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Community Calendar

Summer Community Organizing Internships

The Center for Third World Organizing is recruiting young people of color, ages 19-30, for the Minority Activist Apprenticeship Program. The leadership training program combines classroom instruction with hands-on organizing experience. Interns learn skills and strategies of community organizing. Participants receive a scholarship for training, materials, living expenses plus a weekly stipend. The program runs from June 16 to Sept. 20. Participants must attend a weekend training April 26-28. Deadline for applications is April 15. For more information call (510) 533-7583 or fax (510) 533-0926. The address is 1218 E 21st St. Oakland, CA. 94606.

Grant Writing Workshop Offered

Metro North Portland Enhancement Fund will be accepting grants for 1996-97 programs. The organization will sponsor a grant writing workshop Wednesday, April 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Columbia Cottage, 4339 N. Lombard. To qualify, projects must contribute to enriching the quality of life in North Portland. Deadline for Applications is May 29 and applications will be available at the workshop. For more information call 797-1648.

Check Out Local Libraries

Multnomah County Libraries' fifth annual celebration of libraries will feature samples of some of their online information services. African and Native American storytelling and European and Southeast Asian music and dance will also be included. Programs listing library activities are available at branch libraries.

African Dance Classes Begin

Move your feet to the African Beat with live drumming at the Black Minz and In the Spirit Dance classes at the Lutheran Inner City Ministries, 4219 NE MLK Blvd. The 8-week classes begin Saturday, April 20 and conclude with a performance. Children's class are 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. and adult classes are 5 to 6 p.m. Call 284-9223.

OMSI Seeks Volunteers

OMSI is recruiting volunteers for their grand re-opening, the Star Trek: Federation science exhibit, and other opportunities. A volunteer sampler will be held Wednesday, April 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Education Resource Center (the Washington Park site) Call 797-4644 for more information.

World Music Concert

Lewis and Clark College presents a world music concert featuring Javanese Gamelan, West African Drums, African Marimba, and Music of India, Sunday, April 21 at 8 p.m. in Evans Auditorium at the music building, 0615 SW Palatine Hill Rd.

Packy The Elephant Turns 34

Packy the elephant will celebrate his 34th birthday Saturday, April 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Washington Park Zoo. Party goers can sign his birthday card, dance the Packy shuffle and get floppy elephant ears to wear. Costumed characters Elliot and Eliza Elephant will entertain youngsters. There will be games, music and birthday cake for all.

Stop Smoking Class Offered

Breathe Free stop smoking plan will offer a class for people wanting to stop smoking April 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Learning Center 4212 NE Prescott. Participants will get personal guidance and support and techniques on how to kill the urge, managing stress, ways to prepare the body to quit, and weight control. For more information call 641-0800.

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"Franz Week" Ensues With Activities



Prior to touring Franz Bakery with members of the United Cerebral Palsy Association, Jim Paxson, former player for the Portland Trail Blazers, places a Franz 90th Anniversary cap on Taylor Montoya while a caretaker assists.

United States Bakery, the maker of Franz Bread, is celebrating "Franz Week" in Oregon the week of April 8-14. The week culminates Franz's 90th Anniversary festivities, which began in March.

The activities surrounding Franz's 90th Anniversary have included charity donations, bakery tours, promotions at Portland Trail Blazer games and a proclamation of "Franz Week" from the governor's office.

The former Trail Blazer Jim Paxson led a tour through Franz Bakery for members of the United Cerebral Palsy Association (UCP). Paxson, who is extremely involved with the UCP, accepted a donation from Franz on UCP's behalf at a half-time ceremony during the March 28 Blazer game.

The Franz blimp dropped mini loaves of bread to four lucky Blazer fans at the first quarter break of that night's game. During halftime, the four lucky fans competed to shoot the most mini-loaves of bread into the baskets -- the winner took home a year's worth of free bread, courtesy of Franz.

To cap the festivities surrounding "Franz Week" and the bakery's 90th Anniversary, prices on loaves of bread will be rolled back at selected local retailers. The intent is to remind people of Franz's vast history.

United States Bakery markets products under the Franz name in Oregon and western Washington. The bakery is a dedicated community citizen that regularly contributes to food banks, shelters and other nonprofit groups, and is also very involved in the support of colleges and universities throughout the state of Oregon.

Essence Awards Honors African-Americans

The 1996 Essence Awards, which will focus on African-American youth by honoring the exemplary women and men striving to uplift children and communities, will take place Friday, April 26, at 7:30 P.M. at The Theater at Madison Square Garden (formerly the Paramount Theater). Fox Broadcasting will for the third consecutive year air the Essence Awards as a two-hour prime-time special in early June.

The 1996 Essence Awards honorees are: Academy Award-winning actress and comedian Whoopi Goldberg; signer-songwriter-producer Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds; high school student Ketrick Jordan, who, despite suffering crippling burns in a fire, has been able to turn tragedy into triumph, lead an active life and serve as a motivator for other



Whoopi and Babyface are two of this year's Essence Award Honorees.



burn survivors; 87-year-old Oseola McCarty, the woman who donated her life's savings of more than \$150,000 to the University of

Southern Mississippi; Carol and Hurt Porter, founders of Kid-Care, Inc., an organization that feeds poor children in Houston, Texas;

and Congresswoman Maxine Waters, one of the greatest forces in American politics. The honorees will be featured in the May issue of Essence magazine, which will hit newsstands on April 18.

