

# METRO *Life*

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## Community Calendar

### Homowa Festival Nears

Cathedral Park in the St. Johns district of north Portland will be the site of the sixth annual Homowa Festival for African arts. Musicians Obo Addy, Kukrudu and other artists will present a great variety of music and dance from various African countries. The Sunday, Aug. 20 festival will also include crafts, workshops and food.

### Curtain Call For Zoo Jazz

This summer's 10 week schedule of Your Zoo and All That Jazz concerts and Rhythm and Zoo performances at the Washington Park Zoo is coming to an end. Two weeks of concerts remain on the schedule, with events this week and on Wednesday and Thursday next week. The concerts are held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. each evening.

### Life Saving Skills Offered

The Red Cross offers classes to care for an adult, child or infant who stops breathing or is choking, give CPR, reduce the risk of dying from a heart attack, recognizing the signs of a heart attack and using emergency medical services effectively. The classes are offered at the Red Cross district headquarters at 3131 N. Vancouver Ave. For information, call 280-1440.

### Waterfront To Debut Festival

The Portland Hemp Festival debuts at Waterfront Park on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The event, featuring continuous live music and rap, is sponsored by Bohemia Afterdark, an alternative music group.

### Better Race Relations Sought

The Metropolitan Human Rights Commission is offering a series of "Dynamic Differences" workshops free of charge and open to the public. The sessions focus on understanding how people are oppressed or oppress others, the importance of building allies, networking with community members and groups and how to embrace the benefits of a diverse society. For information, call the commission at 823-5136.

### Fair Features Bill Cosby

Comedian and actor Bill Cosby will perform Aug. 28 during the "Seven O'clock Concert Series" at the Oregon State Fair in Salem. Tickets are \$27, \$22 and \$16.50. Reservations can be made by at Fred Meyer FASTIXX outlets by calling 224-TIXX.

### Bite Readies For Another Feast

The Bite, A Taste of Portland, a festival that's expected to attract over 200,000 people, is held Aug. 11-13 at Waterfront Park. The Bite celebrates the culinary arts and the hospitality of Portland's restaurant community with food, music and family activities. Admission is a suggested \$2 donation to the Oregon Special Olympics.

### Nutcracker Tickets On Sale

Tickets are now on sale for the yuletide classic, The Nutcracker, scheduled for performances Dec. 9-28 by the Oregon Ballet Theater.

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Local high school students are first place winners at a summer scholars bowl in Boise, Idaho. The students, from the Portland State University Project Plus\* talent search team, are Anita Afzali (from left), Aneelah Afzali, Ben Field, Lisa Jurhs, coach Cedric Poindexter, Tory Campbell and Mike Jurhs.

## Area Kids Are Jammin' For Success



**H**undreds of area children got a slam dunk of a message this summer from some National Basketball Association stars.

Stay in school, stay off drugs and do your "personal best" in life. That was the inspiration delivered by former NBA players Greg Kelson, Irvin "Magic" Johnson and Maurice Lucas at the annual Jammin' Hoops Camp at McLoughlin Middle School in Vancouver.

Tanya Wong, 14, of Portland, was one of 1,300 children who took part in the sixth annual event, July 24-26, sponsored by Seafirst.

The three-day program combined basketball instruction with motivational messages.

Officials said since the camp's launch in 1990, more than 65,000 kids have taken part and \$52,000 in scholarships have been awarded.

Portland's Tanya Wong, 14, enjoys summer with other area kids at a motivational camp in Vancouver.

## Bridge to Business Connection

BY PROMISE KING

**A**sk Joan Brown-Kline and her partner Peggy Ross about Business Connection, and be ready for an earful.

As entrepreneurs, Brown-Kline and Ross are not joking when they say, "we will hook you up in business."

This enterprising duo, together with Gail Walton, Larry Wilson and Albert "Skip" Collier have formed Business Connection as an alliance that noses into everything from management, marketing and technical services to customizing computer systems and public relations.

"We want to tap into our personal contacts to help businesses," said Ross,



Larry Wilson



Joan Brown-Kline



Peggy Ross



Gail Walton

who heads the Ross Business Development Group.

"I am excited today because of our progress," Brown-Kline told representatives from the governors office, Metro, and area businesses last week. "We want

to be a pathway for new businesses in our community."

Brown-Kline has won praises nationally and internationally for her expertise in assisting businesses.

This Business alliance provides out-

reach tools to help businesses grow and increase profits.

It also provides strategic planning to meet targeted goals in recruitment and public involvement.

The group helps you understand the latest high-tech business tools such as electronic links, home pages, the Internet and World Wide Web.

The alliance is comprised of five businesses: Brown-Kline and Company, Gail Walton and Associates, Professional Training Systems, Ross Business Development Group, and Trade Net Computer Services.

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