

# METRO *Life*

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SECTION B

## Community Calendar

### Eden Garden Volunteers Needed

Do you like to garden? The Eden Project can use your help. The a non-profit vegetable garden at 5911 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. is seeking volunteers to be part of an exciting adventure. For more information call 282-5395.

### Call Is Out For Swim Team

The starter's whistle is about the signal the opening of the 1995 Summer Swim League at many of Portland's city pools. The program is open to young swimmers through age 17. The goal is to have fun while improving your swimming skills. Daily one-hour workouts are offer with several Saturday morning dual meets set for July and August. For information about the league and other programs call 823-SWIM.

### Community Fest At St. Andrews

A festival at St. Andrews Community Center in northeast Portland will provide a day of fun and sharing for persons with developmental disabilities and the volunteers who serve as supporters. Games, clowns, food, pony rides, live music and arts and crafts are some of the highlights of the 17th annual Hand-In-Hand Festival.

### Social Events For Singles

Social events to introduce singles, 40 and older, to other singles are being planned starting in July by the Elks Shining Star of Unity Temple. Call Ella Powell at 285-0827 for more information.

### Zoo Tunes For Kids

Zoo Tunes, a concert series for kids at the Metro Washington Park Zoo are scheduled June 20, July 4, 18 and 25 and Aug. 1. All shows begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5.50 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3.50 for kids.

### Black Market Fetes Juneteenth

The second annual Black Market Co-op celebrates the African American independence celebration Juneteenth on Saturday at the OAME Cascade Center, 4134 N. Vancouver. The market aims to provide an opportunity for minority business owners to showcase their Afro-centric products, including clothing, art, jewelry and unusual gift items.

