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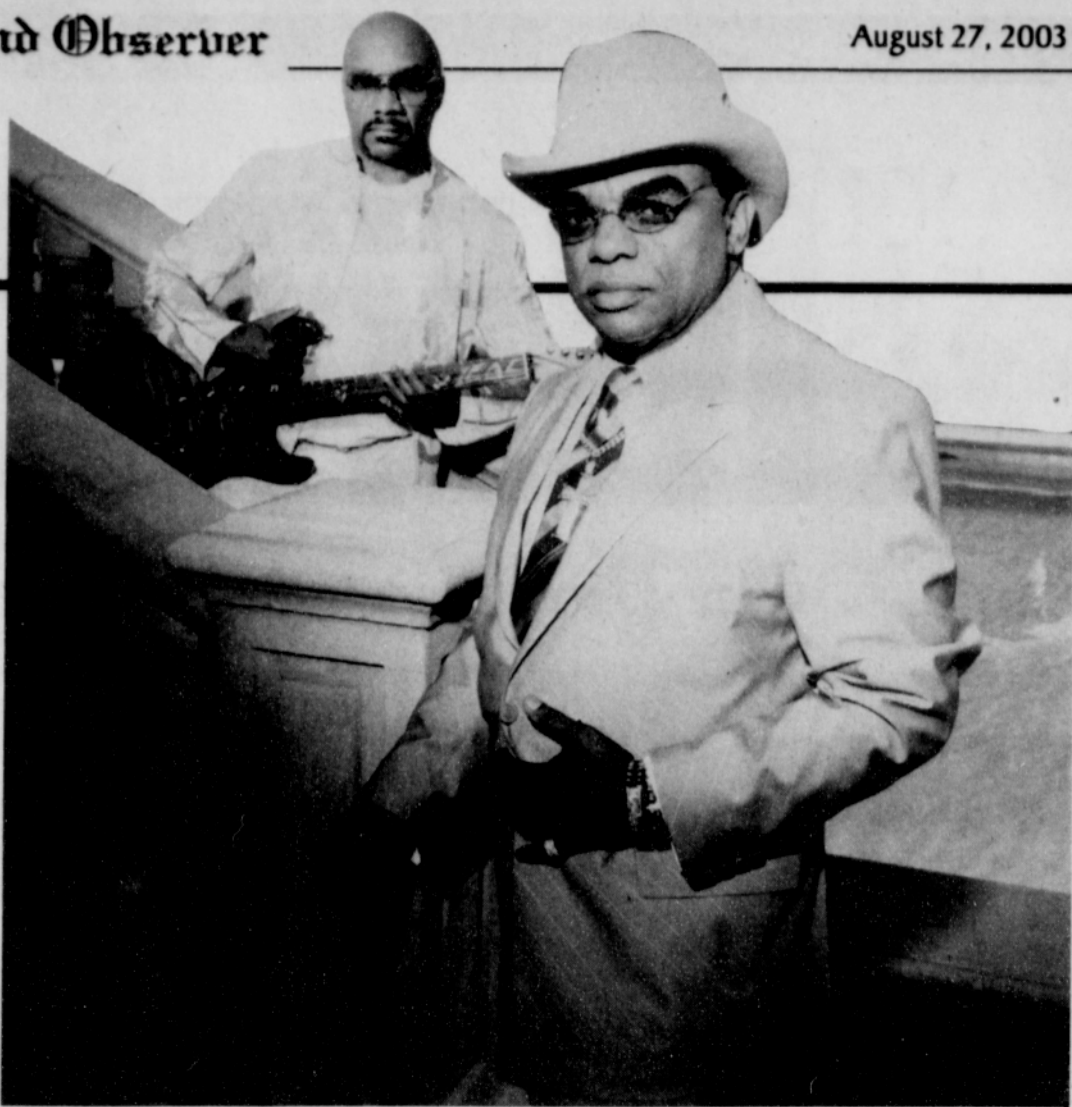
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FOCUS

Isley Brothers to Perform Sunday

Ernie and Ronald Isley will perform at a dress-to-impress concert at the Crystal Ballroom at 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 31. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased at the Crystal Ballroom, Terrell Brandon's Barbershop and Ticketmaster outlets. For more information, visit www.brandonbarbershop.com.



