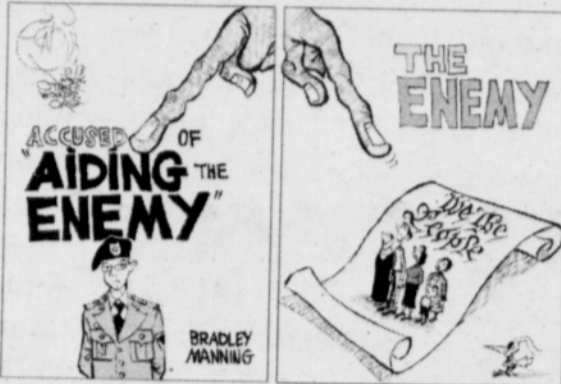


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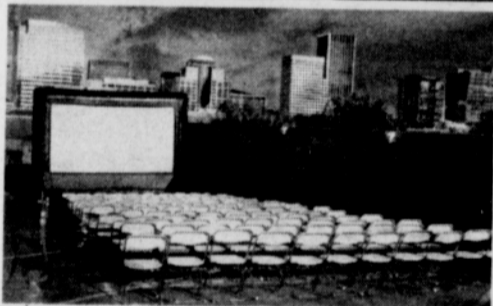


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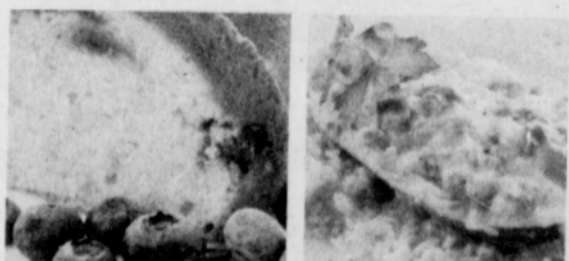
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LOCAL NEWS



Portland musicians Esperanza Spalding and Thara Memory accept the Best Instrumental Arrangement Accompanying Vocalist Award for "City of Roses" onstage at the 55th Grammy Awards on Feb. 10 in Los Angeles.

Nothin' but the Blues

Esperanza Spalding and Thara Memory team up for benefit concert

Thara Memory's American Music Program will get a boost when Memory and his jazz orchestra joins multiple Grammy-winning artist Esperanza Spalding for a benefit concert on Sunday, Aug 18 at the Gerding Theater at the Armory, 128 N.W. 11th Ave.

Memory was and is Spalding's mentor and she is coming back home to Portland to headline the benefit concert. The two musicians share a 2013 Grammy for the song "City of Roses."

The "Nothin' but the Blues" fundraiser will also feature Portland singers LaRhonda Steele, Andy Stokes and Tahirah Memory, as well as American Music Program alumni, saxophonist Hailey Niswanger, who was recently named a "Rising Star" by Downbeat magazine critics for alto and soprano saxophones.

Spalding continues to produce innovation outside of the bound-

aries of straight ahead jazz by singing and playing the blues to raise money for the Portland-based jazz music program whose students played on "City of Roses."

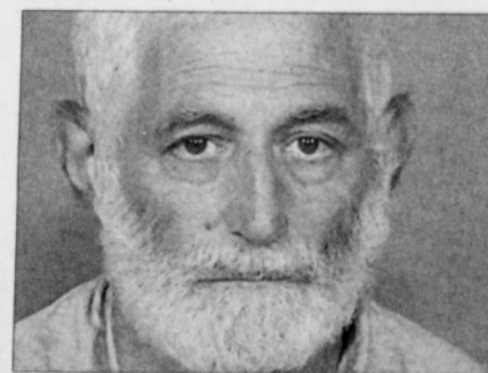
Memory started teaching Spalding when she was 11 years old. He serves as the artistic director for the American Music Program. The Aug. 18th concert is the first time Portlanders will be able to see Spalding perform live since her sold-out concert earlier this year in the final show of the 10th anniversary of the Portland Jazz Festival.

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Portland Journalist Dead at 64

Lee Perlman, a long-time journalist and contributor to the Portland Observer, was found dead Friday at his home in northeast Portland.

Portland Police went to the residence for a welfare check and found Perlman's body inside. The death was ruled a suicide from a self-inflicted gunshot wound,



Lee Perlman

officials said.

Perlman, 64, wrote stories and delivered newspapers for the Portland Observer for more than 20 years. He was a valued free-lance reporter specializing in reporting on government affairs and planning issues. Some of his recent

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