

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## Unscripted Crime Drama: *Improvised theater on stage*



The Unscriptables bring improvised theater to a new level with *Lawful Order: Special Puppet Unit*, now playing in the Unscriptables studio at 1121 N. Loring St.

The Unscriptables are here to clean up Portland's stages and put the perps behind bars. The cast from this local improvised theater company has puppets and humans working side by side to solve the

most difficult cases in *Lawful Order: Special Puppet Unit*.

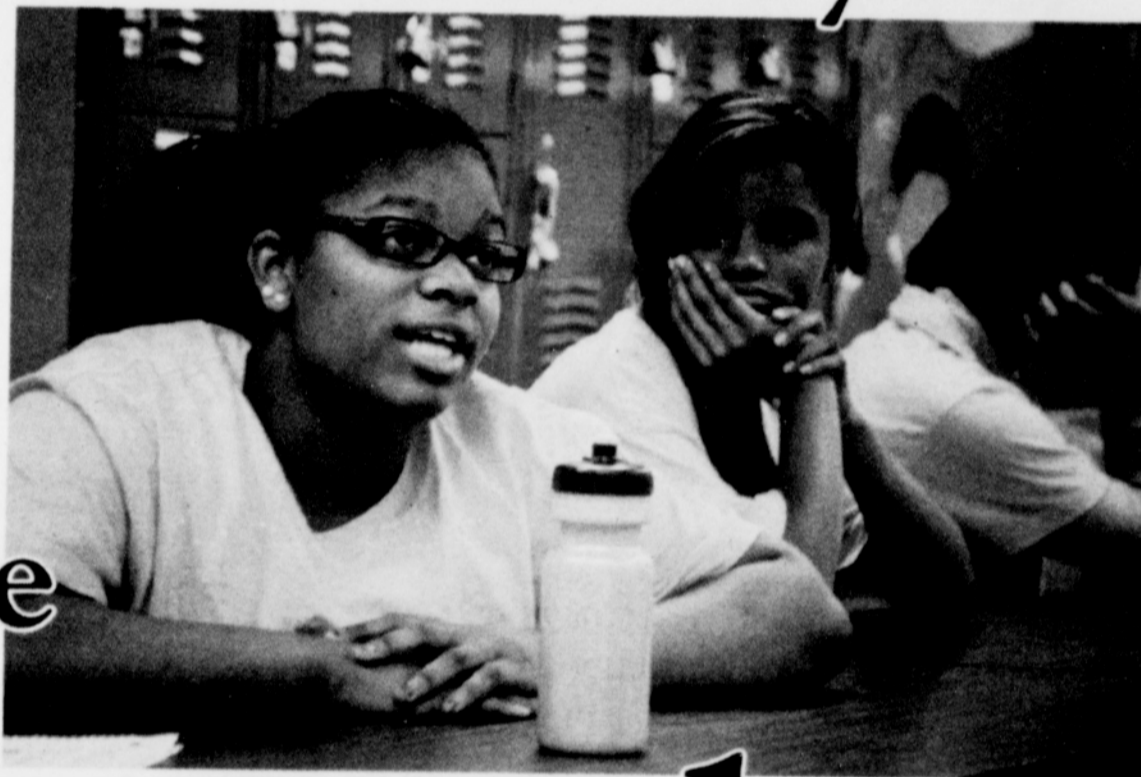
Each show is different because every night the performance is based upon suggestions given to the performers by the audience. Upcoming

performances are on Feb. 12, 19, 25, and 26 at 8p.m. in the Unscriptables studio, 1121 N. Loring St.

The show is "pay what you want" or a suggested \$10. For more information, visit [theunscriptables.com](http://theunscriptables.com).



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Oregon Zoo director Kim Smith shows Jabari the hedgehog to some young visitors during the zoo's annual Hedgehog Day festivities on Feb. 2. Jabari did not see his shadow, indicating spring may arrive early this year.

## Early Spring Forecast

Pack those snow tires and chains away. Jabari, the Oregon Zoo's African pygmy hedgehog, did not see his shadow during the zoo's annual Hedgehog Day festivities on Feb. 2, indicating an early spring could be in store. Or not.

"The groundhog is actually a latecomer to the weather prediction game," said zoo director Kim Smith. "It was only when immigrants to the

United States realized that there aren't any hedgehogs here that they turned to the groundhog. We're proud to bring this tradition back to its true origins."

Historically, the hedgehog has been used in this centuries-old tradition to predict the onset of spring. Immigrants to North America substituted the groundhog when they found there were no hedgehogs in their new homeland.