

METRO Life

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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Midwife Exhibit To Open

The Imani Women's Support Project is celebrating international midwifery month and new laws to bring more midwives into health care, by hosting "The Midwife and Her Community" exhibit, Wednesday, May 3 at the International Firehouse Cultural Center in north Portland.

May Day At The Zoo

A May Day pole, ethnic dancing, gardening tips and children's activities will be featured Saturday and Sunday at the Metro Washington Park Zoo. There will also be exhibits featuring organic products, composting and alternatives to pesticides. OSU Master Gardeners will be on hand with gardening displays and advice.

Saturday Market Fetes Dance, Opera

Some of the area's best performing artists will present free public programs for Portland Saturday Market's Art is Alive on Sunday. Performances are scheduled by The Portland Opera, Roots of Brazil dance group and Oregon Symphony.

Red Cross Teaches Infant CPR

The Red Cross will offer infant and child CPR at the Cascade Athletic Club, 9260 S.E. Stark, Saturday, May 6, and Tuesday, May 23, at the American Red Cross building, 3131 N. Vancouver. Cost is \$22. Call 257-4142 to register.

Nature Celebrated At Area Lakes

Animal tracking and fishing clinics for kids will be part of the fun as students, community members and natural resource specialists gather during Smith and Bybee Lakes Day on Saturday. The activities will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The lakes are just north of the St. Johns community in north Portland.

Self Defense For Women Teens

You might think you can take care of yourself, unfortunately, many victims felt the same way before they were attacked. Know what you can do so you won't be the next victim. The Portland Parks and Recreation Department will show you during its Teen Women's Self-Defense Class. Call 823-3185 to sign-up.

Learning Center Plans Fair

There's fun for the whole family with games, food, arts and crafts, juggling, and a marimba band on Friday, May 12 from 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Metropolitan Learning Center's Renaissance Faire. The center is located at 2033 N.W. Glisan.

Walk For Humanity At Vernon

The third annual Walk for Humanity will take place on Saturday, May 6, at 9 a.m. at Vernon School, 2044 N.E. Killingsworth. The 5 mile pledge-walk, hosted by Portland Habitat for Humanity, is a community pride event and fundraiser for Northeast non-profit organizations. Contact Jan Bridges at 287-9529 for more information.

King Neighborhood Clean-Up Day Coming

The King Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a King Neighborhood Clean-Up Day on Saturday, May 6 at the Northeast Precinct, 449 N.E. Emerson. A free barbecue is planned. You can drop off trash and yard debris at the precinct for a small fee charged.

SUBMISSIONS: Community Calendar information will be given priority if dated two weeks before the event date.



Washington Promotes Measure

Metro Councilor Ed Washington surveys the natural areas of northeast Portland marked for protection under a ballot measure to protect open space, parks and streams.

Area residents can create positive opportunities for our youth and make Portland a better, more scenic place by supporting the Open Space, Parks and Streams bond measure, according to Metro Councilor Ed Washington.

Washington represents northeast Portland and helped design Measure 26-26. It would protect and improve over 100 sites,

totaling over 6,000 acres of the metropolitan area's most threatened natural areas, waterways and regional open spaces.

Washington said northeast Portland has a lot at stake in the May mail-in ballot.

He said the proposed Whitaker Ponds site would provide a quiet area for our children to learn to fish and enjoy nature. And money from the measure would be used to establish two or three additional parks in

northeast Portland through the help of the Urban League and the Trust for Public Land.

There is concern that with over 500,000 new residents expected in the Portland metropolitan area in the next 20 years, this could be our last chance to save natural areas.

Proponents also argue that northeast Portland neighborhoods suffer from a seri-

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Baby Kebrin Thrives

BY PROMISE KING

Baby Kebrin is now a healthy three-year old. He triumphantly marked his first year of life last week after a successful liver transplant.

It was February, last year, when the Portland Observer first told our readers about Kebrin's liver disease and his dire need of a liver donor in order to survive.

Kebrin was born with fulminant hepatitis - a chronic liver disease that affects newborn babies. At just two months old he required a liver transplant.

The operation was performed at the California Pacific Medical Center in September 1992.

But later Kebrin developed a chronic rejection and became very immune-suppressed and very susceptible to infections.

He was given only two weeks to live by his doctors, but defied that diagnosis and continued to battle the contagious disease.

