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Medicine Man

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Flowers was the only African-American student in his chiropractic college and was awarded a prestigious \$10,000 scholarship. He was the student body vice president and has held many administrative positions as a member of the American Black Chiropractic Associations and the Chiropractic Association of Oregon. "I wanted to help lend visibility and an African American presence so others can say, 'blacks have been here before. This is normal for us,'" he said.

When Flowers opened his practice, his African-American client base was low and slow coming. "Had it not been for the white community, I'd be out of business," he said.

According to Flowers, it took a bit more time to teach chiropractics to local African Americans. He took a cue from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and evangelized. He taught seminars at churches and community centers, and took out educational ads in local newspapers. Slowly, business grew by word-of-mouth and now Flowers has an international clientele.



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Chiropractor Billy Flowers and his staff outside his office at 2124 NE Hancock.

Although the study of chiropractic was denied to African Americans for half-of-a-century, Flowers believes that the holistic approach of chiropractic is a natural fit for the black community as African Americans traditionally have trusted time-tested folk medicine and natural home remedies.

But reaching and healing Portlanders can only be viewed as a launching point for Flowers, who

says he's currently in transition, and led by a new passion. Flowers now travels to Africa several times a year and dreams to bring the power of chiropractic care to the continent.

He is studying with herbalists, developing what he describes as a phenomenal and all-natural headache medicine used in Mali, currently in the clinical trial phase in the states.

In recent years, people have looked to the Far East for ancient answers to common ailments, but Flowers said there's a lot to learn from the healing practices of Africa.

"No one looks to African anymore. As the oldest civilization in the world, these people had to do something to survive," he said.

For more information or to schedule an appointment with Flowers, call his office at 503-287-2124.

Community Calendar

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can optimally enhance their energy levels utilizing evidence-based dietary, supplement and herbal resources. This free class will be offered at New Seasons Market Concordia, 5320 N.E. 33rd Ave. For more information or to sign up, call 503-288-3838.

Crisis Line Help Needed

Those interested in helping others, gaining social service skills and working towards social change can volunteer to provide legal and sexual assault advocacy for the Portland Women's Crisis Line. The 24-hour domestic violence hotline is seeking bi-lingual and bi-cultural volunteers who are 18 and older. No experience is necessary. The next training session is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, April 1 and will take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays with two Saturday sessions from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 503-232-4176.

Alternative Medicine Classes

Portland Community College will feature a non-credit lecture series that explains how natural medicine can help you rely on wholesome cures that prevent illnesses as well as heal them. Naturopathic physician Dr. Suzanne Lawton will lead a series of six lectures during which students can discover practical, safe and natural approaches that can be immediately incorporated into the home. Each lecture will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, April 2 through May 7 at Tigard High School, 9000 S.W. Durham Rd. Cost is \$14 for individual lectures or \$66 for the series. For more information, call 503-538-9774.

Ladybug Nature Walks

Parents can discover the natural world with their pre-schoolers every Friday morning. A naturalist will hand out magnifying glasses, bug boxes and other tools to explore the soil, water, bark, flowers and animals in Portland's parks. Join the group each Friday at 10 a.m. in Hoyt Arboretum. There is a \$2 charge for each child, but adults are free.

Share Our Strength Benefit Barbeque

New Seasons Market Concordia, 5320 N.E. 33rd Ave., will host a benefit barbeque on Saturday, April 5 and Sunday, April 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. to benefit Share Our Strength, the nation's leading not-for-profit organization that mobilizes individuals and industries to fight hunger.

Problem Pooch Class

If you have just entered dog parenthood or are planning to adopt a new dog, come to a 'Problem Pooch' class at the Oregon Humane Society, 1067 N.E. Columbia Blvd. on Saturday, April 5 at 11 a.m. The leader-led group discussion is a must have for anyone interested in knowing more about canine behavior problems. For more information, call 503-416-2985.

Spring into Fitness Fair

On Saturday, April 5 from noon to 4 p.m. come to Nature's Wellness Center, 3535 N.E. 15th Ave., to get samples of fitness bars and drinks during an informative fair on health, fitness and getting in shape. Fitness teachers will be on site to give free classes and demonstrations. Enter to win a free gift basket and prizes by answering trivia questions. For more information, call 503-281-3262.

Homes for Pets Wanted

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