

Prospective Gents Club cane team and vocalist Lunora Vinson. This event will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 21 in the Robert Duncan Plaza, 333 SW First Ave. This year's theme is "Creating and Defining the African-American Community: Family, Church, Politics and Culture."

Annual Soul Food Dinner

Thursday, Feb. 22

Bon Appetit will present the annual Soul Food Dinner on Thursday, Feb. 22, 5 p.m. at Lewis & Clark College (0615 SW Palatine Rd.; Fields Dining Room, Templeton Student Center). The menu will include BBQ ribs, chicken, red beans and rice, fried okra, catfish and other items. Cost for the dinner will be \$8, and is open to the public. For more information, call Ray Warren at 503/768-7051.

First Annual Black Music Celebration

Friday, Feb. 23 & Saturday, Feb. 24

The First Annual Black Music Celebration will feature Thara Memory and the Super Band, Bobby Torres and His Ensemble, vocalists Nancy King and Margaret Linn, a 12-piece string section. The pro-

gram will chronicle the history of Black Popular Music in America. Call 503/295-6542.

Marylhurst Senior Center

Sunday, Feb. 25

A concert featuring the Marylhurst Symphony Orchestra along with African drumming, storytellers and some special guest appearances by Mel Brown, Janice Scroggins, Bruce Smith, Israel Annoh, Caton Lyles and Ben McDonald. The orchestra will perform three works, the last of which is the debut of Thara's original composition, "The Middle Passage." Call 403/699-6242 for ticket information.

The Origin of Oregon Rappers

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Mackin Rob (aka Young Fame) will discuss the origin of Oregon rappers from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in Rm. 122 of Terrell Hall at the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College.

A Rendition of "I Have A Dream" Speech

Wednesday, Feb. 28

All PGE employees and local community are invited to

attend a program for black history where there will be a rendition of Dr. King's "I Have A

Dream" speech and other program activities will be given. The event will be held at Two

World Trade Center Plaza at SW First and Salmon, from noon - 1:30 p.m.

Hyalite Preserves African American History

Hyalite, Inc. is a non profit organization that is providing cultural, historical, artistic and educational programs about the African American experience. The name Hyalite means colorless, or transparent. Just as the Opal stone reflects light through it, African Americans, as a people, reflect the culture light of both Europeans and Africans through their spiritual essence.

Hyalite, Inc. is working to focus the talents of a variety of African Americans in mentoring programs for at-risk urban youth. Oregon's members of the Hyalite Buffalo Soldiers Retrospective Program provides mentoring, which includes art and history workshops, outdoor activities like camping, fishing, horsemanship, canoeing and historical reenactments of American history. This is so that kids will contribute to their communities as the pro-

gram builds self-esteem, pride and personal responsibility. Hyalite needs volunteers and financial support. All donations are tax deductible. Hyalite is developing a television and radio documentary

on the movement West. Actors of all ethnic backgrounds needed. For two scenes, we are looking for Chinese actors.

For more information, call Mark Little at 503/220-8282.

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