

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS



Throughout February until the first week of March, Portland Community College hosts the 12th annual Cascade Festival of African Films. They will feature 17 films and pay tribute to actor Danny Glover. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 978-5213 or get a complete list and schedule of films by going online to www.cfaf.net.

KKJZ Presents Feb. 15 & 16

In honor of Black History Month, KKJZ and Where I'm from Productions presents "Soul Fabric." This is a dramatic presentation of afro-centric poetry, short skits and monologues at the Center for Self Enhancement, 3912 N. Kerby on Feb. 15 and 16. Jazz music will be performed by N-Touch. Call 259-5198.

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 where 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 Saturday, 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 featuring 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 explore 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.

Spike Lee Film Festival Tuesday, Feb. 19

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

Emotional Play on Black Women Feb. 19 - March 10

The Broadway play "for colored girls who have considered suicide when the rainbow is enuf" was America's first significant exposure to "the choreopoem." With a strong connection to African traditions, the choreopoem emphasizes intense emotions through poetry, and focuses on music and dance to communicate emotion. The play will be held at the Newmark Theatre at the Portland Center for Performing Arts, from Feb. 19 - March 10. Call 274-6588 or visit www.pcs.org.

A Bridge Builders Celebration Saturday, Feb. 23

The Bridge Builders will be holding their 6th annual Black History Month Celebration and the Prospective Gents Club Rite of Passage on Saturday, Feb. 23 with the theme, "A Change is Gonna Come" at the Melody Ballroom, 615 SE Alder Street at 7:30 p.m. Call 230-7505 or 439-6821.

A Rosa Parks Play Tuesday, Feb. 26

Lewis and Clark College will be presenting a play on the life of Rosa Parks entitled "A Catalyst in the New World" on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at the Agnes Flanagan Chapel. This play is a one-woman show, performed by award-winning speaker Shandra Terry. It reenacts the famous bus boycott that sparked the Civil Rights Movement. For more information, call Ray Warren at 768-7051.

African American Artisans Wednesday, Feb. 27

In recognition of Black History Month, Home & Garden Television (HGTV) will present a profile of outstanding African-American artists who share the passions and philosophies that inspire their work. HGTV viewers will witness these extraordinarily gifted artisans create signature pieces for their clients' homes. For more information, go online to www.hgtv.com.

Vancouver African Art Exhibit Through Feb. 28

An exhibition of African art, "Masks, Music and Motion: Community Healing Among the Yoruba of West Africa," will be shown throughout Feb. at the Washington State University Vancouver Library. The exhibit features Yoruba sculpture, masks, clothing and photography from the private collection of Mary L. Johnston in Florence, Ore. Call 360-546-9469 or 360-546-9575.

Homes of the Underground Railroad Sunday, Feb. 29

In recognition of Black History Month, Home & Garden Television (HGTV) will take viewers on a fascinating journey to discover the secrets of the Underground Railroad, telling the stories of seven remarkable homes along this historic route. The show will premiere on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 9 p.m.

Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center Through March 2

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center is currently having two gallery exhibitions to celebrate Black History month until 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. IFCC is located at 5340 N.

Interstate Ave. Call 823-IFCC or visit www.ifcculturalarts.org.

Oregon Country Black Pioneers Through March 13

The End of the Oregon Trail will feature the exhibit "Black Pioneers of the Oregon Country" until March 13 in honor of Black History Month. Open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the interpretive center is located at 1726 Washington St. in Oregon City. Call 657-9336, ext. 0 or go online to www.endoftheoregontrail.org.

OREGON'S ELECTRICITY RESTRUCTURING PLAN

What you need to know about your new energy options.

For customers of Portland General Electric and 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 Portland General Electric and 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 PGE and 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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