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Community Calendar

Harrison Plays For Benefit Concert

Pianist Michael Harrison will be performing many favorites from his previous works and selections from his newest recording "A Tribute to Gershwin and Friends" during a benefit concert Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Centennial High School Auditorium, 3505 S.E. 182 Ave. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12.50 at the door. Call the high school office at 661-7612 or 666-3443.

Museum After Hours

You can unwind with friends and browse through museum galleries while listening to some of the finest music in the Northwest at the Portland Art Museum, 1219 S.W. Park Ave. A winter schedule of "Museum After Hours," performances are scheduled each Wednesday through April from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5.

African Ballet Comes to PSU

Portland State University will rededicate its Multicultural Center in a celebration Monday from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Smith Center. The Northwest African-American Ballet troupe will be among the featured performers along with guitarist Renee Sahir.

Orchestra Plays Latino

La Mayor Salsa, a 13-piece orchestra, will play at the annual baile or dance, sponsored by Hispanics student organizations at Portland State University, Saturday, from 7 p.m. to midnight, at the Smith Center Ballroom.

'Frames Of Mind' Now Showing

For the ninth consecutive year, mental health professionals have volunteered to take part in the provocative and innovative film series, "Frames of Mind," running now through Feb. 12 at the Portland Art Museum Northwest Film Center, 1219 S.W. Park. The series explores the way contemporary film embraces and mirrors our psychology. Tickets are \$6.

Summer Camps For Kids Planned

Police Activity League summer camps are now being planned. Schools and parents are encouraged to contact PAL to be on the mailing list for advance materials. Call 823-0250 for more information.

Ministerial Alliance Supper Set

St. Andrew's Church, 806 N.E. Alberta, will be the site for the first annual "alliance Family Supper," on Friday at 6 p.m. The Albina Ministerial Alliance event is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

Stepparenting Seminar Held

Professional counselor Jeff Brockway will conduct a seminar on stepparenting Feb. 4, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in room 1767 at Mt. Hood Community College. The seminar will provide insight into building relationships, disciplining effectively and dealing with the ex-spouse.

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Faye M. Burch (left) with north and northeast Portland State Rep. Margaret Carter.

Faye Burch Honored

A Portland advocate for minority and women concerns has been honored by the Oregon Legislature for public service.

A special tribute was made Friday to Faye M. Burch in front of the assembled floor of the Oregon House of Representatives in Salem. A reception in her honor followed, sponsored by state representatives Margaret Carter and Avel Gordly, both of northeast Portland.

Burch is leaving state government after

serving as a governor's advocate for minority, women and emerging small business and as a senior policy adviser for former Gov. Barbara Roberts.

She will become an event planner in the private sector under the name F.M. Burch and Assoc.

Carter praised Burch for getting the state to increase the participation of minority and women in business contracting.

She said Burch helped develop processes to identify new minority and wom-

en business sources and increase African-American participation in government projects.

"Fay also had a hand in developing international trade here in Oregon by helping minority and women-owned businesses enter the Japanese market," Carter said.

Burch is Gordly's sister.

"I couldn't be prouder of Faye and wish her well. But I'm really going to miss carpooling to Salem with her," Gordly said.

Smoke Alarm Saves Life

A working smoke detector is being credited for saving the life of a man in a northeast Portland fire.

Jonathan Payne told firefighters his smoke detector woke him up and he got out of the burning home at 5931 N.E. 12 Ave. through an upstairs bedroom window. Then once on the roof, he jumped to a trampoline in his back yard, fire officials said.

"His body was covered with smoke and soot," said Neil Heesacker of the Portland Fire Bureau.

Officials said Payne suffered scrapes and smoke inhalation, but refused to go to the hospital.

One firefighter was injured when he fell down basement stairs and was treated for minor injuries on the scene by fire medics.



Portland Trail Blazer Tracy Murray gives some cheer to 'Dude' Grant, 6, a patient at the Emanuel Hospital's Childrens Center.

State Seeks To Drop OHSU Tie

Democratic Gov. John Kitzhaber and State Sen. Gene Timms, R-Burns, have announced their joint support for a proposal to convert the Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) into an independent public corporation.

