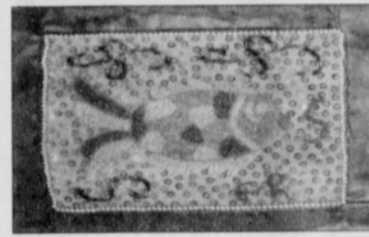
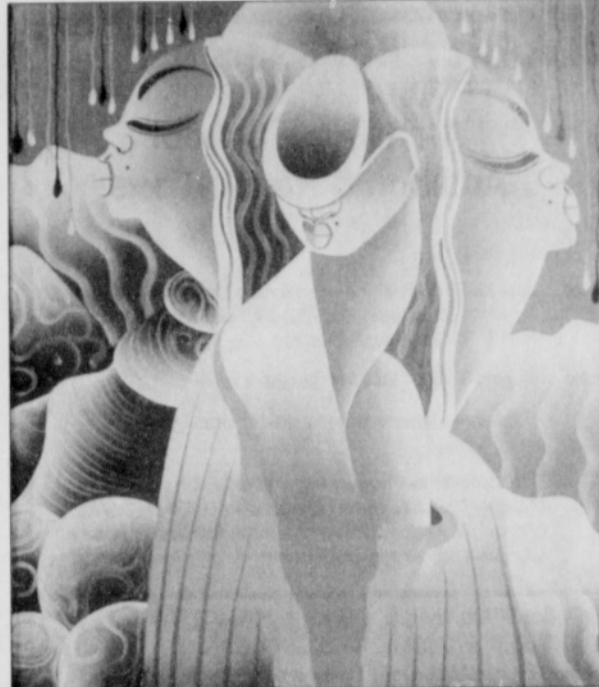
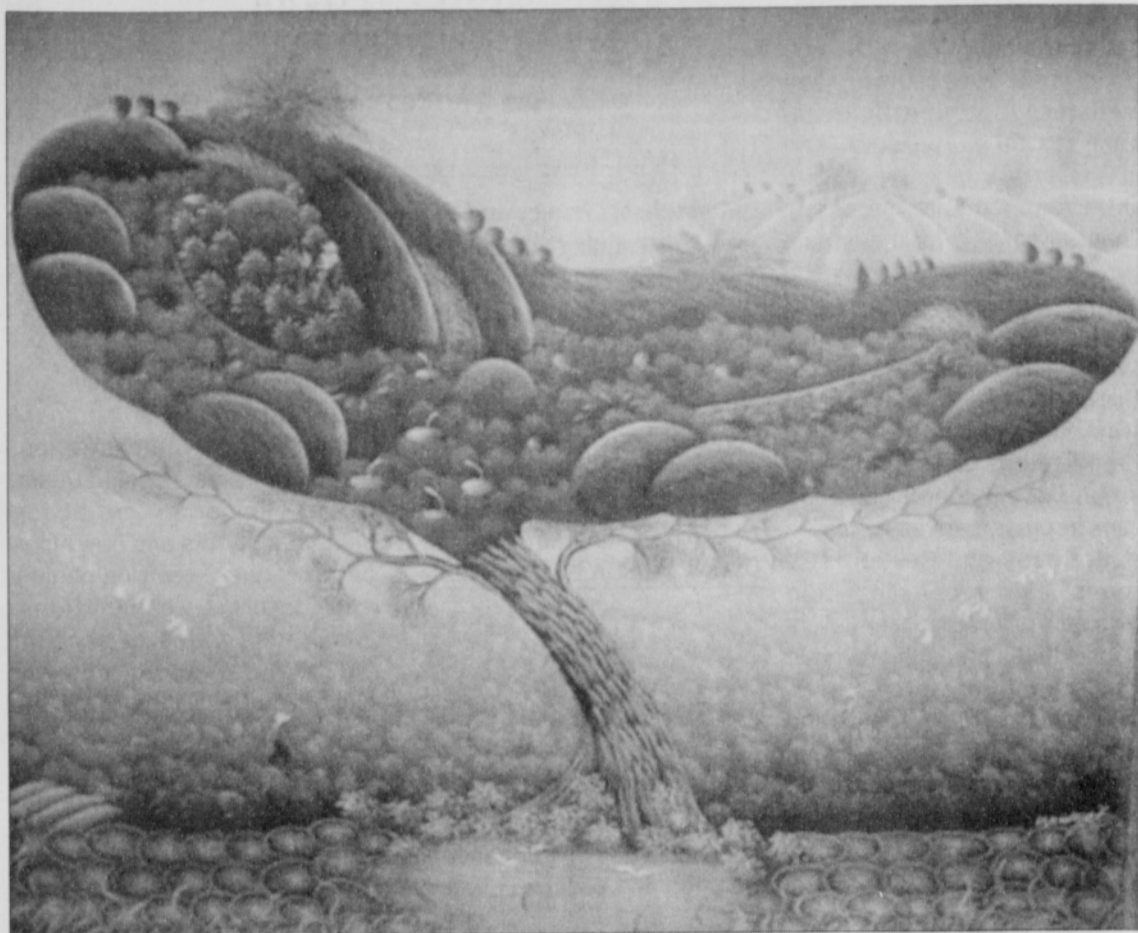


