

Actors To Bring Drama To The Parks

The Portland Actors Ensemble is set to perform 'Shakespeare In The Parks,' for it's 25th season.

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Protecting Your Home Investment

A quiz on homeowners' rights will help you protect your investment.

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Kaiser Employees Accept New Contract

A new labor contract with 2,000 workers at Kaiser was ratified averting a strike threat.

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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

U.S. Crime Bill At \$163 billion

Each year the U.S. is spending or losing in excess of \$163 billion because of crime, according to the Justice Department, the insurance industry and academic researches. The amount is more than five times as much as the federal government spends on education. Crime costs include more than \$31.8 billion for police, \$24.9 billion for corrections, \$36.9 billion in retail losses, \$20 billion in insurance fraud and \$17.6 billion for individual property losses and medical expenses.

Auto Mechanics Needed

Jobs are available for "Mr. Good Wrench" and "Quality Care" types across the nation. There is a shortage of 60,000 mechanics in auto dealers' repair shops in America making many high paying opportunities available for African Americans. Mechanics' positions are being filled at many Ford Chrysler, General Motors and foreign dealerships across the U.S. The training programs lasts for more than one year. Contact African Americans on Wheels, 2054 National Press Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20045.

Muhammad Calls For Simpson Support

Controversial Nation of Islam minister Khalid Abdul Muhammad is encouraging support for former football superstar O.J. Simpson who is accused in the murder of his ex-wife and a male companion. Simpson has pleaded not-guilty in the double murder. According to Muhammad, blacks in particular, "Should always fight for the innocence of the black man." Muhammad was suspended earlier this year as chief spokesman for Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan because of the outcry over a speech in which he vilified Jews and the Pope.

Thomas Leads Assault On Voting

The U.S. Supreme Court has issued two decisions which deliver setbacks to minority groups seeking to expand their power at the polls. The assault was led by the high court's only black justice Clarence Thomas. The conservative Thomas unleashed a strongly worded opinion which argued that past court attempts to create predominantly black or Hispanic voting districts in order to insure that more minorities were elected to public office had led to "racial balkanization" or a division of the nation along racial lines.

Farrakhan Urges Men To Change

Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan delivered a message of spiritual uplift to over 9,000 black men at the Baltimore Arena. Farrakhan told the men-only gathering, "We must change the way we treat one another. Our women and children are in need of us to be made into the kind of men that almighty God wants us to be."

Tracksters Bound For Junior Olympics

BY PROMISE KING

Northeast Community Tracksters have qualified to compete in the national USA Junior Olympics Track and Field championships in Gainesville, Fla., July 26-31.

The national competition follows their success in regionals where the club won medals in the 100 meter, 200 meter and long jump. A Tracksters 400 meter relay team, consisting of Emy King, Susanna Maxwell, Elissa Warren and Brandy Canada broke a state record, shaving 11 seconds off the previous mark. In all, 16 of the athletes have qualified for Junior Olympics.

The tracksters, founded 13 years ago by Dwight Ford, has been a haven for talented kids from the inner city. It gives children, age 7 to 18, a positive alternative to gangs, violence and drugs.

"Right now we have about 60 kids in



Northeast Community Tracksters Club Founder Dwight Ford and Assistant Coach Robert Briggs (right), guide the team to the USA Junior Olympics Track and Field championships in Gainesville, Fla.

our club and over the years we've kept growing," Ford said. "I don't believe we can say 'no' to a kid who comes to our club."

The preparation for track and field events is not easy because of the limits of money and equipment available.

Ford said it takes about \$500 to offset the

expense of one athlete annually. The Portland Police Athletic Club contributed about \$2,500 for this year's needs.

To pay for the Junior Olympics, the club has a goal to raise \$9,600. The money would cover air fare, accommodations, and meals, according to Larry Warren, Tracksters head

coach.

Donations can be made to the Northeast Community Tracksters in care of Ford, Warren, assistant coach Robert Briggs and Debbie Brown, a volunteer parent. For more information you can reach Ford at 281-5320 or at 3725 NE Portland Blvd.

The Phil Reynolds Scholarship Awards



Miss Jameila Stewart



Miss Haregu Kefle



Miss Monique Johnson



Miss Eliza Capuia

The Phil Reynolds Scholarship recipients have been announced for 1994. The awards have been given to four deserving young applicants qualifying this year. These scholarships are awarded to Afro-American High School Seniors preparing to enter a College or University of choice.

Mr. Phil Reynolds helped many young men and women during his life toward education as a better way of life. It is to his memory as a dedicated Oregonian and pioneer that The Phil Reynolds Scholarship Fund was established in 1983.

Miss Jameila Stewart is a graduate of Wilson High School. During her busy school

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Walnut Park Leases Signed

Four new stores have signed leases to move into the new Walnut Park Retail Center on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Killingsworth Street.

Mother Dear's Tasty Pastries, Woods and Reid Bridal Fashions, It's My Kind of Face and Super Wok Chinese Fast Food will join the retail center's anchor tenant, Videoland and the adjacent Northeast Portland Community Policing Center.

The stores will open in November. An additional agreement is said to be pending with a nationwide sandwich restaurant franchise.

The Portland Police Bureau moved into its new quarters, adjacent to the retail complex on Northeast Emerson Street last month.

"We are very happy that working with the community we have been able to sign up these strong local businesses," said Mayor Vera Katz. "We are now nearly 70 percent leased up, a very good sign of the health and viability of this neighborhood project."

The Walnut Park Leasing Panel, a com-

munity committee consisting of representatives of the King Neighborhood Association and the Portland Development Commission, reached the agreements with the tenants. The businesses are all owned by minority residents of Portland, an objective of the panel.

"By finding the right combination of tenants for Walnut Park, we are going to have a neighborhood shopping center that serves the needs of our community," said Valerie Currie, a member of the leasing panel and co-chair of the King Neighborhood Association's Walnut Park Advisory Committee.

The tenants have agreed to hire local employees through the PDC's Job Net Program.

City officials said a 70 percent lease rate, four months before opening, was impressive for a new neighborhood retail center. Four more retail spaces remain. PDC and the leasing panel are optimistic additional tenants will be signed by opening day.

The panel has received nearly 24 applications for the 10 stores in the Walnut

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Walnut Park Retail Center Profiles

MOTHER DEAR'S TASTY PASTRIES

OWNER: ANORVIA HARDY

Anorvia Hardy, a 35-year Portland resident, owns Mother Dear's Tasty Pastries, a bakery specializing in pies and cobblers. She will move her six-year-old wholesale business from its current location in her home to a 1,260 square-foot store in Walnut Park. The move will allow Hardy to move into retail sales, adding cakes and muffins to her product line.

"I had been looking for a good location in the area where I could serve people," Hardy said. "I just enjoy serving and making people happy."

WOODS AND REID BRIDAL FASHIONS

OWNERS: MARION REID AND SANDRA WOODS

Woods and Reid Bridal Fashions has been in business since last August. Marion

Reid, a native of the Bahamas moved to Portland in 1986 and Sandra Woods came to Portland a year later from her native Tennessee. They will be moving their business from Northeast Mason to a 400 square foot shop in Walnut Park. The store will offer the latest fashions in bridal wear, evening gowns, prom dresses and After 5 wear.

"We have always liked Northeast Portland and viewed it as a growing area. We wanted to find a highly visible store in the heart of the community on MLK. Walnut Park fits the bill, plus we will be in an area with other growing small businesses, friends we can work with," Woods said.

IT'S MY KIND OF FACE

OWNER: CHRIS JOHNSON

It's My Kind Of Face is a photography studio offering family, group and on

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