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LIFE IN THE PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA

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Community Calendar

Spring Break Fun

Portland parks and Recreation is offering some fun and creative ways for kids to avoid the spring break dull drums again this year. The following camps and activities are scheduled during the week of March 21.

ART CAMPS:

- **Fulton Park Community Center**, 68 SW Miles, 823-3180. Ages 6-10, Mon-Thurs, 10:30am-12:30pm. Fee: \$12/18
- **Mt. Scott Community Center**, 5530 SE 72nd, 823-3183. Grades K-8, Mon-Fri, 9:30am-12:30pm. Fee: \$35/52.50
- **Sellwood Community Center**, 1436 SE Spokane, 823-3195. Ages 6-10, Mon-Fri, 10:00am-Noon. Fee: \$25/37.50. Ages 6-10, Mon-Fri, 1:00-3:00pm. Fee: \$25/37.50

DANCE CAMPS:

- **St. Johns Community Center**, 8427 N Central, 823-3192. Grades 1-6, Mon-Fri, 9:00am-1:00pm. Fee: \$35/53
- **Mt. Scott Community Center**, 5530 SE 72nd, 823-3183. Ages 6-11, Mon-Fri, 1:00-4:00pm. Fee: \$46/69
- **Sellwood Community Center**, 1436 SE Spokane, 823-3195. Ages 6-11, Mon-Fri, 9:00am-Noon. Fee: \$46/69

GENERAL FUN CAMP:

- **Montavilla Community Center**, 8219 NE Glisan, 823-4101. Ages 5-11, Mon-Fri, 9:00am-5:00pm. Fee: \$75/112.50

MUSIC THEATER CAMP:

- **Metro Performing Arts/Rice School**, 6433 NE Tillamook, 823-3660. Ages 8-11, Mon-Fri, 1:00pm. Fee: 45/68

PRESCHOOL DAY CAMPS:

- **Mt. Scott Community Center**, 5530 SE 72nd, 823-3183. Mon & Wed, 9:30am-12:30pm. Fee: \$10/15. Tues & Thurs, 9:30am-12:30pm. Fee: \$10/15

SPORTS CAMPS:

- **Fulton Park Community Center**, 68 SW Miles, 823-3180. Ages 6-9, Mon-Thurs, 1:00pm-3:00pm. Fee: \$12/18
- **Lane Community School**, 7200 SE 60th, 280-6193. Grades Elem to Middle, Mon-Thurs, 9:00am-2:00pm. Fee: \$25/52.50
- **Mt. Scott Community Center**, 5530 SE 72nd, 823-3183. Grades K-5, Mon-Fri, 9:30am-12:30pm. Fee: \$25/27/50. Grades K-5, Mon-Fri, 1:00pm-4:00pm. Fee: \$25/27.50. Preschool, Mon-Thurs, 10:00am-Noon. Fee: \$15/22.50
- **Sellwood Community Center**, 1436 SE Spokane, 823-3631. Ages 6-10, Mon-Fri, 1:00-4:00pm. Fee: \$25/37.50
- **University Park Community Center**, 9009 N. Foss, 823-3631. Grades Elem-Middle, Mon-Fri, 10:00am-Noon. Fee: \$10/15

OPEN PLAY SWIM:

- **Buck Pool**, 320 SE 16th, 823-3668. Mon-Fri, 1:10-2:55pm. Fee: \$0.75. Mon-Fri, 3:15-4:45pm. Fee: \$0.75. Mon & Weds, 8:05-9:05pm. Fee: \$0.75. Friday, 7:55-9:00pm. Fee: \$0.75
- **Columbia Pool**, 7701 N Chautaugua, 823-3669. Mon-Fri, 12:30-2:00pm. Fee: \$0.75

Interior Designer Joins Director's Furniture

Director's Furniture in Tualatin, Oregon is pleased to announce the arrival of Derrick Van Barker, A.S.I.D. to our design consultant staff. Derrick comes to Director's with 10 years of professional interior design experience.

Educated at California College of Arts and Crafts, in Oakland, California, Mr. Van Barker spent time designing corporate offices in Denver Colorado, restaurants in the California Central Valley area, served as Interior Design Director of Travellini Furniture, and worked as a consultant and lecturer on the subject of interior design. He is also a member of the American Society of Interior Designers.

Derrick and his young family are enjoying their relocation to the Portland area and the Pacific Northwest. Derrick looks forward to joining community efforts and directing his extra time towards neighborhood involvement and disadvantaged minority youth programs.



Derrick Van Barker

Spring Break "Scaleabration"



Wow, Parents! Kids and reptiles just go together so bring 'em on down to Hart's Reptile World's annual Spring Break "Scaleabration", Saturday March 19th through Sunday March 27th, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Help Sherman the 300lb tortoise celebrate his 85th birthday. All kids get a party favor and a surprise. Besides Sherman there are over 300 other reptiles to see like cobra's, rattlesnakes, boas, pythons, monitors, iguanas, crocodiles, alligators, turtles and many more. Hands-on activities will include turtle rides on Sherman by the kiddies, petting Binky the 16ft python, visiting with Wilbur the Crocodile, Esq., and much more. Cookies and refreshments for everyone. All activities are free after regular Reptile Zoo admission. 7 yrs and up \$4.00, 3 to 6 yrs. \$3.00 and 2 and under free. phone 266-7236 for more information and directions.