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Haitian Art Featured at Gallery

With two distinct cultures, Haiti and Dominican Republic share the Caribbean island of Hispanola. For the first time, Onda gallery has the

pleasure of showing paintings and other media from the French-speaking country.

This event will take place at the

Onda Arte/Latina/Cross Currents Gallery at 2215 NE Alberta Street. The opening event will benefit the Haitian Sustainable Development

Foundation on July 28 at 6 p.m. The exhibit continues until August 23. For gallery hours other happenings visit www.ondagallery.com.

Soulful Service Remembers Luther Vandross

Top R&B stars honor Grammy winner with songs, stories

(AP) - The funeral service for eight-time Grammy winner Luther Vandross hit just the right notes recently with soulful, joyful and powerful, an echo of the late singer's unforgettable voice.

Family, friends and fans filled The Riverside Church for a celebration of Vandross' too-short life, a memorial service that morphed into a revival meeting before ending with an all-star rendition of his hit single "Power of Love/Love Power."

Vandross' wide appeal was evident in the first few rows of mourners, where current hitmakers Usher and Alicia Keys shared space with music legends Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin and Patti LaBelle.

"There are no sad faces here today," said longtime friend LaBelle,



Singer Usher, center, and Nona Hendricks, second from right, join other R&B stars in a singing tribute of Luther Vandross' "Power of Love, during his funeral on Friday, July 8 in New York. (AP Photo)

resplendent in a bright yellow dress with a diamond necklace and earrings. "It's not a mournful service. I'm celebrating because Luther would want us too."

Vandross, 54, died July 1 at a

New Jersey hospital, two years after he suffered a debilitating stroke. He sold more than 25 million records in his long career, with hits like "Stop For Love," "Here and Now" and "Dance With My Father."

As Vandross' gold coffin sat at the foot of the altar, LaBelle read a poem written by the R&B icon's mother, Mary Ida, who was seated in the front row. Vandross' other family members, nine nieces and their 11 children, filled in the seats around the family matriarch to remember the man known to them as "Uncle Ronnie."

Cissy Houston performed the gospel standard "Deep River," while Wonder left the crowd breathless with his version of the gospel song "I Won't Complain."

But it was Franklin, brushing aside a slight sore throat, who sent choir and clergy dancing on the altar with her version of "Amazing Grace."

Before the funeral service, a hearse carrying the native New Yorker's remains took Vandross on one final tour of Harlem, pausing outside the Apollo Theater before heading west to the church. Before achieving stardom, Vandross had twice finished second at the Harlem theater's famed amateur night.

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Norman Sylvester and The Boogie Cats - A dance party featuring Norman Sylvester and The Boogie Cats will take place on Friday, July 22 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

at the North Star Ballroom at 635 N. Killingsworth Court. Cover is \$6. Also at the ballroom, DJ Chata Man will perform Saturday, July 23 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Cover is \$3. For more information, call 503-632-0162.