Surprise Ludacris Concert

(AP) — It didn't take long for Clark Atlanta University freshmen to learn an important first lesson: Expect the unexpected. Atlanta rapper Ludacris gave approximately 1,000 freshmen a surprise last week with an unannounced concert.

The performance was not a secret to MTV, which recorded the performance to air in September as part of its show "Jammed."

Without notice, an orientation session was interrupted when the lights dimmed, a thumping bass background began sounding through the speakers and Ludacris suddenly took the stage.

Ludacris, from the Atlanta suburb of College Park, was joining onstage by another hip-hop star,



Ludacris

Jermaine Dupri, for the performance of "Welcome to Atlanta."

Excited students rushed the stage while others ran outside the arena to spread the good news.

"Oh my God, Ludacris is at my school," 18-year-old Crystal Harris of Charlotte screamed into her cell phone.

"The next time we call a mandatory meeting, you can be sure they'll all show up," said the university's associate dean, Rick Robinson.



The rap group DMC, from left, Joseph "Run" Simmons, Darryl "DMC" McDaniels, and Jason Mizell "Jam Master Jay." (AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

Shooting of Rapper's Kin Provokes Inquiry

(AP) — Police reportedly are investigating whether there could be a connection between the fatal shooting of rap legend Jam Master Jay and the wounding months later of the rapper's nephew.

Karl Jordan, 20, was arrested on Aug. 8 on charges of attempted murder in the shooting of Rodney Jones, who was hit in the leg by gunfire in the Hollis section of

Queens on May 14, authorities said.

Jones, a rapper known as Little Dee, is the nephew of Jam Master Jay, whose real name was Jason Mizell. Mizell was killed on Oct. 30 by a masked gunman in the lounge of his recording studio in Queens.

Jones identified Jordan as the gunman, the Daily News and Newsday reported last Wednesday.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Take a Trip

Take a trip through time to find the hottest poetry, hip hop and soul influencing Portland Wednesdays at the Ohm. \$7 cover. 31 NW 1st Ave.

Local Notes at McCall's

Blacknotes will perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Sept. 7 at McCall's on Waterfront, at Armada's Café in Vancouver, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Sept. 13 and from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Sept. 19 at Billy Reed's in northeast Portland. Their first CD, "Lend Us Your Ear," is coming soon!

Hip-Hop Showcase

MusicFest NW Hip-Hop Jumpoff Showcase features Blackalicious, Mystic, Onry Ozzborne, Siren's Echo, DJ Wicked and others at the Crystal Ballroom at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4. 1332 W. Burnside.

Get Involved!

The Portland Gay Men's Chorus is currently accepting new members! This energetic group needs people willing to make a commitment to the organization, whether on or off the stage. For more information, call 503-226-2588 or email join@pdxgmc.org.

Farmland Music Series Debuts

Kruger's Farm on Sauvie Island debuts a Thursday music series with Lingonberry Jam on Aug. 28. All shows are from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Free. For more information, call 503-621-3489. 17100 N.W. Sauvie Island Rd.

Pioneer Square Concerts

Pioneer Courthouse Square is the place to be for free summer concerts from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. each Wednesday this month. I & I will move you with reggae sounds on Aug. 27.

Coco Performs at Roseland

Tommy Castro and Coco Montoya perform at the Roseland Theater at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 25. \$16 in advance. For more information, call 503-224-8499.

Concerts at Dawson Park

Summer concerts in the park are free, family friendly and begin at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Dawson Park on North Stanton between Williams and Vancouver. For more information, call 503-823-PLAY or visit www.portlandparks.org.

Reparations Thursdays

David Park's band, The Reparations, will play Thursdays at 9 p.m. with DJ Chill and special guest performers and DJs at The Red Sea, 318 S.W. Third Ave. Admission for those 21 and older is \$5.

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