Then last year on April 22, he went for the second operation. Thanks to a 16-year-old Asian girl donor, Kebrin is back on his feet.

"It was a long hard year," Lannetta Jones, Kebrin's grandmother told the Portland Observer, as the toddler celebrates one year of normal life.

Even when Kebrin's condition was written off by his doctors, his parents did not give



Baby Kebrin and mom, Hynnetta Jones, a year after the baby's successful liver transplant.

up.

"Whatever bad news the doctor gave us, we didn't believe. We refused to give up and thank God Kebrin is alive today," Jones said.

She is grateful that the Portland Observer was there when she needed a voice on behalf of her grandchild.

Jones expressed thanks to her late aunt

Janet Jones; Ida Mae Miller; Pastor Johnson of the Morning Star Church; and the Allen Temple Church.

She also had gratitude to Dabre Gastroen, her daughter's boyfriend; Thomas Martin, Edwina Jones; Theresa Watson and the Oregon Health Sciences University.

Rashad To Receive Honor In Portland

One of the greatest football players in University of Oregon history will be honored May 6 in Portland with the college's 1995 Pioneer Award.

Ahmad Rashad, 45, now a television sportscaster for NBC, will accept his award for his contributions to sports and broadcasting during the special program at the Benson Hotel.

The evening will include a reception, dinner, program and dancing with proceeds to fund the UO Presidential Scholarship. The event is sold out.

The pioneer award is presented to

alumni and others who have become leaders and risk-takers in their fields, university officials said. Last year's award went to Adm. David Jeremiah, former vice chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"Ahmad Rashad has gone beyond the classic American sports success story," says UO President Dave Frohnmayer. "He has demonstrated to millions of young people that education, hard work, self-reliance and inner strength are much more important than athletic ability both on an off the playing field."

During his 1968-72 UO football career, Rashad, then known as Bobby Moore, set 14 individual school records, six of which still stand. He is the only player to ever lead the PAC 10 Conference in scoring at two different positions, in 1969 as a wide receiver and in 1972 as a running back.

A first-round draft pick in the National Football League, Rashad caught a record 400 passes for the Minnesota Vikings, was named an all-pro wide receiver and was selected four times to play in the NFL Pro Bowl.

Rashad joined NBC Sports in 1983

as a television host, analyst, commentator and reporter. He currently co-hosts NBC's pregame show NFL Live, Notre Dame Saturday, NBC's Prudential Update and NBA Inside Stuff.

He also devotes his time to community, civic and charitable organizations, particularly the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Rashad first played sports at a Boys Club while growing up in Tacoma, Wash.

Rashad and his wife, Phylcia, an awarding winning actress, have five children between them and live in the New York City area with their daughter, Condola Phylea.

Conference Features Tukufu

Dr. Darryl Tukufu, former president and chief executive of the Portland Urban League, will be the keynote speaker during the minority business trade fair and conference at the Oregon Convention Center.

Tukufu, left Portland in 1993 to lead the Public Service Institute at Lorain County Community College near Cleveland, Ohio.

The May 4 fair is sponsored by the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs.

"We could think of no better way to emphasize the business and economic success of African Americans than to bring back one of this city's most prolific African-American leaders," said Samuel Brooks, OAME president and board chairman.

"He truly left his mark on the Portland community during his tenure at the Urban League. We look forward to his message of empowerment and inclusiveness," Brooks said.

The conference's focus meets the second phase of the organization's campaign



Darryl Tukufu

to recognize minority businesses, under the theme of "Oregonians United for Business Success."

For the remainder of the decade, the group will feature specific ethnic communities as part of its conference focus and programs, said Jorge Guerra, OAME executive director.

He said the subsequent conferences will feature businesses owned by Asian Americans, Native Americans and European Americans.

An issue forum during the upcoming fair will focus on the hotly debated subject of affirmative action and minority business set-aside programs.

The organization was founded in 1988 to promote and develop minority entrepreneurship and economic development in Oregon. It functions as a partnership between ethnic minority, entrepreneurs, education, government and established businesses.

Sponsors for the 1995 conference include NIKE, McDonalds, US West, Bank of America, the Trail Blazers and Portland General Electric.

Trade show booth space, conference registration and luncheon tickets are still available. Contact the OAME center at 249-7744.