Mickey Mouse Visits Patients At Legacy Emanuel Children's Hospital



When Stephanie Mengia, 8, checked into Legacy Emanuel Children's Hospital for appendicitis, she wasn't planning on meeting Mickey Mouse. Mickey and a fellow Disney on Ice chorus skater visited with patients at the Children's Hospital Friday, March 4.

Kayauna

MEET SEVEN-YEAR-OLD KAYAUNA IS AN AFFECTIONATE LITTLE GIRL OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN, NATIVE-AMERICAN, AND CAUCASIAN HERITAGE.

Kayauna is one of several hundred children of color in the Northwest currently awaiting an adoptive family.

Kayauna enjoys feminine touches such as pretty clothes, frilly hair accessories, and her canopy bed. Playing "house," coloring and drawing, and watching Sesame Street occupy her free time. Kayauna also enjoys church activities.

Kayauna and her 14-year-old sister came into state care three years ago. Chronic abuse and neglect are part of their history. The sister does not want to be considered for adoption at this time, and may have an alternative form of long term care. The girls have strong bonds, and need to have on-going contact with each other.

Kayauna is a bright girl who is making normal progress, although she is academically behind. Until recently, she was too distracted to focus on learning. Now that she is taking medication, she has improved her concentration. Those who work with her are optimistic about her future academic suc-



Kayauna

cesses. A patient, stable adoptive family will be an important part of her healing process.

Oregon agencies waive or reduce fees for families adopting older children and sibling groups. Singles as well as couples are encouraged to inquire. Orientation meetings and pre-adoption preparation classes are offered regularly. To learn more, call the Special Needs Adoption Coalition at 222-9661, or call your local Children's Services Division.

Oregon Assembly For Black Affairs

THE 1994 OREGON BLACK POLITICAL CONVENTION (OBPC) WILL BE HELD APRIL 9-10, 1994, AT THE QUALITY INN, IN SALEM, OABA PRESIDENT CAL HENRY ANNOUNCED TODAY.

"This is the ninth OBPC that the Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs (OABA) has hosted since its establishment in 1977," Henry stated.

Also Henry announced that State Treasurer Jim Hill will give the keynote opening address to the convention. Hill is the first Black to be elected to a statewide office in Oregon. He was elected State Treasurer in November 1992. Also Hill is one of the original founders of the Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs (OABA).

The purpose of the Oregon Black Political Convention is twofold, Henry noted. One is to serve as a forum for delegates to discuss issues and conditions, and to establish, through resolutions, the position of the Black Community, collectively, on these issues and conditions affecting it. The other is to endorse candidates running for public offices during the 1994 Primary Election,

who are sensitive and responsive to the issues and conditions of Blacks in Oregon.

The theme of the convention is "Now is the time: Black Political Action." Henry stated that this theme recognizes that it is critical that Blacks in Oregon must take political actions now in order to chart a course for the future. It expresses the critical needs for Blacks to take charge of the forces that control our livelihood. "Blacks can no longer stay quiet when elected officials refuse to protect the lives of Black citizens and ensure that Blacks are not faced with racism in the state workforce and academic environment," Henry said.

Black Political Action is defining the needs, goals, and aspirations of the Black Community, and communicating the same to individuals who can make the differences. Black Political Action is discussing issues and conditions, and establishing, through resolutions, the positions of the Black Community, collectively, on these issues and conditions affecting it. It is being a risk taker and an agent for positive change in and for the Black Community.

Black Political Action is running for public office. It is supporting and working for the election of candidates who are sensitive and responsive to conditions and issues affecting Oregon Black Community. Also it is holding all public officials accountable and responsive for productivity within the Black Community. Black Political Action is holding Black leaders and Black public officials accountable for providing the leadership to enhance productivity within and for the Black Community. It is providing leadership for all Oregonians.

"Today there is anger in the Black Community, and there is fear in this community," Henry revealed. Oregon will elect Governor in 1994, and it is very important that someone be elected who can represent all the citizens of this State including Blacks. The 1994 OBPC will help in that end.

The convention is open to anyone who is committed to the political development of Black people and who is willing to work to that end. The public is invited to register and participate in the activities of the 1994 OBPC.

Now Is The Time To Apply For PSU's Ryles Scholarship

Three Washington County residents credit the \$5,000 renewable Nancy Ryles Scholarship with affording them an opportunity to continue their schooling. 1991 recipient Eleanor Dominguez graduated from PSU and is working toward a master's degree in education. Cassandra Garrison, the 1992 winner, is a PSU sophomore pursuing her interests in engineering and environmental science. Last year's recipient, Tualatin resident Betsy Rawls, is now a senior majoring in English.

Completed applications for the Nancy Ryles Scholarship must be received in Portland State University's Office of Academic Affairs by April 10, or postmarked by April 7. Call Susan Balbas at 725-3510 for information or an application.

The scholarship is open to women who wish to work toward an undergraduate degree at PSU and who "due to (1) financial need and (2) current or past family responsibilities and/

or other personal disabilities, have had their schooling interrupted and have been unable to begin and/or complete their college education." It covers the cost of tuition, books, and fees at PSU, as well as providing a small stipend for living and other school expenses.

The scholarship was created in honor of the late Nancy Ryles, a long-time state senator, former Oregon Public Utility Commissioner and Beaverton school board member. "Nancy worked to support and encourage education, particularly for those lacking the opportunity or the means to acquire that education," said Joan Johnson, a friend of Ryles and co-coordinator of the scholarship fund.

Johnson encourage all interested women to apply. "Past recipients have overcome serious obstacles to continue their educations," she says. "Your past is past. The question is: What can you do now? Can you make it?" For information call (503) 725-3510.