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Community Calendar

Blazer Fan Event Planned

Tickets went on sale this week for "Fandemonium," a first-ever public gathering hosted by the Trail Blazers and Fannie Mae, where fans of all ages will meet team members, participate in interactive games and activities, view NBA action videos and enjoy music. The event will be held Feb. 25 at the Oregon Convention Center. Admission is \$5.

Les Femmes Host Black History Event

Les Femmes will host a special event for prospective Debutante and Cavalier youth groups to present black history, poetry and ethnic fashions to parents and friends on Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Emanuel Hospital Conference Center. The Cavaliers will also give their annual tribute to Les Femmes members.

Rose Pruning Demonstration Set

Lloyd Center will host the Portland Rose Society's 30th annual Rose Pruning Demonstration on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event coincides with the best time to prune roses so they are in bloom for the Rose Festival in June. The Rose Society recommends pruning between Feb. 21 and March 17, after the risk of a hard freeze has passed.

See Fashions On Ice

You can join the fun at the "Have a Heart" Fashions on Ice show this weekend at the Ice Chalet at Lloyd Center. Proceeds from skate rental and donations will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Oregon. Show times are at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

Valentines Crafted At Dishman

Your special little one, ages 6 to 12, can make that special something during a Valentine craft class Monday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Dishman Community Center, 77 N.E. Knott. The event is one of several Valentine craft classes being held around the city by Portland Parks and Recreation. For more information call 823-2525.

Get Help On Building A Business

John Preston of The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will discuss how to build a company, funding strategies and global competitiveness in a forum at the Oregon Graduate Institute in Beaverton, Thursday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. A reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. For reservations call 233-1224.

Response Sought To Abortion Attacks

Feminists will discuss why attacks on a women's right to abortion are increasing and how to fight back, Thursday, Feb. 16 at the Northwest Service Center boardroom, 1819 N.W. Everett. The discussion is sponsored by Radical Women.

Hospital Head To Talk Economy

Dr. Peter Kohler, president of the Oregon Health Sciences University, will explain the importance of higher education on Oregon's economic future during the Portland City Club luncheon Friday in the Mayfair Room of the Benson Hotel. For reservations call 222-2582.

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Young Moms To Compete In Science Bowl



Instructor Joel Shapiro and students Kyla Keeler (from left), Amy Bertelson, Winter Evelyn and Scottina Marino prepare for High School Science Bowl competition.

(Photo by Donn Thomas)

Say the words "teen mother" and many people think of problems, drugs and welfare.

Visit the Monroe Program for pregnant and parenting students in northeast Portland and you'll find eight young women answering questions about biology, physics, chemistry and math.

The students are preparing to go head-to-head with other high school teams on Saturday at Portland State University in the Bonneville Power Administration Science Bowl.

The question and answer competition is

a qualifying round for the National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C.

The Monroe team is the first all-pregnant or parenting team to compete in the national competition. They also are the only special education team in a competition made up of high schools teams consisting of top science students from Oregon and southwest Washington.

The Monroe team is coached by teacher Joel Shapiro.

Team member Amy Bertelson, 16, placed third in an Oregon State speech contest last year. She is working towards graduating in

June and hopes to get accepted into a school that "will allow me to get the training that will help me give my daughter the life she needs and desires."

Scottina Marino, 17, grew up in Oakridge, Ore. and says she was a "goody-two-shoes" until getting on drugs at age 14. After being arrested for burglary, she spent the last three years in jails and institutional schools.

Marino has been clean and sober for more than six months. She hopes being on the team will help her get into the University of Oregon where she plans to study internation-

al business.

Shapiro said neighboring business have been supportive of the young women's efforts. Pizzacato Pizza will give them a pizza party after the competition and Tickle Tree Bookstore and Mako children's clothing store has donated gift certificates.

Barring "complications," Monroe team members will meet the competition wearing royal blue T-shirts representing their school.

