

Essence Of Ellington Is Coming

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the day by performing musical cameos of his numbers in movies and short films.

Film clips, courtesy of the Chertok Collection in New York, will be presented within a 60 minute video. These rare Ellington clips have

been shown only once, at the Lincoln Center on April 27. Mercer Ellington will narrate the film clips.

Another highlight will include an appearance by Portland resident Anne Henry who used to dance with Ellington's early bands.

"Essence of Ellington" will be the first major event of Portland State

University's 50th anniversary celebration.

Tickets are available through Ticketmaster outlets at \$20 for general admission, reserved seating. Patron tickets to include a post-event reception at the Heathman Hotel with Ellington, with champagne and desert are \$100.

Judge Lance Ito Finds Fame Pitfalls

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fense attorney Harland Braun. Braun also shakes his head at Ito's practice of receiving celebrities and pseudo-celebrities in his chambers during breaks in the proceedings - putting the trial on hold so he could meet with the likes of talk show host Geraldo Rivera or former Mayflow-

ed by Madam Sydney Biddle Barrows.

"It sets a bad example," Braun said. And while Ito worked hard to ensure fairness for both sides, Braun said, he often seemed to lose his legal compass in the glare of the television lights.

Howard Price, a Los Angeles defense attorney of 28 years who appeared in Ito's courtroom repeat-

edly before the Simpson era, gives the judge consistently good marks on his rulings. "He's provided this defendant with the fairest trial in the history of the planet," Price said.

But Price concedes the judge "hasn't been a saint" on the bench. "He's had moments of pique that are uncharacteristic of him," the veteran attorney said.

Urban League Finds Ideal Co-Chairs

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The campaign's goal is to raise \$250,000 in membership dues from businesses and individuals. Membership revenue will be used to support Urban League programs and services. "Several Urban League services that are critical to the community are being funded from our general fund," explained Lawrence Dark. "Membership revenue will allow us to close the gap and continue to provide services that empower clients to become self-sufficient."

"Businesses prosper only to the extent that the communities they serve prosper," stated Peter Gray. "The business community's partnership with the Urban League will help it better serve its clients so that they may reach their full potential as parents, employees,

and citizens." Gray, a graduate of the University of Oregon, joined Bank of America in 1992 and manages its statewide community sponsorships, philanthropic programs, and the bank's efforts to strengthen and improve Oregon's schools.

"I am asking all community persons to join the Urban League as we create community solutions for our community through education, employment and equality," stated Joyce Harris. Ms. Harris earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Studies with a concentration in Black Studies from Reed College, a Bachelors of Arts degree in Education for Oregon State University, a Master of Science in Education from Portland State University and is currently pursuing her doctorate at Portland State University in Curriculum and Instruc-

tion. Harris is the Co-founder of the Black Educational Center School and joined the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory in July of 1993 to lead the Center for National Origin, Race, and Sex Equity.

Urban League annual memberships start at \$25 for individuals and \$100 for small businesses, with discounted rates for students and seniors. For information on membership levels and benefits, contact the Urban League at 503/280-2600.

The Urban League of Portland is a non-profit, community-based human service, economic and social justice agency serving youth, students, job seekers, and seniors in the Portland metro area. The agency is one of 113 local affiliates of the National Urban League, headquartered in New York City.

Local Volunteers Awarded For Efforts

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Neil Kelly has believed in the north/northeast community for several decades. He has been a supporter of Scouting both financially, materially, and with his time. He was at hand when a Cub Scout unit need guidance. Neil was available when the Sea Explorers need support for projects. Neil started and supported several Scout units during his life and was one of the founders of the North/Northeast Business Association which continues to work to make the community a more productive and safer place for all.

Rev. Alcena Boozer has had a dual career for the past fifteen years serving as an Episcopal Priest and the principal of Jefferson High School. She has Supported Scouting by participating in the Learning for Life program and the co-sponsorship

of two Explorer posts. She serves on several boards working to provide a better opportunity for local citizens, as well as promoting the Jefferson Standard for her students.

Two council service awards were given by the council -- one to The Portland House of Umoja for their continued use of the Explorer program to teach gang and at-risk youth another side of life besides those negatives that have brought them trouble with the law and school. Hanh The Vuong was the other recipient of the council service award for his continuous work in bringing Scouting to the Vietnamese community. Hanh used the Scout Handbook to teach English, and the Scout Oath and Law coincide with the traditional Vietnam culture and beliefs in justice, truth and community service.

