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Community Calendar

Self Enhancement Inc.

Roy Jones Jr., undisputed light heavyweight champion of the world will visit youths at Self Enhancement, Inc. to deliver a motivational speech. Jones spends much of his free time speaking to America's youth on the value of education and the perils of drugs. He will be at SEI, located at 3920 North Kerby Ave. on Wednesday, Sept. 4, from 5:30-6 p.m.

Portland RV & Van Show

The Portland Fall RV & Van Show, the largest in the Northwest, returns for its 19th year. The show will be bringing you the best in motor homes, 5th wheels, travel trailers and more. The exhibit will take place at the Portland Expo Center, from Sept. 12-15, located off of Interstate 5 and Delta Park. Call 503-246-8291 or go online to www.pdxrvshow.com.

River City Celebration

Harbor jet-boat tours, interactive trade exhibits, historical displays, lantern-making workshops, food booths, entertainment and an evening illuminated procession along the city's Eastbank Esplanade await visitors to Portland's "River City Celebration & Illuminata Parade of Light" on Saturday, Sept. 21, from noon - 10:30 p.m. The daylong festival will be at the east end of Portland's Hawthorne Bridge, where S.E. Madison ST. meets the Willamette River bank.

Victims Assistance Program

Volunteers are needed as on-call Rape Victim Advocates with the Multnomah County District Attorney's Victims Assistance Program for evening and weekend shifts. Training is five events, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., beginning Oct. 1 at the Multnomah County Courthouse. Call 503-988-3222 to volunteer.

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'You Gotta Make a Living'

Longtime barber works feverishly in an impatient world



Dora Campbell sits in her Alberta Street barbershop in front of pictures of family and friends. She has been cutting hair in the city for 34 years.

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"Barbershop," says Dora Campbell, simply, as she answers the phone in her modest Alberta Street shop.

Dora has been cutting hair in north and northeast Portland since 1968. She doesn't need to tell her customers over the phone her name, they already know. Some of her regulars go back 15, 20, even 30 years.

When Dora was just 20 years old, she entered Molers Barber College.

"Molers, and then Modern," she explains.

"I also went to Fagan's Beauty School."

Dora worked diligently as a barber for a number of years and then entered the Army and served as a medic for four. A valuable experience, but not exactly her cup of tea," Dora continued her trade.

"I always stayed with my barbering," she says.

And her customers have stayed with her. Retired construction worker Ira Cheatham has been a client of Dora's for about two decades.

"I can go back 20 (years), I'm scared to go

back more," Cheatham jokes, adding, "I follow her wherever she goes."

Dora stands only about 5 foot 2, but her presence is somehow both commanding and warm.

She is stern with a grandson who barges in looking for a beard trim, but behind large rimmed glasses are clear and caring eyes.

She is a single mother of five grown children. She has ten 10 grandkids and two great-grandkids.

Campbell is typical of the many tireless black business owners in north and north-

east Portland that give patiently and work feverishly in an impatient world.

In addition to her busy schedule barbering, Dora works 5 days a week at Hollywood Fred Meyer.

"I stay tired all the time," she says. "You gotta make a living."

Unfortunately, Dora has fallen on slightly unpredictable times. Her landlord recently passed on and the building she rents is now up for sale.

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Dr. Ed Mallett gives an eye examination at the Multnomah County Health Clinic at 5329 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

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Eye Clinic Gets Kids Ready for School

An eye examination can be part of every child's annual back-to-school routine, thanks to free vision screenings for pre-schoolers and school-age children at local vision centers of the Pacific University College of Optometry.

Normal vision function is critical in the development of learning skills for infants and children.

The screenings take about 30 min-

utes and provide important information about clarity of vision, eye health, and eye coordination - factors that are essential for good vision and healthy eyes.

Screenings are especially beneficial for younger children whose learning skills, such as reading and writing self esteem in the classroom depend on good vision and healthy eyes.

Free screenings for school-age children are offered weekdays, evenings and

weekends with locations throughout the Portland area, including the Multnomah County Health Clinic at 5329 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Screenings also are available for area schools, businesses and community organizations.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment at a Pacific University Vision Center near you, call 503-357-5800.

Parole Officer Lands in Jail

BY LEE PERLMAN

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Harrison Danley spent 21 years putting problems from his youth behind him and building a life for himself. In a few minutes, it was all "wiped away."

Danley, a corrections counselor with the Multnomah County Office of Parole and Probation, was convicted of fourth degree assault, a misdemeanor charge that normally results in not more than two years of probation.

Last week, he began serving a 90-day jail sentence and three years probation stemming from a fight he says he did not provoke. Danley will also have to pay fines that, together with the expenses of his legal defense, will leave him homeless, bankrupt and in debt.

The conviction also means he will lose his accreditation as a parole and probations counselor, costing him his job and his career.

Danley admits to both criminal activity and drug use in his youth, but maintains he has been both law abiding and sober for 21 years. In fact, his work on the African-American prison program, a pilot project on transition from incarceration for African-American men, earned him national recognition.

However, he also had his share of conflicts with co-workers.

Danley said he frequently clashed at meetings with James Cohen, a fellow member of his substance abuse recovery group, a man he admits got "under his skin."

At an evening meeting on Dec. 16, 2001, Danley says Cohen, "goaded me" and followed him out to his car.

"He continued to goad me, bumped against me. I hit him, knocked him down and



Harrison Danley, who once won national acclaim for helping African American offenders make the transition from prison to society, now finds himself in jail.

hit him again," Danley said.

Cohen suffered a broken bone and a cut in his forehead.

Danley said a police officer he knew responded to the incident, took a statement from him, and then told him, "Don't worry about it."

Then on Feb. 19, Danley was arrested and charged with aggravated assault involving the use of a weapon - a Measure 11 offense that would require 70 months imprisonment and held on \$250,000 bail. At a subsequent hearing, a judge refused to lower the bail.

He finally managed to raise the bail.

Danley says he clashed with two of his

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