



Woodlawn students Honni Brown (from left) Lyric Branch and D.J. Gonzales perform in the African dance troupe Kukatonon.

After School Dancers to Perform

Kukatonon, Woodlawn Elementary School's African dance troupe, will present the fundraiser program "We Are One!" on Friday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Center for Self Enhancement, 3920 N. Kerby Ave.

Twenty-one students participate in the troupe, an after-school program founded by Woodlawn teacher Rolia Manyongai-Jones

more than 20 years ago. Manyongai-Jones, from Liberia, and Ruby Burns-Johnny are the troupe's instructors.

Accompanying the dancers will be Hakim Muhammad, C. Johnny and Sekou D. Walker.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 12, and are available in advance at Woodlawn, 7200 N.E. 11th Ave., or at the door.

AFRICAN CULTURE NIGHT

Local performers lend hand at Jackson High

Drummer Obo Addy and his group Okropong will perform during an African Culture Night benefit at 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25 at Jackson Middle School, 10625 S.W. 35th Ave.

All proceeds will help finish construction of the Toguna Cultural Center in Mali, envisioned by Jackson parent, artist, illustrator and author Baba Wague Diakite for his hometown of Bamako, Mali.

Jackson students helped raise funds for the early stages of construction several years ago. Efforts are under way to raise the final \$8,000 for plumbing, painting, concrete work and windows.

Sixth-graders from Jackson's Creative Literacy class will also present a traditional West African tale with drumming. The students are participating in an artist-in-residency program



Obo Addy

with Diakite and Addy, a master drummer from Ghana and a Portland resident. The evening starts with an African "market," featuring ceramic cards and clothing by the Diakite and Jackson art students, and refreshments.

Cost is \$6 adults and \$3 students. For more information, call 503-916-5680.

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RELIGION

Gospel Phenomenon Chooses Portland

Concert to celebrate debut CD

The gospel music phenomenon Apostle Elbert D. Mondainé and Belief will celebrate the release of their debut album, "The Blessing Box", on Friday, May 26 at 8 p.m. at the Newmark Theater, 1111 S.W. Broadway.

The show will feature a horn section fronted by Portland Jazzman Farnell Newton, a string section arranged and orchestrated by Jennifer Arnold, the lead violist of the Oregon Symphony, and dance from Emyprean Movement.

"This is going to be an amazing production," said veteran producer Howard Waldron. "We're bringing everything from

fire to snow right in the midst of the concert. And when you hear Apostle Mondainé sing you'll just cry."

The show marks a milestone for Portland, as Apostle Mondainé is the first Black Gospel Music poster child to hail from the Northwest. Sure to make a national impact, he chose not to release his debut in the Bible belt as most artists of his genre do, deciding rather to make a splash here in the desert region of American Gospel Music.

Mondainé, whose markedly more liberal as a pastor than many of his professional counterparts,



Apostle Elbert D. Mondaine

feels that Portland is the perfect breeding ground for a new evolution of the Gospel culture, stating "propensity for open mindedness, critical thinking and the arts in general".

The ministry of Apostle

Mondainé began over 25 years in St. Louis, Mo. where he was raised. His beginnings were humble as a minister of music for several area churches. He did not make a great deal of money from it, even had to spend cold winter nights in his car for lack of a shelter to call home, but he persevered because he loved the Lord and was obedient to His call.

Tickets are \$14 to \$18, including a CD with every purchase, available at the PCPA box office and at all Ticket Master locations (www.ticketmaster.com). For more information, visit www.edmondaine.com or call 503-737-4910 or call Don Elliott at 503-756-7139.

Ask Deanna!



Real People, Real Advice

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Dear Deanna!

My fiancé cheated before we were married and I recently learned that he's still seeing the woman he cheated with. I want to get out of the relationship but feel we should go to counseling. I find it hard to forgive him because I'm scared he'll do it again. What should I do about this? --Anisha; Washington, D.C.

Dear Anisha:

You had your warning signs before you got married and you knew what you were getting yourself into. Most women that are in tune with their

relationship know when their mate is cheating. You should seek professional counseling not only for your marriage but yourself as well. If it doesn't work you'll be able to breathe instead of sharing your spouse or walking around being scared and worrying about a man.

Dear Deanna!

If a relationship is doing well and things are fine without marriage, why do women complain? I've been with my girlfriend for 9 years and sometimes she rants about being legal and having a piece of paper justify our relationship. I feel it won't make any difference because we have love and neither one of us is going anywhere. --Ronnie Turner; Beaumont, Texas

Dear Ronnie:

If you love the relationship and the woman, you should do the right thing and not fornicate by living

the shacking lifestyle. Marriage will change things for the better because you'll have the true blessing of God over your relationship as well as many marriage perks and benefits. After 9 years, quit playing and do the right thing.

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Pastor Honored

Officers and members of Allen Temple CME Church will honor senior pastor Dr. LeRoy Haynes Jr. during a Pastor Appreciation program, Friday, June 2 and Sunday, June 4 at Allen Temple CME Church, 4236 N.E. Eighth Ave. The theme of this year's event is "A Warrior for the Faith".

Guest speakers include Dr. W.G. Hardy of Highland United Church of God and Rev. Robert F. Kemp of Community AME Zion.

Dr. Hardy will speak at 7 p.m. on Friday and Pastor Kemp will preach at 4 p.m. on Sunday. The public is cordially invited to join the celebration and fellowship.

For more information, call 503-287-0261.



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