Asian Youth Camp Supported

Congressman Ron Wyden and others give a boost to Police Activities League's Asian Basketball Camp.



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Join In Celebrating Our



Group To Electrify State Fair

Earth, Wind and Fire will perform Saturday during the Seven O'Clock Concert Series at the state fairgrounds in Salem.



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Prosecution Wants Ito To Stay

Prosecutors backed away from their demand that Judge Lance Ito disqualify himself from the rest of the marathon O.J. Simpson murder trial last week. Opposing lawyers agreed to a compromise allowing the judge to rule on the admissibility of interview tapes of former Detective Mark Fuhrman allegedly uttering racial epithets and talking about planting evidence to frame suspects. Ito then ruled against the defense motion on Monday.

Packwood Lashes Out At Accusers

Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., escalated his verbal assault on his accusers and news organizations last week, promising more criticism in the future. Packwood is facing ethics charges ranging from sexual harassment to evidence tampering. "Now is the time to fight fire with fire," he said, appearing in three national television interviews in less than 24 hours. His latest tactics seemed to draw o critical, if somewhat bewildered reaction.

Black Paratroopers Honored

A memorial was dedicated at Arlington National Cemetery last week to the nation's first black paratroopers, who served with distinction despite unequal treatment. The 555th Parachute Infantry Battalion, earned their wings in 1944 at Fort Benning, Ga. They were called "Smoke Jumpers" during World War II by dropping in to fight forest fires set by Japanese incendiary balloons in the Pacific Northwest.

Bradley Calls It Quits

Sen. Bill Bradley, the New Jersey basketball hero who once seemed an oddson favorite to win a Democratic presidential nomination, announced last week that he will not seek re-election in 1996. Bradley, 52, said it was simply time to move on. The announcement increases the likelihood that Democrats will not recapture control of the Senate next year.

Senator Rated Senior Friendly

The free enterprise, less government and less taxes seniors advocacy group 60 Plus has rated Oregon Sen. Bob Packwood as "senior friendly." The group commended Packwood "for working to preserve and protect Medicare."

Menendez Retrial Enjoys Low Profile

As Lyle and Erick Menendez prepare for the start of a new trial for the shotgun slayings of their parents, their case has been pushed from center stage by O.J. Simpson. Jury selection was scheduled to begin Wednesday in Los Angeles. The brothers' first trial ended deadlocked in hung juries.

lowa Poll Sets Dole Back

"We got our butts kicked," said Bob Dole campaign manager Scott Reed about Dole's surprising tie with Phil Gramm for first place in the Iowa straw poll of Republican presidential candidates Saturday.

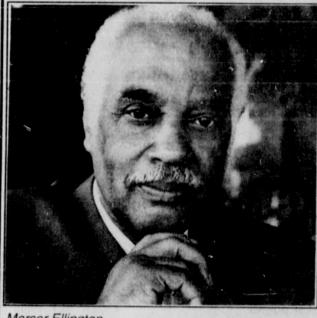




Ghana Ambassador Ekwow Spio-Garbrah (top, left) and his assistant Daniel Hagen, both of the Ghana Embassy in Washington, D.C., are special guests at Sunday's Homowo Festival in Portland. The celebration of African arts, music and dance is also attended by Ghana residents Minnie Ziddah and James Kutten (left) who came dressed in the royal dress of the Ashanti African people.

(Photos by Duane Lewis)

Essence Of Ellington Coming to Portland



Mercer Ellington

A celebration of the legendary jazz bandleader and composer Duke Ellington will take place next month in

"Essence of Ellington," will be performed the evening of Sept. 23 at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall as a benefit for Friends of Black Studies at Portland State University. The production is presented by the Jazz Society of

Oregon. The featured artist is the late Ellington's son, Mercer

Kennedy Ellington.

Mercer continues to lead the Duke Ellington Orchestra, honoring a commitment made by his father, "With or without me, my band will be there."