Keynote speaker was Mayor Dr. Robert Ingram, President of the Na-

tional Conference of Black Mayors. A long-time supporter of Scouting and a Silver Beaver recipient, Dr. Ingram brought a powerful message about the values that Scouting holds for your youth.

Mayor Ingram believes "that we need to put the prefix back on the word 'hood' like Neighbor or Brother. We must stop labeling negatives and promote positives." He went on to say that we must work to solve one problem, eliminate one barrier, and help one child.

The Century Club Luncheon was chaired by Michael Lewellen of NIKE, Inc., and the honorary chairs were held by Paul Lorenzini of PacificCorp, and Lawrence Dark of the Urban League of Portland. The Master of Ceremonies was KOIN's news anchor Mike Donahue. The sponsors were West One Bank, Meier & Frank, NIKE, Inc., KOIN-TV.

Tapping Into Safe E-Mail

During summer, children turn on the television and turn off their brains. But before school starts, parents can help their kids dust off their thinking caps and hone their writing skills. How? With electronic mail, E-mail is a fun, interactive way to get children thinking and writing. And with MCI's new booklet, "Write Here, Write Now Educational E-Mail Guide," it's easy to get your children learning — with e-mail.

Educators say parents are children's best and most influential teachers.

Thanks to home computers, fulfilling the role of parent and teacher is easier than ever before. Over 35 million American homes have personal computers (PCs), a boom driven by kids' fascination with multimedia software.

E-Mail, A Rewarding Education Educators say e-mail is valuable to children's education. "Receiving e-mail provides a quick reward for practicing writing skills that will pay off in the classroom,"

explains Cheri Fuller, an educator, learning specialist and author of 10 books on child development. "Children's ability to write well affects their learning in every subject in school. More than any other activity, writing leads to clear, organized and coherent thought."

Using the home computer as a learning tool, parents can successfully bridge their student's summer vacation to the new school year. And tapping into e-mail is an easy, affordable way to introduce youngsters to the fun of writing.

Parents can accomplish this feat with "Write Here, Write Now." Fuller worked extensively with MCI to develop this two-part guide. It's packed with information for parents and kids. Included are tips for parents to help children sharpen language skills and a "just-for-kids" pull-out section packed with fun, instructive and easy computer e-mail activities.

Besides letter writing, other "Write Here, Write Now" activities help kids participate in science ex-

periments, engage in hi-tech storytelling, create an electronic family newsletter or ask an expert for information, such as a scientist at National Geographic.

Parents can receive the "Write Here, Write Now" pamphlet absolutely free by calling 800-726-8470.

Friends & Family Mail

"Write Here, Write Now" is a complement to MCI's Friends & Family Mail e-mail software. Friends & Family Mail turns a home PC into a family communications center, allowing even children to easily send and receive e-mail messages.

Plus, parents need not worry about young writers tying up the phone line since kids compose and send e-mail messages off-line. And, because Friends & Family Mail dials into an 800 number, they won't have to worry about high phone charges either.

To schedule an interview with Cheri Fuller or for complete press kit and sample brochure, contact Michael Tierney: 1-800-436-9749; e-mail 759-4533@mcimail.com.

Police News

Workshops On Domestic Violence Set

The Tri-County Domestic and Sexual Violence Intervention Network has announced its 4th annual Domestic and Sexual Violence Institute to be held Oct. 7 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Portland State University.

The institute is a day-long series of workshops, open to the community, covering domestic and sexual violence-related information. Workshops topics will include undeserved populations and innova-

tive therapy techniques.

Registration fee is \$25 to \$50 on a sliding scale. A limited number of scholarships are available. The session is wheelchair-accessible. Free childcare and parking are also available.

For more information or to register, call Jeannie LaFrance at 232-7805. You may also register at the door.

The intervention network is a

group of non-profit agencies in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington Counties. The network provides crisis intervention, counseling, emergency shelter, referrals and advocacy for women and children survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

The network also offers community outreach and information about oppression and domestic and sexual violence.

Suspect Arrested In Hit-And-Run

A 38-year-old northeast Portland man has been arrested in connection with a July 22 hit-and-run accident that seriously injured two teenagers near Southeast 82nd and Clay Street.

Patrick Eugene Parker, 38, of Portland, was charged with felony hit-and-run, two counts of assault and driving under the influence of intoxicants. He was arrested at the traffic division office after an interview with the case investigator.

Parker's vehicle, a white Honda Prelude, was towed as evidence. Earlier, Parker reported that someone had stolen his car, damaged it and then returned it to his residence. Allegedly, Parker was driving while intoxicated when his vehicle struck the two teenagers as they crossed 82nd Avenue about 1 a.m. The vehicle did not stop at the scene.

