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Takeover of Traditional Spirits



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Milagro Theatre to host spectacular forces

A group bringing us the vibrancy of Latino theatre to Portland since 1985 will again strike the American pulse with a bilingual multimedia production that tackles folk traditions.

Told through heartfelt rhythms of Yoruba influence, the original story of Oyá and Ikú unfolds through Afro-Cuban dance and song that form a colorful language of movement to reach across geographic and linguistic boundaries.

Oyá is a feminine warrior Orisha, a spirit that represents God in the Afro-Cuban Yoruba traditions of Central America. Like the wind that she commands, Oyá is always changing, always moving, with the power to conjure storms, hurricanes and tornadoes.

This spirit is also guardian of the cemeteries, where the underworld Orisha, Ikú, discouraged by pervasive human corruption, has challenged Oyá to destroy the world. But just as Oyá calls upon her destructive forces of nature, she witnesses humanity in its fullness.

The show runs April 4 through 26 on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets, \$15-\$20, can be purchased online at Milagro.org, by calling 503-236-7253 or at the Milagro Theatre box office, 525 S.E. Stark St.

Through wind and storm, Oyá (Freila Merencio Blanco) affects the fate of two humans (Carlos Alexis Cruz, left, and Mayra Acevedo) in "Oyá: Call the Storm," playing April 4-26 at the Milagro Theatre, 525 S.E. Stark St.

Arrested Regardless of Status Professor confronts misconceptions

Deportable immigrants released from the Los Angeles County jail system were no more likely to be rearrested than similar non-deportable immigrants released during the same period, according to a study conducted by Laura Hickman, Portland State University assistant professor.

The study focused on nearly 1,300 male immigrants released from jail over a 30-day period and followed them for a year to see whether there were differences in recidivism between the deportable and non-deportable immigrants. Findings from the study suggest that illegal and other immigrants subject to deportation who are released into the community from a local jail do not pose a greater threat to public safety than non-deportable immigrants released at the same time.

Immigrants who were deportable, deemed so because they entered the United States illegally, overstayed their visas or committed other violations, were no more likely to be rearrested during the study period when compared to similar legal or naturalized immigrants.

"Our findings run counter to the

notion that illegal immigrants are more likely than other immigrants to cycle in and out of the local criminal justice system," said Laura Hickman, assistant professor with the Criminal Justice Policy Research Institute at Portland State University and a researcher at RAND, a nonprofit research organization.

Hickman and co-author Marika Suttrop of RAND found that a higher percentage of deportable immigrants were rearrested at least once during the following year, 43 percent compared to 35 percent. However, when researchers compared deportable immigrants to similar non-deportable immigrants—considering factors such as age, ethnicity, country of birth, and type of criminal arrest—the differences disappeared.

The study found a smaller percentage of all immigrants were rearrested after one year (38 percent) than the percent of re-arrests identified in an unrelated study of the Los Angeles County jail population a few years earlier. The earlier study looked at the re-arrest patterns of 1,000 men (including both immigrants and native born).

COLD CASE FILES

Lorenzo Okaruru, a.k.a., Loni Kai

Case #: 2001-17615

Okaruru, who also went by the name Loni Kai, was a cross dresser and was wearing female clothing at the time of his murder. He was last seen alive in the area of SW Murray Road and SW Tualatin Valley Highway, in Beaverton about 3:30 a.m. on Sunday August 26, 2001. He may have been hitchhiking in the Aloha-Reedville area.



Okaruru died of severe blunt force trauma to the head. His body was found near S.W. Farmington Road and Rood Bridge Road.

If you have any information in this case please contact the Washington County Sheriff's Office Records Section at (503) 846-2524.

There is a \$4,000.00 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspects involved.

Kimberly Jean Dunkin

CASE NUMBER: CS 08-07

Friday, January 1, 1993, at 10:30 a.m., 30-year-old Kimberly Jean Dunkin, was found shot to death inside the driver's seat of her blue 1973 Chevrolet Camaro parked in front of 4927 Northeast Skidmore Street. An autopsy determined the victim died from a gunshot wound to her head.



Kimberly Dunkin reportedly attended a New Year's Eve party alone at a residence near the intersection of Northeast Sandy Boulevard and Northeast 77th Avenue. Investigators believe she left the party sometime in the early morning hours of January 1, 1993. Dunkin may have stopped at a neighborhood convenience store after leaving the party.

A witness saw Dunkin's car parked in front of 4927 Northeast Skidmore Street at 6:00 a.m. At the time the witness saw the car, he noticed a person slumped over in the driver's seat, but thought the person was asleep. At 10:30 a.m., the same witness walked by the car to check on the person and found Dunkin deceased. Homicide Detectives believe Dunkin had been dead since at least 6:00 a.m. During the subsequent autopsy, it was determined that Dunkin had consumed cocaine and marijuana. Investigators believe Dunkin's connection to individuals involved in the distribution of controlled substances may have played a role in her death.

There is a cash reward offered for information reported to the Cold Case Homicide Unit that leads to an arrest in this case. Portland Police Bureau - Cold Case Homicide Unit - 503-865-8477

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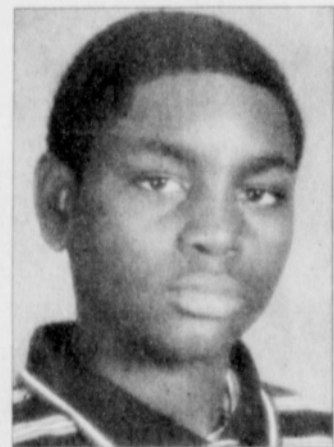
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Endangered Runaways



Andrew Allen

Current Age: 11
Date Missing: Feb. 27, 2008
Missing From: Decatur, IL
Andrew may go by the name Andy or Tristen.



Jamaal Davies

Current Age: 13
Date Missing: March 3, 2008
Missing From: Rockville, MD

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