

# METRO *Life*

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SECTION B

## Community Calendar

### Campaign For Jobs And Justice

The Freedom '95 Project, a door-to-door voter registration and education campaign for jobs and justice, will kick off Saturday in north and northeast Portland. Volunteers will talk with their neighbors about a ballot initiative to raise the minimum wage and about bigoted initiatives that scapegoat people of color, women, gays, immigrants and union members. To help, call 232-7206.

### Ellington Tribute Is Saturday

The music and dance tribute "Essence of Ellington," will be performed Saturday starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. Mercer Kennedy Ellington, son of the jazz great Duke Ellington will narrate a 60 minute video of rare Ellington clips from the Michael Chertok collection. The tribute will include live performances of Ellington's works and jazz tap performances by Gracy Tune, Terry Brock and their dancers.

### Kane To Perform At Egyptian

Candy Kane and her band, the Swinging Armadillos and the Flapjacks, perform Saturday, Oct. 7 at 9:30 p.m. at the Egyptian Tomb, 3701 S.E. Division. Kane is one of the rising young stars on the music scene today. Tickets are available at Fred Meyer FASTIXX outlets and Music Millennium.

### Community Forum On Investing

The Black United Fund of Oregon will present a community forum Wednesday, Sept. 27 on benefit planning geared to non-profit organizations. The workshop will also include investment strategies for individuals. Employer-sponsored flexible medical benefit plans and the Oregon Health Plan will also be discussed. Registration is needed, call Artangia Presley at 282-7973.

### Home Ownership Info Available

A home ownership opportunity forum will be held Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Lutheran Inner-City Ministries center at the corner of Northeast Skidmore and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. A light breakfast will be provided.

### YWCA Offers Exercise Class For Women

Beginnings, an exercise class designed for women whose weight, age and/or injury may limit their physical movement options, has begun its fall season at the downtown YWCA, 1111 S.W. 10th Ave. Taught by a large-bodied woman, the movements stress flexibility and include walking, wall and floor exercises. The class meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Participants may join at any time.

### Bowie, Nine Inch Nails To Rock

Rock legend David Bowie and Nine Inch Nails will be the first concert to play Portland's new Rose Garden arena when the music tour comes to the Rose City on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

### Guy Lombardo Swings Senior Expo

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

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## NBA Hoop It Up Scores Big In Portland

The basketball playing surface from Memorial Coliseum was laid down at Waterfront Park last weekend and adjacent streets were closed to make room for makeshift courts for the NBA's Hoop It Up competition.

Sponsored by Bank of America, area residents from age 10 and up competed in championship brackets ranging from "Older than Dirt," to "17 and Under."

Proceeds raised during the event were dedicated to the Portland Parks and Recreation Department.

Trail Blazer and NBA Announcer Steve Jones and an NBC television crew were on hand to tape the event for a scheduled Nov. 4 broadcast.

It was the first time the NBA-sanctioned tournament, which plays in 50 U.S. cities and 25 European cities, has come to Portland. A regional tournament is scheduled later in Phoenix, Ariz. with the national finals to be played in Hawaii.



Portland NBA announcer and retired player Steve Jones (right) was one of many participating in the NBA's Hoop It Up tournament in Portland. Johnny Davis (above), a member of the 1977 Trail Blazer NBA championship team, was the judge in the 10 foot slam dunk event. (Photos by Duane Lewis)



## New Lighting With Art Museum Upgrade



New heating, ventilation and art-friendly lighting are being added to the Portland Art Museum.

Precision Construction is the general contractor for the upgrade and Friberg Electric Co. of the National Electrical Contractors Association and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, is making the electrical upgrades.

According to Friberg project manager, Andy DeMartin, "the project is of short duration. It's scheduled to take only about three-and-a-half months so that art patrons can soon return to the museum's galleries."

While construction is under way, part of the museum's art collection has been moved next door to the old Masonic temple, where Friberg Electric also installed new lighting in order that the former Temple could serve as a museum addition.

When art lovers do return to galleries, they'll not only be more comfortable, they'll also be better able to view the exhibits, thanks to the new lighting and lighting control systems being installed by Friberg.

The most challenging part of the project is that the building - and the current lighting system - are practically antique. This means Friberg must work with extreme care so as not to disturb existing plasterwork on the 18 to 20 foot high ceilings.

"With 17 new humidifiers, the dimmable ballast lighting for all the galleries, and the security system, there are lots of pipes to run and lost of wire to pull" said Foreman Barry Finley. "We've worked as a close team with Precision to make sure everything gets done within the short time frame."

In addition to receiving an improved lighting and control system, the museum's art collection will also benefit from the special light lenses Friberg electricians are installing.

The lenses key-out the ultraviolet light which can be damaging to the delicate materials used in some of the art works. With the new systems installed, the Portland Art Museum is sure to be more comfortable for the patrons of the arts -- and for the works of art as well.

◀ Dave Schwabe and Larry Murray of Friberg Electric Co. install special filters to key-out ultraviolet light that can damage delicate works of art.

## Human Rights Dinner Slated

The Metropolitan Human Rights Commission will hold its Human Rights Awards Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 26 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Beaumont Middle School in northeast Portland.

The annual event is known for its excellent food and diverse participants and is a wonderful way to support the civil and human rights of everyone. Cost for the event is \$12.

The Russell A. Peyton Award will be presented for "outstanding service and commitment to protecting the human rights of all persons within the city of Portland and Multnomah County."

The commission will also give a Business Diversity Award for outstanding results

in recruiting and maintaining a diverse workforce and a Non-Profit Diversity Award for a not-for-profit organization that demonstrates its core values by incorporating cross-cultural actions into its daily activities and maintaining a diverse workforce.

One of the most uplifting events of the dinner is the Community Harmony Recognition. Throughout our community, there are many people and organizations who cross ethnic and cultural lives to respond to injustice and promote harmony as a routine part of their daily lives. The commission will recognize these efforts in the distribution of a special booklet.

Nominations for these awards should be submitted to the commission by writing. The deadline for submissions is Friday, Oct. 6.

## History Sought Of Landmark Building

Area residents are being asked to share personal stories and the history of the new Habitat Home Building Center, the former retail building and most recently Shag's Arena at the corner of Northeast Killingsworth and 15th Ave.

An oral history exhibit will be displayed for the grand opening of the center, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 21 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The landmark building is being renovated by Portland Habitat for Humanity, a

non-profit, ecumenical, Christian housing organization that builds homes in partnership with low income families.

Habitat welcomes all stories and photos to be included in the exhibit.

For many years, the building housed retail shops, grocery stands, and pharmacies. It served as a tavern and restaurant when owned by former Portland wrestler Shag Thomas. Over the last several years the building was abandoned.

Contact Shannon Snow at 287-9529 to contribute to the exhibit or for more information.