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BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS



Turiya Autry (left) and Walidah Imarisha, known as "Good Sista/Bad Sista!" are ready to "raise the roof" with their dramatic poetry to empower audiences on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2 p.m. at Clark Community College in Vancouver.

Poetry by Nikki Giovanni Thursday, Feb. 7

African American poet, novelist and award winner Nikki Giovanni will kick off Washington State University Vancouver's annual Professional Writing Series at an open lecture and discussion at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7 in the Student Services Building lecture hall. Nikki Giovanni is known for her radical style of poetry that often reflects the African American struggle for racial equality. For more information, call 360-546-9575.

Black History Month Exhibit Feb. 7 - March 2

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center will be having two gallery exhibitions celebrating Black History Month, from Feb. 7 to March 2. Featured in the Entry Gallery will be jazz inspired photographs and portraits by Dick Bogle and in the Main Gallery will be the Rastafarian inspired paintings of Roscoe Croskey. The IFCC is located at 5340 N. Interstate Ave. Call 823-2061.

The Northwest Afrikan American Ballet Saturday, Feb. 9

The Heritage Concert presented by Target Stores will be celebrating Black History Month with a performance by the Northwest Afrikan American Ballet at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall on Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call 224-8499.

The Dance of Zimbabwe Sunday, Feb. 10

Njuzu will give a free performance on Sunday, Feb. 10 in the Beaverton City Library Auditorium, 12375 SW 5th St. in Beaverton at 2 p.m. Lead by Nathan Beck, Njuzu is a group of local artists who perform the traditional music and dance of Zimbabwe. Call 644-2197.

Spike Lee Film Festival Feb. 12 & 19

Lewis and Clark College will be hosting the Spike Lee Film Festival which will be presenting his film "School Daze" on Feb. 12 and "Bamboozled" on Feb. 19. A discussion of each film's important issues will follow the presentation. For more information, call Ray Warren at 768-7051.

Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center Wednesday, Feb. 13

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center will be having Dr. Mark Mathabane as the featured speaker for the annual Origins Lecture to be held on Wednesday, Feb. 13 in the IFCC theatre. Hailing from South Africa, Dr. Mathabane is the author of "Kaffir Boy," an autobiographical story about his escape from apartheid through education and a sports scholarship. His lecture is entitled "How Stories Saved My Life." Call 823-4322.

Video Showing of Sonia Sanchez Wednesday, Feb. 13

Join Radical Women in celebrating Black History Month with an evening of film, food and discussion. The video "Sonia Sanchez" features this poet, playwright, teacher and activist through interviews and footage of her reading from "homegirls & handgrenades" and "Under a Soprano Sky." The event will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m. at the Bread and Roses Center, 819 N. Killingsworth. Call

240-4462.

Return to Harlem Saturday, Feb. 16

In recognition of Black History Month, Home & Garden Television (HGTV) will take viewers on

a fascinating journey to revisit the glorious Harlem Renaissance when some of the finest African American writers, artists and musicians lived and worked in early 20th century Harlem brownstones. The show can be seen on Satur-

day, Feb. 16 at 5 p.m. For more information, go online to www.hgtv.com.

African Art Series Through Feb. 16

Savage Gallery will be featur-

ing the art of Horia Boboria with his "African Series" paintings which incorporate many visual motifs found in African textiles. He uses these motifs primarily as a point of departure through which to ex-

plore an exotic and primitive world that is both complex and elegant. His works are on display at 416 NW Tenth Ave., from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Call 223-2868 or go online to www.savagegallery.com.

OREGON'S ELECTRICITY RESTRUCTURING PLAN

What you need to know about your new energy options.

For customers of Pacific Power, new energy options take effect March 1, 2002.

Why is this happening?

Legislation requiring electricity industry restructuring was signed into law in 1999. As a result, customers of Pacific Power will soon have a variety of options to choose from. For example, if the environment is important to you, there is an option that earmarks a portion of your bill for restoring fish habitat or for supporting renewable resources. There is also an option in which your electricity rate would be based on when you use your power. Your new options will vary according to your energy provider.

What if I don't want to change?

You don't have to. You may select a new energy option or do nothing and stay with your existing service.

As a residential customer, can I buy electricity from other companies?

No. The law requires residential customers to continue to buy electricity from the company that serves them now. However, your existing utility will be providing you with a number of new energy options from which you may choose. In addition, business customers may be able to choose an alternative Electricity Service Supplier.

How will I find out exactly what these new options are and how much they will cost?

In the coming weeks, you'll receive a special brochure in the mail that will explain your new choices in further detail and provide you with complete information about pricing, environmental impact, and benefits. If you do decide to choose one of the new options, we'll tell you how.

Will rates still be regulated?

Yes, all residential rates offered by Pacific Power will continue to be regulated by the OPUC, which regulates rates to ensure that customers receive reliable service at a reasonable cost.

What makes this different from deregulation in California?

There are a number of ways Oregon's approach to restructuring differs from California's attempts to deregulate. For example, unlike California, Oregon's utilities will not be required to sell their electricity generating plants. In addition, Oregon's utilities will continue to be allowed to acquire power through long-term contracts.

When do I have to act?

Residential customers don't have to do anything now. Look for a special brochure in the mail that will explain your new options in greater detail. You can also find out more on the Web at www.MyPowerOptions.com.



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