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ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Neighbors Pitch a Battle --

Portland Center Stage's production of Bruce Norris' Clybourne Park continues through Sunday, May 5 at Portland Center Stage. A white community in 1950s Chicago splinters over the black family about to move in. Fast forward to our present day, the same house represents very different demographics, and neighborhood values and tensions. Hilarious and horrifying neighbors pitch a battle over territory and legacy that forces us to consider how far our ideas about race have evolved --or not.

Tests of Facts -- The Mythbusters exhibit at OMSI allows visitors to dive into the scientific method to explore myths associated with human reaction time and momentum. The explosive Discovery Channel exhibit opened in February and continues through Sunday, May 5.

Oregon Voices -- Oregon Voices tells Oregon's fascinating history through the eyes and ears of the people who lived it. The new Oregon Historical Society exhibit dives into a diverse range of subjects, from the displacement of minority populations from urban development, to cycles of boom and bust.

Stevie Wonder's Birthday -- Legendary singer/songwriter Stevie Wonder celebrates his birthday in the Rose City, Friday, May 10 at the Quartet Restaurant; he will also be performing. The one night only event is commanding \$500 per ticket, with only 200 seats available. Net proceeds will benefit the non-profit Project Clean Slate. Call 503-231-2571 for more information.

Mel Brown Live -- Portland jazz giant Mel Brown performs at Salty's on the Columbia every Friday and Saturday night. Known as the "Gentleman of Jazz," Brown has a career spanning over 40 years.

Norman Sylvester -- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band play Friday, May 3 at the West Linn Saloon; Saturday, May 4 at the Blue Diamond; Friday, May 10 at Halibut's; and Saturday, May 11 at the Spare Room.

"Manos" the Hands of Fate --

The 1966 cult classic has been adapted for the stage by Portland's Capital I Productions as a two act comedy. This is for lovers of bad movies and horror; Shows are continuing through Friday, May 5, at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Theater, 5340 N. Interstate Ave.



Sesame Street Live -- Kids and kids-at-heart, come see all of your favorite Sesame Street characters live on stage at the Memorial Coliseum. The "Can't Stop Singing" show with Elmo, Abby Cadabby, Murray and their many friends will run from Friday, May 3 to Sunday, May 5.



Dance for a Dollar -- Check your worries at the door and feel your body come to life with the joyful sounds of duranguense, folklorico, and cumbia at The Theater World Premiere of Dance for a Dollar directed by Daniel Jaquez. Opens Thursday, May 2 runs through May 25 at Milagro Theater, 525 S.E. Start St.

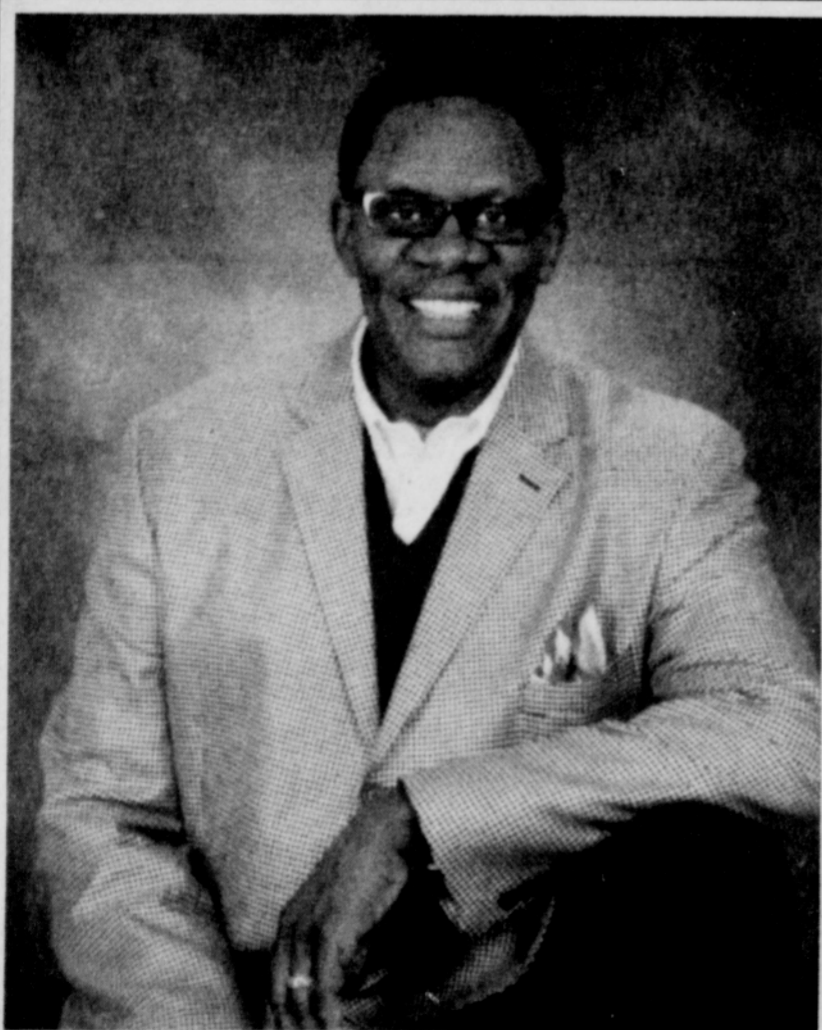


The Soulful Showcase -- Blacque Butterfly presents spoken word, live music and featured artists on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 8 p.m. at E'Njoni Café, African-Mediterranean cuisine at 910 N. Killingsworth St.

Afrique Bistro Benefit -- Afrique Bistro, 102 N.E. Russell St., opens its doors each last Saturday of the month to raise donations for the African Women's Coalition. Great Caribbean and African music along with good drinks and fun people, 9 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. \$10 at the door.

Oregon Black History -- The Black Museum of Oregon group meets every Saturday, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 420 N.E. Mason. For more information, call 503-284-0617.

Open Mic -- Curious Comedy, 5225 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., hosts a free night of stand-up comedy every 2nd and 4th Sunday. Open mic comics get three minutes, and audience members get a free sneak peak at Portland's up and coming talent. Signups start at 8:30 p.m. Show starts at 9 p.m.



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