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“Celebrating Children with James Earl Jones” annual community recognition gala

Renowned actor James Earl Jones joins Morrison Center as the keynote speaker at our Annual Community Recognition Gala! This special evening will provide an opportunity for the community to gather and celebrate our collective investment in the future of our community through the support of programs for at-risk children. Guests will enjoy musical entertainment, dinner, and a keynote address by Mr. Jones. The black-tie optional event will be followed by a special VIP reception with Mr. Jones. The event will be held Thursday, September 14, 2000 6:00pm at the Oregon Convention Center.



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• **BBB names 5 travel companies with unsatisfactory records**

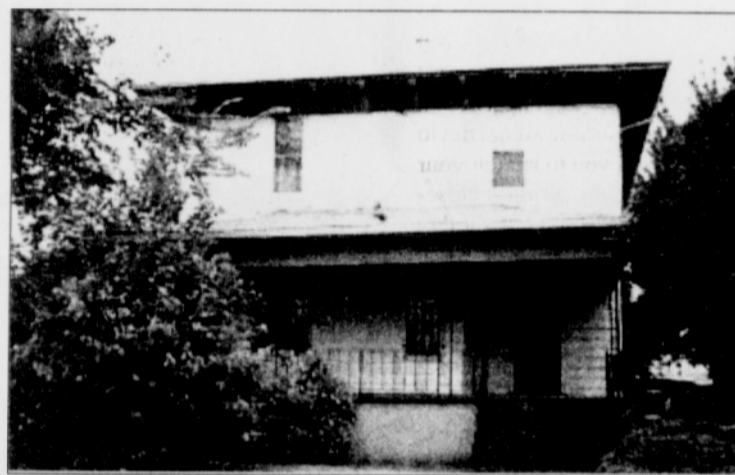
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Savvy travelers know that to get the best travel deal for your money, your best bet is to see travel agent. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) suggests travelers ask plenty of questions before making a decision on an agency or a tour operator. If you are considering a complete vacation package get the name and address of the tour company. Obtain a reliability report from the BBB on both the travel agency and/or the tour operator. The following companies have an unsatisfactory record with the Better Business Bureau for failure to respond to three or more complaints. Better Business Bureau reports are based on a three-year period and are subject to change at any time. Consumers are advised to contact the BBB for a current report. The BBB does not endorse, recommend or approve of any product, company or service. Consumers are advised to use their own best judgement when choosing a travel agency or tour operator. These companies fall under the “type of business” category (TOB) of Travel Agencies & Bureaus: LW Entertainment, PMB 143218 Main St, Kirkland, WA Europa Let Inc, 92 N Main St., Ashland, OR These companies fall under the TOB of Travel Clubs/Discount Travel Services: Emerald Promotions, Inc, 12006 98th Ave NE, Ste 104, Kirkland, WA Leisure Life & Travel LLC, 450 Shattuck Ave S # 200, Renton, WA Ultima Systems Inc, 18702 N Creek Pkwy # 217, Bothell, WA Ultima Systems entered into a Consent Decree with the State of Washington Attorney General’s office in February of 1997. Ultima Systems has two more locations in Vancouver, Washington and Tigard, Oregon. A copy of the Consent Decree can be obtained by contacting the Washington State Attorney General’s office or by calling the Better Business Bureau. Once you have decided on a travel agency or tour operator, you want to ask more questions related to the specifics of your vacation. Find out where the hotel is located and exactly what type of room you will be getting. If you want to be near tourist areas or the beach, make sure you indicate this upfront. Be aware that room types will differ from hotel to hotel. Clarify with your agent the difference between “ocean view” at your

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Drug prevention program to be offered in Portland-area schools

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Fullman-Kinetics and The Kids on the Block Awareness Program (KOBAP) have announced the Start-up of a new Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Prevention Program to be offered to Portland-area elementary schools starting in September. A \$6,250 grant from Fullman-Kinetics will add the program to 13 others that the non-profits KOBAP already provides free to local schools. Kids on the Block programs reach 50,000 children throughout Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties and accept differences in one another, as well as how to stay safe in difficult situations. Existing topics include: Adjusting to Divorce, Aging Alternatives to Gangs and Violence, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Blindness, Cerebral Palsy, Children’s Mental Health/Feeling, Cultural Differences, Deafness, Learning Disabilities, Mental Retardation, Personal Safety/Sexual Abuse, and Vandalism Prevention. Fullman-Kinetics is a Portland area mechanical contractor specializing in process piping, plumbing, heating, ventilating and air conditioning. Fullman-Kinetics Senior Vice President Perry Shinn present the donation July 14th in Pioneer

Courthouse Square at Yoshida’s Sand in the City, Kids on the Block’s major fundraiser. The 4:30 p.m. awards ceremony caps the event’s opening-day sand sculpting contest. The grant from Fullman-Kinetics will underwrite a year’s performances of the alcohol/drug prevention program totaled “Starting Over.” The script is a conversation between two students (puppets “Eric and “Joanne”), during which Eric discloses his experiences with alcohol and other drugs and an “innocent drinking game” that changed his life. Lots of people think kids who use alcohol or drugs do it because they’re having problems at home or school or with life in general,” Eric professes. “Maybe for some that’s true but not for me. It was really hard to NOT do something that all my friends were doing.”

The puppets use kids’ language to talk about drugs and their effects on the body, about peer pressure and how to make good choices. Capping each show is an open O&A session, in which the puppets answer children’s questions in a clear and accurate, non-threatening way. The Kids on the Block Awareness Program was established in 1991. School audience totals have grown from 28,000 children to more than 50,000 in just the past three years. Fifty volunteers collectively travel some 15,000 miles annually to perform at over 100 schools. Kids on the Block is seeking additional volunteer puppeteers to perform the new topic. No prior experience is necessary. KOAP provides training and support. For information contact The Kids on the Block Awareness Program at (503) 246-5818.

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