In the early 80s, Mercer was musical conductor for Sophisticated Ladies, a review of Duke Ellington's music on Broadway. For the past 15 years, he has led the Duke Ellington Orchestra throughout the world to rave reviews. The orchestra received a Grammy Award in 1988 for Best Jazz Instrumental Album.

The Portland event, on addition to the great music, will include historical film clips and photographs.

Duke Ellington defined the swing sophisticated style of

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Fair Offers 12 Days Of Fun In Salem

laser light show, ejection seat and High Diving Hillbillies are among the new attractions at the 1995 Oregon State Fair.

The fair opens Thursday at the state fairgrounds and exposition center in Salem and runs through Labor Day, Sept. 4

Traditional attractions at the fair, include a star-studded field of high-quality entertainment, kids village, Oregon wine and food garden, daily parades, a great American petting zoo and horse racing.

The laser light show is a 30-minute light and musical extravaganza with laser beams and images produced on a 60 by 50-foot

Bungee jumpers will like the ejection seat. The riders are strapped into a seat and then "slingshot" from the ground to about 150 feet, with speeds up to 65

The Hatfields and McCoys High Diving Hillbillies show features high diving, springboard diving, clown diving, comedy and the

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edge of everything from sports to literature,

and - as witnessed last week in talking about

his love for his wife - deep emotion.

the often tumultuous trial.

human inferno fire dive.

A Seven O'clock Concert Series is performed each night at the L.B. Day Amphitheater. Concertgoers are required to buy a con-

The line-up includes Earth, Wind and Fire, Bill Cosby and Manhattan

Transfer. Other performances include Tab Benoit, Chicago, Randy Travis and the Steve Miller

Band and the Doobie Brothers. Fair admission is \$6 and \$1 for children,

6 to 12 years old. Children under six are free. Due to heavy construction near Salem's Market Street Exit, the fair is advising fairgoers to avoid using the Market Street Exit off I-5 as they enter Salem.

Fairgoers coming on southbound 1-5 should take the #258 North Salem Exit/State Fairgrounds, continue on Portland Road and turn left on Lana Avenue and head straight to the fairgrounds.

For more information call (503) 378-3247 or 1-800-833-0011.

Judge Lance Ito Finds Fame Has Its Pitfalls

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udge Lance Ito, propelled to fame he did not seek and did not want, is a man of many moods - all of which have been bared to the world in the most highly publicized trial in history.

The O.J. Simpson double-murder trial not only made the judge an instant celebrity but left his every move in court open to criticism by a host of legal analysts who suddenly found extra employment on television and in newspapers.

"Never in the history of jurisprudence has a judge come Under such scrutiny by so many people," one analyst remarked.

Last week, however, Ito took center stage in the trial when prosecutors asked him to disqualify himself from the case, saying the judge could not be impartial about evidence and testimony involving the judge's wife, a police captain.

But one day after dropping her bombshell, Deputy District Attorney Marcia Clark would be best for Ito to continue guiding the case he has presided over for the past year.

As the trial has progressed, the 48-yearold former prosecutor has shown increasing impatience as both sides appeared to turn

from the main question in the case - did

Simpson, a former football star turned sports-

caster and actor, kill ex-wife Nicole Brown

Simpson and her friend, Ronald Goldman, on

get the case into the jury's hands as soon as

possible. "Can we try the Simpson case some-

time today?" the judge irritably asked Clark

Simpson says he did not, and Ito wants to

the night of June 12, 1994?

recently as she questioned a defense expert

Ito also developed a love-hate relationship with the media, giving a five-part interview to a local television station while threatening to pull the plug on TV coverage of the trial. He has kicked reporters out of his court for talking and even for chewing gum.

Before the Simpson case, when Ito was just another judge in Los Angeles Superior Court, attorneys who tried cases before him considered him intelligent, fair and hard-

But, beneath the media glare, his reputation has sometimes suffered as his actions have come under the microscope, including accepting a birthday cake from the same television network that was awaiting a key ruling from him in the case.

"If you're a judge, there's just no gifts. That's it," said prominent Los Angeles de-

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