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Community Calendar

African Arts, Entertainment Coming

The sixth annual Homowa Festival for African Arts, the largest event of its kind in the Northwest, will be held Sunday, Aug. 20 beginning at 1 p.m. in Cathedral Park in the St. Johns district. Obo Addy's Okropong, Kukuru and other regional artists will present a variety of music and dance. The festival will also include crafts, workshops and food. Call 288-3025 for more information.

Fashion Show Helps HIV Programs

Music, flowers, food and a stage production will entertain during a benefit fashion show for Outside In's HIV programs. Ticket donations are \$10. The event will be held Sunday at Montgomery Park, 2701 N.W. Vaughn at 5 p.m.

Festival Presents Story

De Sur to North, a story about a South American Indian "discovered" by a band of British explorers including Charles Darwin and then taken to England will be presented during the Portland International Performance Festival on Tuesday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Hall Studio Theatre, 1620 S.W. Park. Tickets are \$3 and available at the door.

National Company Tours

Double Edge Theatre, one of the leading experimental theater companies in the country, will perform Song of Songs, a presentation of biblical songs of love, Thursday, Aug. 3 through Saturday, Aug. 6 at 8 p.m. and at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6 at Imago Theatre, 17 S.E. 8th Ave. Portland.

Music Plays At Blue Lake

Called the King of Afrobeat, O.J. Ekemode and the Nigerian All-Stars perform Thursday, Aug. 3 at 6:30 p.m. as part of the Metro Music by Blue Lake summer series. Ekemode incorporates elements of ragga, juju, calypso and jazz into a spicy sound that has helped give native African music a global popularity.

Artist Wanted

An assistant muralist is needed for three months and 20 hours a week to help an established muralist create murals. The person will preferably be a painter, an independent worker and very reliable. To apply, mail or drop by a resume to Ojo Tunton, 2909 N.E. Alberta St. Portland, OR 97111.

Cruise For Miss Black Oregon

An evening cruise to raise donations for the Miss Black Oregon USA Pageant departs Sunday at 5:45 p.m. from the Riverplace Marina aboard the Cascade Queen Sternwheeler. Food, music and a fashion show are part of the entertainment.

Human Race Benefits Charities

More than 2,000 people are expected to join a 5K walk/run and 2K walk to benefit more than 100 non-profit charities in the Portland area. They will be participating in The Human Race, scheduled Sunday, Aug. 6 at 8:45 a.m. at Waterfront Park. Call 222-1355 for entry forms and more information.

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Dan Russell: Neighborhood Attorney

BY PROMISE KING

Daniel E. Russell had one thing in mind while in law school, to become a neighborhood attorney.

Ever since he passed his Oregon Bar exam he has clinched consciously to that commitment, allowing neither the lure of big money nor the fancy and sleek surroundings of a downtown environment pull him away from his modest northeast Portland office.

"Attorneys need to move back to the neighborhoods. Really, I don't see myself moving to downtown," Russell said.

A general practitioner of law, Russell said his specialties include auto accidents, personal injury cases, divorce and family law, criminal defense, and product liability.

He also deals with drafting wills. Russell says it's never too early to put your assets in a will.

His clients include ordinary folks and businesses.

"I'm always available to my clients, even if there is transportation problem," Russell assured.

For those who are seeking a lawyer, the neighborhood attorney suggests you look to the Oregon Bar Association and a referral from a bona fide attorney.

Russell and many other attorneys offer free initial consultations.

He can be reached at 282-7999 or at his office at 1818 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr.



Attorney Daniel E. Russell outside his neighborhood office on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Leaders Given Whitney Young Honor Award

The unselfish dedication to community service of five Portland area leaders will be recognized with the bestowing of the Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award by the Cascade Pacific Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The awards will be given Monday at the council's first Century Club Luncheon at the

Oregon Convention Center.

Dr. LeRoy Walker, president of the U.S. Olympic Committee, will join a roster of special guests for the event.

Also featured will be Dr. Robert Ingram, president of the National Conference of Black Mayors. KOIN-TV anchor Mike Donahue will be the master of ceremonies.

Those being honored are Jefferson High School Principal Alcena Boozer, Michelle Harper of the Portland Bureau of Parks and Recreation, 1994 Mother of the Year Margie Keller, the late Neil Kelly of Neil Kelly, Inc. and Bishop Adolph A. Wells of the Albina Ministerial Alliance.

"The idea behind the Century Club was to create opportunities for scouting

that may be out of the reach for economically disadvantaged young people in north, northeast and southeast Portland," said luncheon chairman Michael Lewellen, director of corporate development at Nike, Inc.

For tickets and additional information, contact the Cascade Pacific Council at 225-5747 or 225-5764.



Little League cousins (from left) Omar, Durel and Mark Washington, participated in the 1995 Riverside All-star game at Gregory Heights Elementary School.

Anti-Violence March Planned

A "Stop the Killing '95" march against violence will be held Sunday in northeast Portland.

The march is organized by a group of artists and writers from Unstuck Productions. It will begin at 3 p.m. from Alberta Park at northeast 19th and Killingsworth with a presentation at the park beginning at 1 p.m. Activities are scheduled to continue through 7 p.m.

The group has issued a challenge to the Portland area neighbors, businesses and those who live in affluence to join in a front line of action against violence and killings.

"Once again our city is being visited with death in the recent killings in inner Portland," organizers said.

A fund is being established at the Bank of America at 5775 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. for donations to help defray the costs of the event.

Donations of time and labor are also needed. Call 948-9189 or 1-800-501-4866 to contribute.

T-shirts signifying "Stop the Killing '95" and "Children, When They Die, They're Gone Forever," are official fundraising items along with buttons and bumper stickers. They can also be ordered by calling the numbers above.

Measure 11 Claims One

If Lepri Jackson knew that for 70 months he would be behind bars without parole maybe he wouldn't have messed with guns.

This is the reality of the new tough law passed by voters last November against violent juveniles.

Until this year, Johnson, 16, would have walked away with probation without smelling the penitentiary for his assault conviction with no prior criminal record.

But since Measure 11 took effect in April, Judge Lee Johnson of the Multnomah County Court had no choice last week but to sentence Jackson to five years and eight months for the crime.

"I will sentence the defendant to the custody of the state corrections Department for a period of 70 months" Judge Johnson had ruled.

With that, Jackson who was found guilty

to shooting at a Jeep carrying four men, and wounding one in the stomach became the first juvenile sentenced under the measure in Multnomah County.

Measure 11 requires that defendants convicted of any of 16 violent crimes serve long prison sentences, whether or not it is their first offense.

It affects juveniles as young as 15.

Eric Bergstorm, a deputy district attorney for Multnomah County, said the Jackson case was exactly what voters had in mind when they passed the measure.

Since the new law took effect, Police have arrested 41 juveniles on Measure 11 charges in Multnomah county from April 1 through July 7.

Of those, the district Attorney's office has declined to prosecute six of them and dismissed cases against four others.