Confirmed presenters and performers for the 1996 Essence Awards include Toni Braxton, singer D'Angelo, Aretha Franklin, Danny Glover, James Earl Jones, Patti LaBelle, Eriq LaSalle, novelist Terry McMillan and musical artist Tony Rich. Sinbad and Halle Berry will be cohosts of the show.

Susan L. Taylor, Editor-in-Chief of Essence magazine, said, "We are especially proud this year to focus on the needs and the triumphs of our youth and those who are

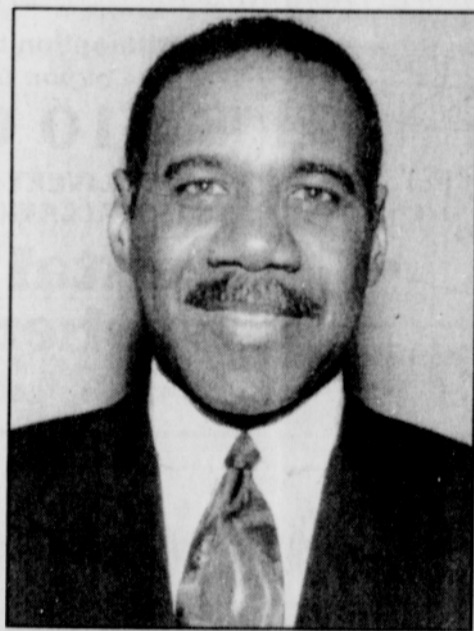
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Tukufu To Head Cleveland Roundtable

Dr. Darryl Tukufu, former CEO and president of the Urban League of Portland, has been named executive director of the Greater Cleveland Roundtable an organization working toward diversity in community relations.

"The Greater Cleveland Roundtable is pleased to have selected a man of Dr. Tukufu's remarkable ability and achievement," Alex Machaskee, chairman of the board of the GCR, said of the appointment. "The Roundtable's mission is to achieve the vision of a community recognized for outstanding multicultural and multiracial human relations. I am confident Dr. Tukufu will provide the necessary leadership and direction to accomplish this mission."

Tukufu is well respected in Portland for his involvement in the community. He left the area in 1994 after three years at the Urban League of Portland. He is credited with turning the organization



Darryl Tukufu

around and moving it forward financially and in its credibility. Tukufu lived in Cleveland as a boy until

his mother moved the family to Los Angeles. He graduated from Los Angeles High School and attended Los Angeles City College.

He became involved in the Us movement and was arrested three times. After being shot in a confrontation between Us members and the Black Panthers, he returned to Ohio. There he earned a bachelor's degree in social studies at Youngstown State University and a master's degree in urban studies at the University of Akron.

Tukufu has worked at Kent State University and Northwestern University. He is active in public service work in Ohio. He still visits his old neighborhood and gives motivational speeches to students.

"I am a product of the Cleveland Public Schools," Tukufu said. Working with the Roundtable will give me an excellent opportunity to give something back to the place where I was born."

He was executive director of the division of Public Services at Lorain County (Ohio) Community College.

Urban League To Direct Big Brother/Sister Programs

The Urban League of Portland has become the administrative agency for 5 area Big Brother/Big Sister programs. Besides the units at the Urban League, the other programs are at the Eastwood Center, FamilyWorks, Neighborhood House and North Portland Youth and Family Services.

Daniel Blue, coordinator of the Urban

League unit and new coordinator for the local programs says the programs will share equally from fund-raising. He plans to expand current staff to a full time coordinator for each program.

"There's no reason this program couldn't be three times larger," Blue says. He plans to recruit and organize an advisory committee responsible for local fund-raising and public relations for all units.

The program finds someone to work as a role model for youngsters from single parent families. More than 130 youth are in the programs with around 100 more on waiting lists.

The group is looking for adult participants. "There's a large demand for volunteers especially males of color," Blue said. "There's no real waiting list for girls, but a boy faces a wait of 12 to 18 months. One out

of every 10 volunteers who call is a man, and I really would love to reverse that," he added. "This agreement will help us meet the National Urban League's goal of making sure that every American child has a positive adult in their life," said Lawrence Dark president of the Urban League of Portland.

Those interested in the Big Brother/Big Sister Program can call 280-2627.

Canadian Sweepstakes Scam

Portland Police Fraud detectives are warning members of the community about a current phone/mail scam occurring in the Portland area.

Law enforcement agencies have taken a number of reports, especially from senior citizens, about receiving calls or letters advising them that they have won valuable prizes or large amounts of cash in "the Canadian Sweepstakes." Convinced they have won a prize, the victims are told to send money to cover the taxes, insurance and security for the prize delivery. The victims are told to send cashier's checks to mail drop boxes in Montreal, Canada.

At least two Portland area senior citizens have sent \$8,000 and \$18,000 in response to the scam instructions.