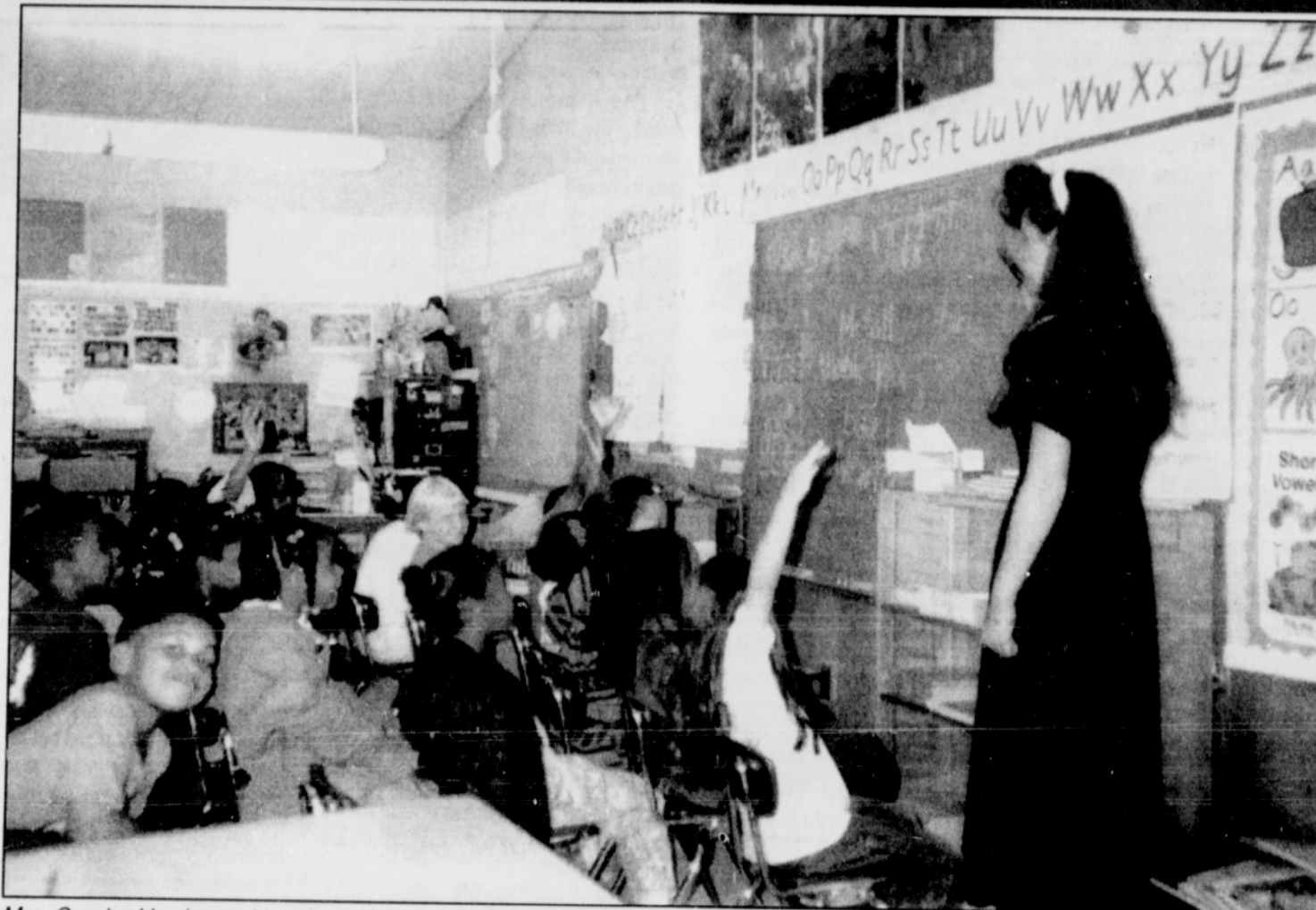
### Pride Dance Announced

The 6th annual pride dance sponsored by the Lesbian Community Project is held Saturday at the Portland Conference Center Ballroom from 8 p.m. to 1 p.m. A wide variety of excellent dance music is planned, ranging from hip hop and rock to country. Free on site child care will be provided during the event.

### Foster Grandparents Needed

Looking to earn extra money that is tax-free and have a rewarding experience. The Foster Grandparents and Senior Companion Programs support others at risk. To help a child by tutoring, playing games, role modeling or just providing friendship, call 284-4233.

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



Mrs. Sandra Herder and her first grade students at Woodlawn Elementary in northeast Portland in their final sessions of class before summer break. The school year ends Friday for Portland public schools.

## Senior Achieves Perfect Academic Score

Senior Tova Joanna Johnson has finished her senior year at Grant High School with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Johnson, 17, is the school's 1995 valedictorian.

She is the daughter of Lulu R. Stroud-Johnson and granddaughter of the late Kelley Dolphus Stroud.

Johnson earned a 4.0 grade point average in all four years at Grant. And she is the second person in her family to be named valedictorian at Grant.

Last year, her sister Tara Johnson, earned the academic honor in her senior year.



Tova Joanna Johnson

## Celebrating Juneteenth

A number of community organizations will be coming together to an observance and celebration of June 19th - Juneteenth - at Alberta Park Saturday June 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Juneteenth, recognized generally on June 19th is the observance of the news arrived in West Texas that Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

Lincoln had first proposed a rough draft to his cabinet on the Emancipation as early as July 27, 1962. On they advised him to wait

until the Union had won a major battle before issuing a statement. That came with the battle of Antietam. Consequently on January 1st 1863 the

Emancipation proclamation was signed into Law.

Technically the Emancipation had no legal bearing on the Confederacy because at that time they were a sovereign state The emancipation Proclamation would only be effective if the south won.

Lincoln, however felt that this move could be a tactical ploy to mobilize the slaves

in to joining the ranks of the Union Military forces.

The observance Saturday will also recognize the Passage Over. The Passage over was the traumatic experience of transporting the slaves to the "New World" primarily to the West Indies where slaves were seasoned and then sent to America.

There will be a number of activities, such as face painting for the children, open mike, speakers, and free hot dogs, chips, and pop.

### ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS SUMMER PROGRAM SET AT BLUE LAKE

Summer entertainment for youngsters is again headed for Blue Lake Regional Park. The eight-week Especially for Kids series features fun, interactive entertainment for children ages 4 to 10. The series runs from 2 to 3 on Wednesday after noons, June 21 through Aug. 9.

"This is our 11th season, and we're excited about the quality and variety of talent coming to the park this summer. We hope youngsters will have a great time with the performances," comments Julie Weatherby, community programs planner for Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces, the program's

sponsor.

The Programs take place in the park bandstand area. Admission is \$3 per car, \$6 for buses. The series runs rain or shine. In case of rain, programs are held in the Chinook shelter in the park. here's the summer line-up:

June 21 Help Us Find You - Wilderness and City Safety

Bone up on easy and useful techniques for city and wilderness safety, and earthquake survival. Search and rescue expert Harry Oakes of Mountain Wilderness Search Doges, and his canine companion Ranger promote life-saving tips and experience.

