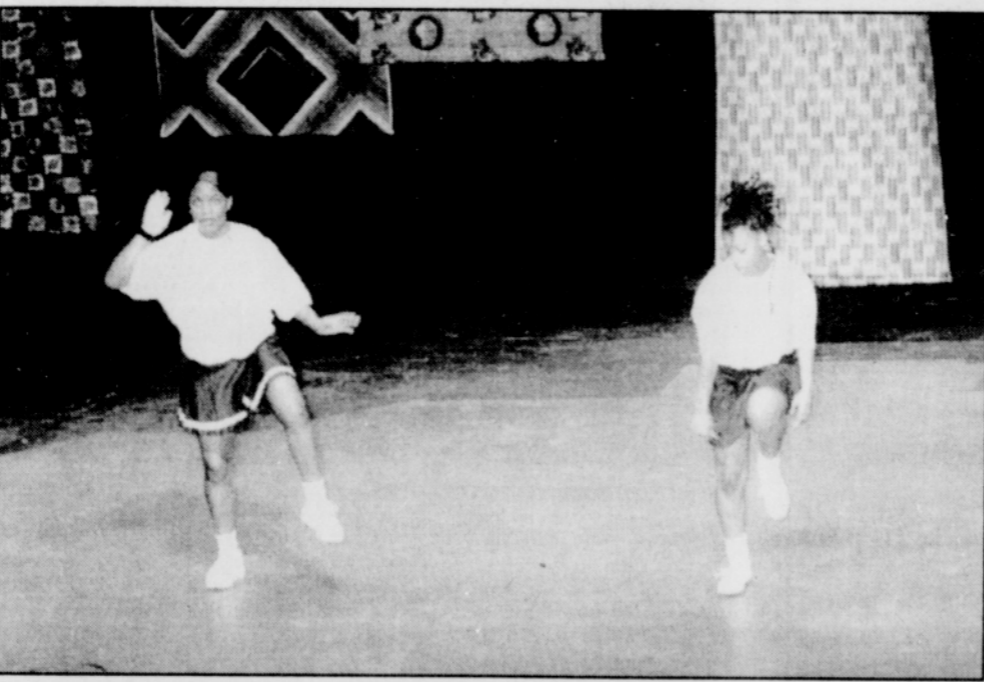
### Musicians Ball Presented

Tickets for the 1995 "Musicians Ball" presented by Henry Weinhard's are now on sale at TicketMaster outlets. The ball, held April 22 at Memorial Coliseum features 70 bands on 11 stages featuring many of the areas best known and most creative performers.

### Seniors Plan Sandy Tour

The Hollywood Senior Center sponsors a van trip March 30, leaving the center at 1820 N.E. 40th and 2 p.m. You'll drive through the town of Sandy and across the hills to Estacada where you'll stop for coffee at the Safari to see their amazing display of mounted wildlife.

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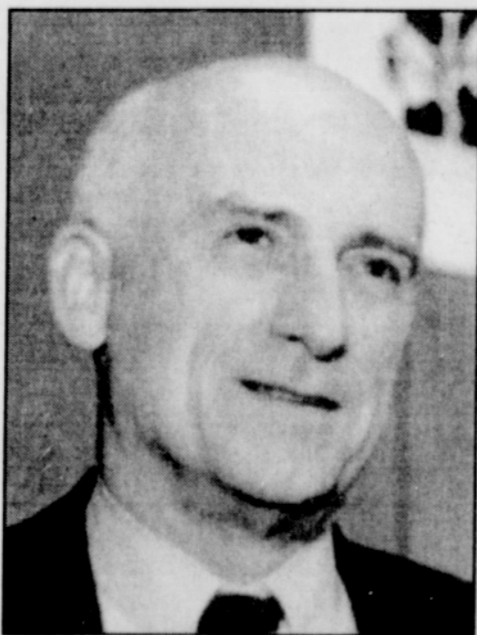
## Talented Students Perform

Professional musician Janice Scroggins joins the Grant Gospel Choir at Grant High School and students Yolanda Simms (left) and Jamilia Smith entertain on stage. The talents of local African American artists were showcased March 10 during a community performance at the school which also included Grant's African Dance Troupe. Proceeds from admissions benefitted the school's cultural diversity program.

(Photos by Donn Thomas)

## D.A. Honored For Community Policing

**A**ssigning deputy district attorneys to neighborhoods to combat crime is winning the praise of the Portland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.



Multnomah County District Attorney Michael D. Schrunk

The business group presented its Chair Award for Public Service to Multnomah County District Attorney Michael Schrunk for his Neighborhood D.A. Program.

The goal of the program is to improve the quality of life within neighborhoods and business districts by developing and imple-

menting long-term strategies that attack so called "maintenance and order" crimes.

These offenses include theft, vandalism, car prowls, aberrant public behavior and illegal camping.

Deputy district attorneys are assigned top specific geographic locations with the charge of identifying major public safety problems in the area. They also are responsible to working with residents, groups and organizations wanting to improve the area and resolve crime problems.

"While hardly on a level with violent crime, I think we'd all agree that nothing detracts more from our everyday quality of life than these maintenance and order crimes," said Richard Reiten, chamber chair who also serves as president and chief operating officer of Portland General Electric.

Since the neighborhood D.A. program was initiated in the Holladay District around Lloyd Center, reported car prowls have dropped nearly two-thirds.

Other problems successfully addressed, include aggressive panhandling in downtown Portland, loitering and vandalism on unattended private property, loud street musicians in downtown and illegal drug activity in Old Town, chamber officials said.

In each situation, police, prosecutors and local residents joined forces to find and implement workable solutions.

A deputy district has also been assigned to the new Northeast Precinct at Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Emerson Street.



Sheriff Candidate Vera Pool.

## First Black Woman Sheriff Supports Pool

BY PROMISE KING

**T**he nation's first African American woman elected to the office of sheriff was in Portland this week to help elect Vera Pool sheriff of Multnomah County.

Fulton County Sheriff Jackie H. Barrett of Atlanta, Ga., said in a fund-raising dinner Monday, that Pool's untarnished 24 years experience in the sheriff's department made her the most-qualified candidate.

The mail ballot election will be decided on Tuesday, March 28. Ballots are due

by 8 p.m. at the county elections office, 1040 S.E. Morrison.

"The issue here is credibility, experience, leadership and gender, Barrett said.

She especially urged women, of all races, to rally around Pool.

"Call everyone, every woman you know through the phone, reach everyone for Vera's sake," Barrett said.

Pool told the Portland Observer that she was sure of victory.

"My victory will shock a lot of people," she said.