Team members and alternates in addition to Bertelson and Marino are Aminah Chambers, Alesha Zirkle, Maggie Bronski, Sara Desmond, Winter Evelyn and Kyla Keeler.

Giovanni Talks On Racism in Series

American poet, essayist and lecturer Nikki Giovanni, whose work reflects her pride in her African-American heritage, will speak Friday, Feb. 17 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Clark College.

Giovanni will present the lecture Racism 101 at the Student Center in Gaiser Hall. Tickets are \$5. A reception in her honor will be held at 5 p.m., also in the Student Center.

The engagement is part of a 1995 Winter Lecture Series by the Associated

Students of Clark College. Future series guests include Maya Angelou, American author, poet and entertainer who is best known for her strong portrayals of African-American women and Zev Kedem, survivor of the Holocaust and an actor.

Giovanni's earliest collections of poetry, including Black Feeling, Black Talk, and Black Judgment, published in 1968, capture the militant attitude of the civil rights movement during that time.

In later work, Giovanni began to

look inward and focus on family and personal relationships. Her works from this period include Re: Creation (1970), My House (1972), The Women and the Men (1975) and Cotton Candy on a Rainy Day (1978).

Her recent works have stressed a global outlook. She has also written children's books and poems and sold recordings of her poems and of her conversations with prominent African-American writers James Baldwin and Margaret Walker.

Angelou will speak on March 6 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the college's O'Connell Sport Center Gymnasium. Tickets are \$25 or \$10 for students.

Kedem depicts his life story in the film Schindler's List. His free lecture, Schindler's List - A Survivor Celebrates Life will take place on Thursday, Feb. 9 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Foster Auditorium.

For tickets, visit or call the Clark College Bookstore at (360) 699-0149 or the Vancouver YWCA (360) 696-0167. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

James May, Tom McDonald Elected To Urban League

James May and Tom McDonald have been elected to the Board of Directors of the Urban League of Portland. The announcement was made by Urban League Board Chairman Michael Lewellen.

James May is President and Chief Executive Officer of Legacy Emanuel Hospital & Health Center. He is also Chief Operating Officer for Managed Healthcare Northwest. Mr. May holds a M.B.A. in Finance and Health Administration from the University of Chicago. His community service affiliations include board membership in the



Tom McDonald

Alzheimer's Disease Center of Oregon, American Red Cross (Oregon Trail Chapter), H.O.S.T. (Home Ownership One Street At a Time), Needy Kids Fund, and North/Northeast Business Association.

Tom McDonald serves as Vice President, Sales and Client Services for the

Portland Trail Blazers and the Oregon Arena Corporation. He is responsible for revenue relating to television, radio, Rip City Magazine, arena advertising, and Portland International Airport advertising. He is also responsible for pre-

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Juneteenth Planning Gets Underway

Volunteer drivers are needed to provide rides during Portland's annual "Juneteenth" celebration.

Every year, a gathering of friends and neighbors encompassing the entire community is held in June with food and entertainment at Bethel AME (African Methodist Episcopal) Church, 5828 N.E. Eighth Ave.

Organizer Clara Peoples said drivers are needed for taking people between the church and E & M Community Market, 705 N.

Killingsworth, which is participating with special sales and activities during the event.

Peoples said she's also looking for additional businesses to sponsor tables.

"Juneteenth" is held to celebrate black history and the estimated time the news of President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation was received in parts of the South. The executive order freeing slaves was proclaimed Jan. 18, 1865, but took several weeks by mule and buggy to reach many black Americans.

Portland Housing Authority Reorganizes



Barry Philpott



Edwina Moaning



Judi Pitre

The Housing Authority of Portland has implemented a reorganization, creating a single department for its low-rent public housing program, organizing new executive responsibilities and paying more attention to the management of locally-financed low-

income housing. The organization was incorrectly identified in a headline in our Feb. 1 edition. We regret the error.

The Housing Authority of Portland provides housing services for over 20,000 low-income families throughout Multnomah County.