June 28 Sussefusse - Sweet Feet

This young people's international dance troupe promotes cultural diversity and celebrates community through global folk dances. Authentic ethnic costumes and music from around the world are featured.

July 5 Paddlewheel of Fortune  
Participate in this theatrical game show about water quality and river ecology. Contestants will determine whether villain pollutants or animals can claim the river as their home. Presented by Portland Bureau of Environmental Services

Especially for Kids is hosted by Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces. For more information about the program, call 797-1850.

## Space Open For Summer Kids Events

Several low and no cost programs are available this summer for area children through the Police Activities League, the Portland Parks Bureau and other community-based groups.

The Police Activities League has announced the schedule of summer sports camps, tennis camps and other activities offered as a way to provide a safe and livable community.

The activities are also meant to help prevent youth from heading toward gang involvement or other negative behavior.

Local police officers, college interns, volunteers and league staff help make the programs a success.

"When the doors close behind kids on the last day of school, we want to be there to open windows of opportunities through sports, culture and education," said Maura K. White, league executive director.

A listing of the programs include:

• **Summer Sports Camp.** June 19-22, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Madison High School. Youth 10-13 will participate in a range of sports including martial arts, basketball and fishing, gang resistance education and training and two meals. No cost.

• **Guard Computer Camp.** Three week sessions start June 19 at the Portland Police Bureau Northeast Precinct, 449 N.E. Emerson. Youth 8-12, will participate in rocket building, drug abuse resistance education and hands-on computer fun. No cost.

• **Summer of Safety.** June 26 - Aug. 26, Monday - Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the PAL Youth Center, 424 N.E. 172. Youth 8-16 will participate in a several recreational activities, including computers, reading, weight lifting, arts and crafts, community service, field trips, cultural theatre. Get a Clue Club, fishing and youth dances. Cost is \$10 per child.

• **Tennis in the Parks.** June 19 - Aug. 3, 1-3 p.m. for youth 8-16, at Alberta, Sellwood and Rose City Parks on Mondays and Wednesdays; Mt. Scott and Fernhill parks on Tuesday and Thursday and Peninsula and Columbia parks on Monday through Thursday. The program offers a fun introduction to tennis fundamentals and sportsmanship to help youth improve tennis skills and strokes. Cost is \$10 or \$5 if the participant qualifies for a free or reduced lunch.

• **National Youth Sports Program.** July 10 - Aug. 11. Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Portland State University. A comprehensive program for low-income youth, 10-16, providing sports instruction, educational enrichment, drug prevention education, meals, medical exams and more to expose youth to higher education in a structured environment. No cost.

For more information contact the Police Activities League office at 823-0250.

## Sailors Help Kids With Clothing, Food

Sailors from the USS Coronado last week delivered food and clothing to the Low Income Families Emergency Center at 2746 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

The sailors, in town for the Rose Festival, spent the past three months collecting the

food and clothing at ports across the country. "They could be sitting in some bar, drinking a beer, but instead they chose to help the people of this community," said Life Center Director Charles Carter.

The delivery kicks of the 10th annual back-to-school clothing drive for impoverished

local children. The clothing will be given to the children before fall classes on Aug. 26. The food will be distributed on a work-for-assistance basis to needy individuals.

The LIFE Center has been serving the needs of needy individuals and families in the Portland metro area for 28 years.

## Students Raise Hundreds For Homeless

Two eighth grade students at Whitaker Middle School were so moved by former Portland Trail Blazer Kermit Washington's recent presentation of the Rwandan refugee situation in Africa that they decided to do something to combat homelessness in their own community.

Andrew Colas and Robert Ford, both student council members at the northeast Portland school, led a month-long fundraising drive for the Albina Ministerial Alliance's emergency shelter for homeless families.

A challenge went out to four eighth grade classes at Whitaker to see which class could collect the most money. Four local businesses each pledged to match the funds of one of the classes.

Alliance representatives made presentations on the causes and consequences of homelessness.

The classmates also heard from a grandmother who became homeless along with her grandchildren after losing electricity in their rented home.

The winning class raised over \$170. Not surprisingly, the class was led by Ford and Colas. Altogether the contest raised over \$800 for homeless families in Portland.

When the classmates gathered in the school auditorium to count the contributions, representatives from the participating businesses attended.

They were McCall Heating and Cooling, The Halton Co., Neil Kelly Designers/Remodelers and Rejuvenations, Inc. Papa Aldos Pizza delivered four large pizzas for a party for the winning class.