Car Thief Leaves Court In Stolen Car

A northwest Portland man made court appearance for car theft and was arrested when he drove off in another stolen vehicle.

Kristopher Hyslop, 30, was arrested Aug. 7 at Southwest Third and Salmon, shortly after leaving court on a previous charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The van he got into was found to have been stolen in southwest Portland on July 18. Police got suspicious when they noticed the vehi-

cle was parked at the curb with its engine running.

Hyslop was lodged in the Justice Center Jail on new charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, driving while felony revoked, fraudulent use of a credit card and misuse of an Oregon Driver's License.

The officers recovered a number of personal checks that were allegedly taken from paper recycling bins.

Partisanship Is Hindering Ethics Committees

Three decades after Congress established bipartisan ethics committees that deliberated in private, the process is threatened by public party-line splits on major issues in the cases of two of the most powerful men in Congress, House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Oregon Sen. Bob Packwood.

In the trenches, Republicans and Democrats earnestly accuse the other side of allowing partisanship into committee meetings as a bumptious intruder.

The partisan stakes are high, which makes studied nonpartisanship almost impossible these days. Both cases involve prominent Republicans. Gingrich is a partisan symbol all by himself as well as the most powerful speaker in decades. Packwood is chairman of the Finance Committee, which has the broadest jurisdiction in the Senate, from taxes to Medicare to Medicaid to trade to welfare.

Democrats say Republicans are changing established procedures to protect their own. Republicans say Democrats, frustrated at their loss of power elsewhere, are kicking and screaming in the only forums where they can force deadlocks; the ethics committees are the only two congressional committees that have equal numbers from both parties.

That internal finger-pointing may satisfy members of Congress, but knowledgeable outsiders see enough blame for both parties.

This is not the first obvious case of partisanship in the Senate committee. During the Keating Five scandal, committee Democrats for months

resisted dropping the case against John McCain, the Arizona Republican, because that would have left only Democrats accused of improper dealings with Charles Keating, the savings and loan executive.

The rules of both committees - created in 1964 in the Senate, and 1967 in the House - require secrecy, so there is little public record of what has been going on inside the Packwood and Gingrich cases.

But after more than two years of staff work, which included interviewing every woman who had ever worked for Packwood, the Senate Ethics Committee announced in May that it had concluded unanimously that there was "substantial credible evidence" that Packwood had engaged in a pattern of sexual misconduct, citing 18 instances of groping, grabbing and kissing between 1969 and 1990.

It also accused him of tampering with evidence and improperly dealing with lobbyists to get his wife a job, which he expected to lower alimony payments after an impending divorce.

Then it held private meetings to allow him to respond to the charges. Packwood said he was not seeking public hearings. When the committee was about to decide on whether to hold such hearings, Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., fearing that Republicans would block them, said she would offer a Senate resolution to force the holding of public hearings.

Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the committee chairman, said that her demand split the committee.

He said, "We'd worked on a very friendly, bipartisan relationship until the Boxer amendment came up." He added, "I'm glad we're going on recess, because I hope it will give us time to get over the hurt that this has caused."

The Democrats argue that partisanship came into this case when the three Republicans voted against public hearings at a July 31 meeting. On the 3-to-3 vote, the proposal for hearings died.

Democrats on the committee say that in rejecting hearings, the committee was sending a message that sexual offenses were less important than financial matters, which have customarily been investigated in public hearings in the past. And, they said, the committee's Republicans gave no reason for opposing hearings. Other Republicans said public hearings would be a circus and embarrass the Senate. But McConnell told the Senate that the staff said its thorough inquiry had made hearings unnecessary, and Democrats confirmed his report.

After an Aug. 2 Senate vote, on almost straight party lines, to forgo public hearings, the committee thought it was ready to start debating what punishment to recommend.

But it put that off until September when its staff reported that two more complaints had been filed that had been overlooked. One of them involves a former intern in Packwood's office. The committee hopes to act on those complaints, along with the others, by mid-September.

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—John Churton Collins

Many in this world run after felicity like an absent man hunting for his hat, while all the time it is on his head or in his hand.

—Sydney Smith

The world of the living contains enough marvels and mysteries acting upon our emotions and intelligence in ways so inexplicable that it would almost justify the conception of life as an enchanted state.

—Joseph Conrad

The greatest fool is he who thinks he is not one and all others are.

—Baltasar Gracian