Rachel Taylor Brown Band - The igneous and metamorphic rock sounds of the Rachel Taylor Brown Band comes to the gazebo at Peninsula Park on Wednesday, June 20 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. for a free performance as part of the Portland Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Concert Series. Concertgoers are encouraged to make themselves comfortable on the park grounds by bringing blankets and chairs. For more information on Rachel Taylor Brown Band visit www.racheltaylorbrown.com.

Suzanne Vega - The singer who had big hits with songs like Luka and Tom's Diner will be performing along with Grammy winner Marc Cohn as a part of the Oregon Zoo Concert Series. This event is on Friday July 22 at the Oregon Zoo. For more information on this concert or other summer happenings visit www.oregonzoo.org



Suzanne Vega

13th Annual Division/Clinton Street Fair - Celebrate Commerce and Community in a fun filled day that includes a parade starting at 10 a.m. on July 23. In addition there will be live local music, artists, and health related activities. The fair runs the length of Division from 12th to 50th and on Clinton Street from 21st-26th. This events lasts until 5 p.m. and is sure to provide enjoyment for every age.

School House Rock - Remember conjunction function what's your function? The final performances of the 1970's musical educational announcements will be at Mt. Tabor Park until July 24. This event is part of the Portland Parks and Recreation Summer Concert Series for more information visit www.parks.ci.portland.or.us.

Qwest Noon Concert Series - Every Wednesday at noon until August 10, enjoy free music in the park. Come with an appetite - delicious food and beverage on site. Ester Short Park is located in downtown Vancouver at 301 W. 8th street. For more information call 360.619.1141 or visit www.cityofvancouver.us

Six to Sunset Concerts - The City of Vancouver proudly presents a weekly evening concert series. Each Thursday until the end of August

there will be diverse genres for the community to enjoy. Check out their website for weekly listings. www.cityofvancouver.us

Discovery Museum - The World Forestry Center recently opened its doors to a new Discovery Museum, featuring exciting, interactive exhibits on forestry. Visitors have a chance to go on a white water raft ride without getting wet, smoke jump into a wildfire without getting singed and stroll across a 20-foot high tree top canopy walk. For more information, visit www.worldforestry.org.

Sponge Bob at the Zoo - Now through Labor Day, the Oregon Zoo will present Nickelodeon's SpongeBob Square Pants-the thrill ride. The cost is \$4.50 in addition to admission. For more information call 503-226-1561 or visit www.oregonzoo.org

Laugh Factory - Comedy returns every second Wednesday of the month at the upscale Bacchus Restaurant, thanks to EEI International.

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.

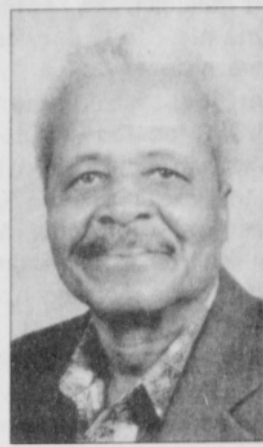
On the Radio - Groove to soul and hip-hop with Kevin Berry from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays at 90.7 FM/KBOO. Check out the Community Potpourri talk show from 7 to 8 a.m. Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at 1480 AM/KBMS. Count your blessings with Melodies from Heaven from 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at 1290 AM/KKSL. Tune in to African American Health Radio Wednesday nights on 1290 AM/KKSL.

Gypsy Classes - Caravan Studios offers classes in belly dance, African dance and more. Visit www.gypsyscaravan.us.

Have a Ball - Kids will have a ball at OMSI's new Innovation Station by exploring the human side of technology. For more information, visit www.oms.edu.

Time to Jam - Jam Night, Portland's ever-popular comedy and variety show is at Christian Performing Arts Center, 8131 N. Denver Ave. Shows continue every Friday Night starting at 9 p.m. with dinner by Mondemaj Catering next door to the show at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Dinner is \$13 and tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. For dinner reservations, call 503-286-2590.

A memorial service will be held for Charles H. Burks who passed away on June 23rd. The family extends an invitation to those who would like to attend on Friday July 22, at 11:00 A.M., Willamette National Cemetery, 11800 SE MT Scott Blvd.



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