OHSU is currently a state agency within the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

Joining in support of the proposal were Senate President Gordon Smith, House Speaker Bev Clarno, Senate Majority Leader Brady Adams, House Majority Leader Ray Baum; House Democratic Leader, Peter Courtney; Senate Minority Leader, Dick Springer; and Senate Education Committee Chair Tom Hartung.

"OHSU's future depends on its ability to compete in a rapidly changing and increasingly competitive health care marketplace," Kitzhaber said. "This proposal provides the University the tools it needs to compete while preserving its public mission. It is a great example of how we can find innovative ways to deliver public services more efficiently

and cost-effectively."

Timms said, "I am proud to be the chief sponsor of a bill that crosses partisan bickering in an effort benefiting both the urban and rural regions of Oregon. We must not allow handicaps of a state bureaucracy to destroy one of the finest teaching, research and health care providers in the country."

Meyer, Chairman and CEO, Tektronix; L.L. "Stub" Stewart, Booth, Pittman; Mike Thorne, Executive Director, Port of Portland; Ben Whiteley, Chair, Oregon Health Sciences Foundation and retired CEO, Standard Insurance Company.

Under the public corporation proposal, OHSU's mission would remain unchanged, and it would continue to be a public university. However, the proposal would provide OHSU operational flexibility by exempting it from state-agency specific regulations. For example, it would no longer be subject to the state personnel system which was not designed for recruiting health care professionals and staff in a competitive environment.

In addition, OHSU would no longer be

forced to use other state agencies for trade and professional services. OHSU will select the best provider based upon who can provide the best quality for the best overall cost. State agencies will be able to compete along with the private sector to serve OHSU. The state's contracting procedures would also no longer apply to OHSU. These procedures too often result in higher costs and lost opportunities due to time delays. Both outcomes undermine the institution's ability to compete.

OHSU would continue to be subject to the public accountability statutes that apply to government in Oregon, such as the public records and open meeting laws. In addition, all existing employee rights would be retained.

The public corporation would be overseen by a board of directors appointed by the Governor. OHSU's budget request for state general fund support for education and indigent care programs would continue to go through the legislative process.

Vancouver Supports Light Rail

Clark County Commissioners voted last week to support a ballot measure to pay costs of a proposed light rail project.

The South/North Transit Corridor Project would carry Tri-Met and C-Tran light rail trains from Clackamas County to Vancouver through north Portland.

Commissioners said the plans were consistent with the goals and objectives of the county's growth management plan.

The officials said extending the existing MAX light rail system into Vancouver will help manage traffic, growth and congestion, improve air quality and save on future road costs.

The board expressed its support of C-Tran seeking voter approval in Clark County for the imposition of up to a .3 percent increase in the sales and use tax and up to a .3 percent increase in the motor vehicle excise tax for the purpose of partially funding the high-capacity transportation system.

Portland Quality Of Life Examined

Civil rights and life conditions in the Portland area for immigrants, native Americans and Asians will be evaluated in a series of meetings sponsored by the Metropolitan Human Rights Commission.

The commission wants feedback from northeast and southeast neighborhoods regarding the interaction of residents with police and the justice system, medical services and private businesses.

Housing services, social services, education system interactions and other civil rights issues also will be discussed.

Information from the meeting will determine the commission's future work plans and priorities.

The session will be held Jan. 31 for the immigrant/refugee community at Rose City Park Grade School Auditorium, 2334 N.E. 57th; Feb. 28 for the native American community at the Creston Grade School Auditorium, 4701 S.E. Bush; and March 30 for the southeast Asian Community at the Madison High School Cafeteria, 2735 N.E. 82nd.

The meetings are open to the public. Anyone interested in attending is asked to call Jamae Hilliard at the human rights commission at 823-5136.

Women Of Color Launch Organizing Effort

The Women of Color Caucus has started an organizing effort to bring diverse immigrant and refugee communities together, build trust and share experiences.

The outreach is being funded by a recent grant of \$7,500 from the Neighborhood Partnership Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation.

The caucus is part of the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. Long term objectives of the organization include resource development for non-english speaking immigrants and refugees and economic recovery planning for those affected by violence.

In over 15 years of organizing, the coalition has helped to establish and strengthen grassroots women's domestic violence and sexual assault programs serving every county in Oregon.

The group has achieved passage of landmark state legislation and conducted a public education campaign which received a national award.