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# Alberta Street Fair Beat

African dancers and musicians bring their irresistible rhythms to the Alberta Street Fair Saturday as the annual celebration marked its 10th anniversary.

## Potential Candidates Hit Roadblocks

Jay lives outside city; Adams fights smear

Leading potential candidates for Portland mayor have hit roadblocks in quick succession since Tom Potter's announcement last week that he would not run for reelection.

In what Commissioner Sam Adams calls "a nasty smear by a would-be political opponent," Pearl District developer Bob Ball helped leak an account Monday accusing Adams of having had an improper relationship with a 17 year old three years ago. Adams and the now 20-year-old restaurant manager see it only as a mentorship situation, while Ball argued that any kind of relationship with a minor was a subject of concern.

Also, businessman and community advocate Roy Jay called off his campaign late last week, just days after beginning to assemble an exploratory committee. He had moved to a former Street of Dreams home last month without any inclination that the address would not qualify him to be mayor.

A respected leader of the African-American community and the city at large, Jay had been testing the waters all summer and finding them supportive.

However, his new residence lies just a few blocks outside of the Portland city limits, even as its mail is labeled "Portland."

Jay also has a condo in the Lloyd district, but he felt it unjust to simply register there in an attempt to meet the minimum-residence requirements for candidacy.

"I know that I would have been an excellent mayor," Jay says, "but at this point, I have no intent on moving."

He will spend his time instead seeking funding for the construction of head-quarter hotel at the Oregon Convention Center and overseeing Project Clean Slate, a program he helped start to expunge minor criminal convictions.

He promises to continue his work for the betterment of the city, whether it is for small businesses, ethnic communities, outer southeast, homeless, seniors, gentrification issues or big business.

"My hat is off to Mayor Potter for leading a citywide effort in his attempt to be inclusive of people in every community, but it is time for Portland to go to the next level," he says. "We, as a community, do not want to wind up like some cities where race, class, gender, sexual preference and ethnicity can polarize a community."



Roy Jay



Sam Adams

## Honoring NAACP Members

Ending a hiatus of over three years, the Portland NAACP will confirm seven officers and two executive-committee members at a special ceremony Thursday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel's Mt. Adams Ballroom, 8235 N.E. Airport Way.

"We are incredibly excited to see these officers and executive-committee members officially take on their roles as leaders in Portland's African-American

community," said Charlene McGee, president of the NAACP branch. "We have a great opportunity to make a difference by building a strong branch ready for the NAACP's centennial in 2009 and our own branch's centennial in 2014. We are eager to move forward with the many challenges that lie ahead in community relations for all people of color in Portland."

A strong show of support is anticipated at this event.

## 'Color Purple' Author to Visit

New book 'Why War is Never a Good Idea'

On Friday, Sept. 28, Alice Walker will be in town to promote her new book, "Why War Is Never A Good Idea," a powerful poem with beautiful illustrations and a strong message of peace and environmentalism.

She will appear at Powells Books at Cedar Hill Crossing, 3415 S.W. Cedar Hills Blvd. between 7 p.m and 8:45 p.m.

Walker is the author of The Color Purple, which won the Pulitzer Prize and an American Book Award and which was turned into a Broadway musical as well as a movie starring Oprah Winfrey produced by



Alice Walker

Stephen Spielberg.

In addition to her novels, she has written poetry, essays, short stories, and has contributed to numerous anthologies. Her books for children include Lanston Hughes: American Poet and To Hell With Dying.

## Ask Deanna!



Real People, Real Advice

An advice column known for reality based subjects!

Dear Deanna!

My sister has moved in with me and it's a total disaster. She is a liar, a thief and a master manipulator. I am used to a calm life that doesn't involve anyone opening my mail, answering my phone and acting as if they live in a hotel with room service. I'm going to put her out but I have to face drama from my family because she's told them a pack of lies. Our family is torn and she already has everyone on her side. How do I evict her and still save face. --Anonymous; Los Angeles

Dear Anonymous:

You need your sister and all of this madness just like you need a hole in the head. However, your sister is someone you grew up with and you knew most things about her before she moved in. This decision is quick and to the point. If it's your house, your rules and your money, then she needs to shape up or ship out. If you have some joint agreements, then you need to change some locks, make new rules and try again before sending her packing.

Dear Deanna!

I'm a fun guy with a lot of heart. I find that being nice has caused me to be taken advantage of by women and a few of my male friends. I tend to pay for meals when I'm out, pay the fees if we're at an establishment that charges for parking and many other small incidentals. When I put my foot down and say no to my girlfriends or refuse favors that involve money, I lose relationships, and friends. This makes me feel bad and I want to change but don't

know how. --Keith; Denver, Colo

Dear Keith:

You can make the change by removing the "kick me" sign from your back and stop wearing your emotions on your sleeves. Your attitude and your aura is felt and perceived by others and this makes you an easy target. Go ahead and say no to a few things and after a while, you'll have thick skin and you will also have all the gold diggers, drop shots and dead beat friends out of your life too. In other words, look for new friends and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

My daughter ended a relationship that was abusive, degrading and disrespectful. We went through the hassle of moving her to another location, helping get her a new job and a new school for the children. As soon as she gets some money saved, a few new friends and things look promising, she lets her boyfriend come back. e're losing our minds because he's put her in the hospital, took her money and everything else. What can I say to get through to her. --Mad Mother; On-Line Reader

Dear Mad Mother:

Have a talk with your daughter and let her know that she can't smell the roses if she's dead. Relationships can make people do crazy things including hurting the ones they love. Your daughter has low self esteem and only counseling and strong family intervention can help. As a mother you need to stand by your daughter, love her and try not to be judgmental as she gets it together and hopefully she'll see the reality of the monster she's with before it's too late.

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