

# METRO *Life*

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SECTION B

## Community Calendar

### Center Presents Family Albums

Family albums shared by the African American community in north and northeast Portland are on display all this month at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from noon to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from noon until 4 p.m. The center is located at 5340 N. Interstate.

### Loud Sistah Sets Performance

The group Loud Sistah and Yo Mama's Orchestra will perform Tuesday at Belmonts, 3357 S.E. Belmont St. The show opens with Huzzah at 9:30 p.m.

### King Clean-up Is Saturday

King neighborhood residents will be encouraged to clean up their porches, attics, yards and streets and bring their trash and debris to three collection sites on Saturday. Drop boxes will be available starting at 9 a.m. at the Northeast Community Police Center, where a community barbecue will begin at noon.

### Sheehan To Show Art Of Bass

Premier bass player Bill Sheehan will offer tips, demonstrate his technique, sign autographs and discuss his unique approach to playing bass during a special workshop at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20 at the Sheraton Portland Hotel, 8235 N.E. Airport Way.

### Guy Lombardo To Swing At Expo

Seniors can swing to the big band hits from the 30s, 40s and 50s on as Guy Lombardo's Royal Canadians grace the stage at the Oregon Senior Expo. The event takes place Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Oregon Convention Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### PSU Sets Grand Finale To Week

A Caribbean carnival parade, Afro-Caribbean music, games, a barbecue, performances and a pajama dance are part of the festivities on Friday, Sept. 22 when Portland State University hosts its 5th annual Party in the Park, marking the end of New Student Week. All activities are free and the public is welcome.

### Bike Celebration At Bridgeport

The Bicycle Transportation Alliance presents a slide-show review of bicycle facilities and programs implemented over the past year in the Portland area. The public is invited to the session to be held Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Bridgeport Brew Pub, 1313 N.W. Marshall.

### Circus Performs Through Sunday

The famous Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus continues its week of performances this weekend at the coliseum. Tickets are available at the Memorial Coliseum box office and at all TicketMaster locations.

### George Benson Here Saturday

George Benson with special Guest Tom Grant performs Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Sokol Blosser Winery in Dundee. Tickets are available at Fred Meyer FASTIXX locations.

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## Proposed Cuts To Seniors Draws Protest

The Northeast Multi-Cultural Senior Center held a Walk for Justice Thursday to voice concerns over proposed cuts of the Older Americans Act.

If approved by Congress, Oregon would lose \$1 million in funding for supportive senior services, senior centers, meal programs, preventive health services and senior employment.

About 20 seniors participated in the walk along Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Waving signs they made, the area residents shouted, "No cuts. No Cuts." This week the seniors planned to contact lawmakers by mail and by phone to express their feelings.

"We've worked hard our whole life," Ethel Thomas said. "Let's not let them take anything more from us."

Area residents join forces in a Walk For Justice to oppose possible cuts to the Older Americans Act.

(Photo by Duane Lewis)



Anna Jorgenson (from left), Tucker Cunningham and James Brechtbill get some hands-on computer experience at the Northeast Community School, which opened last week in the former Immaculate Heart school building at 44 N.E. Morris. The equipment was provided by Key Bank which donated 28 computers, four printers, two fax machines, typewriters and office supplies to the Portland School District alternative school for kids in grades four through eight.

(Photo by Michael Leighton)

## Pacific Power Rate Increase

Pacific Power plans to raise electric rates by an average of 3.8 percent, beginning in July 1996.

The utility asked for changes in price and regulation in a recent request before the Oregon Public Utility Commission.

Pacific Power serves north and northeast Portland.

If approved, it would be the first general rate increase since 1987.

"Since 1985, inflation has eroded everyone's purchasing power by 42 percent. Yet, our prices have dropped during that time. Even with this increase, our prices for many customers would still be about the same as the were in 1985," said John Mooney, Pacific Power senior vice president.

Mooney said the company made a commitment in 1987 to hold prices steady for five years and has exceeded those goals.

The Sept. 1 filing includes pricing options to give customers more choices and to help them manage their electric bills, company officials said. Residential customers would have four options, under terms of the choices, three of which are based on time-of-day usage, in which the company offers a lower price during off-peak hours.

## Berry Honored For Human And Civil Rights



Kenneth W. Berry

In 1980, Kenneth W. Berry introduced a new program on Portland radio station KBOO to celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Developed as a way to support

Black History Month, Keep Living the Dream has since grown into a stage production featuring a cast of over 100 speakers, entertainers, and crew drawn from across the state with support from the larger business and civic community.

For promoting an appreciation of black culture and for striving to break down racial barriers, the National Education Association presented its 1995 Carter G. Woodson Memorial Award to Berry on July 4.

The award is named for the "father" of black history, who founded the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History. This year, Keep Living the Dream was highlighted on ABC's "Good Morning America," allowing viewers from across the country to observe Oregon's largest tribute to Dr. King. More than 2,000 people attended the program, and some 20,000 watched and listened on local TV and radio.

Active in the arts and education communities, Berry formed the World Arts Foundation in 1978 to

link black artists with the wider arts community.

Under his direction, the foundation established the Youngson Stageband and Gospel Choir to introduce young people and general audiences to musical greats such as Count Baisey, Duke Ellington, and Mahalia Jackson.

The organization has also produced a television documentary about Dr. King; hosted a reception for the Smithsonian traveling exhibition, Portraits in Black; and produced a series of after-school theater workshops for local public schools.

Berry also encourages students, teachers, community and business leaders to honor diversity all year round.

As a teacher and integration specialist at Portland's Franklin High School, he is sought after by his peers to help with multi-cultural assemblies and tributes documenting African-American contributions to American culture.