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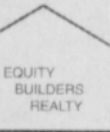
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Write Around Portland's free creative writing workshops begin Monday, Sept. 13 at various locations around the city. For more information and locations, visit www.writearound.org or call 503-796-9224.

Celebrate Diversity

Come eat, dance, sing, connect and thrive at The Global Portland Festival: Hope begins when Fear Ends will be held on Sunday, Sept. 12 from noon to 6 p.m. downtown on the Portland State University Park Blocks. For more information, call 503-223-4464.

Smokin' Music on the Waterfront

Nothing goes finer with delicious food and drink than great music. Join Rogue Bones and Brew as they offer up some delicious talent on stage Friday, Sept. 10 - Sunday, Sept. 12 at Tom McCall Waterfront Park. The music line up includes Celtic, bluegrass, jazz, pop, folk, soul, and alternative country with some of the hottest artists in the country. To learn more, visit online at www.bonesandbrew.com.

Concerto Under The Stars

Riverside Symphony Under The Stars with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra will be held on Saturday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. at Esther Short Park in downtown Vancouver. A variety of classical music and a 9-11 tribute of patriotic songs are scheduled. Visit online at www.vancouversymphony.org.

Saucy Sausage

Join the 33rd Annual Vancouver Sausage Fest set for Sept. 10 - Sept. 12 on the grounds of St. Joseph School, 6500 Highland Drive. The celebration boasts over 50 arts and craft vendors, souvenir steins and food booths, along with carnival rides and live music performances. Admission is free for the whole family; bring an empty stomach and a big appetite.

Amusement At Oaks Park

Celebrating 99 years of fun, Oaks Park in southeast Portland offers rides, picnic grounds, roller-skating and family games in the shade of 100-year-old oak trees on the banks of the Willamette River. Rides and roller-skating are open daily. For more information, call 503-233-5777.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Gotta Love That Pooch

Problem pooch classes are a must take for anyone who may be new to the world of pet parenthood or is interested in considering adopting a new friend. Come to the Oregon Humane Society to find out why your dog does those silly little things. Meetings are every first and third Saturday of the month at 11 a.m. For more information, call 503-285-7722.

Ongoing and Upcoming Music

The Blue Monk on Belmont plays live jazz. For a schedule, visit www.thebluemonk.com. Interstate Bar and Grill has mature live music at 4234 N. Interstate. The Black Notes play Thursdays at the Candlelight Room. Mel Brown plays jazz at Jimmy Mucks on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at Salty's on the Columbia. A Community Unity Breakfast is held every third Thursday at SEI at 7:30 a.m. Skip Elliott Bowman Jazz Trio plays Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon at Hannah Bea's, on northeast MLK Jr. Blvd. and Shaver. R&B and live funk bands perform weekends at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center.

Laughing Through It

A Portland Jam Night plans to heal the community's ills through laughter at the Wave Theatre in north Portland. The live music and clean sketch improv comedy is at 9 p.m. Fridays. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids. For more information, call 503-735-4184 or visit www.jam-night.com.

Trippin' through Town

Take a trip through time to find the hottest poetry, hip-hop and soul influencing Portland on Wednesdays at the Ohm. \$7 cover. 31 N.W. First Ave.

World Animal Festival

A multi-cultural celebration on Sept. 25-26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be an exciting showcase of how various cultures around the world revere and celebrate animals. For more information, visit the zoo's web site at www.oregonzoo.org or call 503-226-1561.

Animal Festival

The Oregon Zoo's World Animal Festival is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 2 and 3. For more information, visit www.oregonzoo.org.

One Murder Trial Enough for Oprah

Fellow jurors discuss experience on her show

(AP)—Oprah Winfrey said she would not want to serve as a juror in a murder trial again, but she enjoyed getting to know her fellow jurors - and invited them to her show to talk about the experience. "You're not allowed to discuss anything to do with the trial until

the whole thing is over, and so you get to know people really, really well because you're trying to talk about everything else," Winfrey said during a show taped Aug. 24 and broadcast Thursday.

Winfrey was one of 12 jurors who convicted a Chicago man of murder Aug. 18. The billionaire's presence drew massive amounts of media attention to what would normally have been a low-profile case.

Winfrey briefly discussed the experience with other jurors who sat in the audience of her show before she interviewed actors

Gwyneth Paltrow and Jude Law.

One said Winfrey asked the other jurors to sing whenever she went to the bathroom attached to the jury room to drown out the noise. Winfrey, looking embarrassed, verified the story and said one of the songs the jurors chose to sing was "Kumbaya."

The talk show host asked the jurors how they felt after the trial.

Several said the decision to convict 27-year-old Dion Coleman was a difficult one. They deliberated for more than two hours before convicting Coleman of first-degree murder in the February 2002 shooting death of 23-year-old Walter



Oprah Winfrey

Holley.

"I didn't feel like 'Oh gee, I put somebody away.' ... In the end it just felt sad," said Winfrey.

Winfrey invited the jurors to stay after the show for a lunch prepared by her personal chef.

Voting is Your Right

Any citizen who is 18 years old on Election Day is eligible to vote. Even convicted felons can vote if not currently in custody of the Oregon Dept. of Corrections. If you are in any other part of the criminal justice system, such as a county jail, you have not lost your voting privilege.

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Innovative Modern Dance



Her self-directed dance troupe called Agnieszka Laska Dancers is rising among local favorites. They will be performing at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave., on Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Sept. 18 at 3 p.m. The company will present highlights from 2003's moving Dreams of a Dancer with music of local composers and experts from the groups upcoming October show, Songs of Eva.

Laska currently works as a choreographer and dance teacher. Her works have been presented in North America and Europe. The repertory dancers are excited to display their work for the public.

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