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## SECTION B

### Community Calendar

#### King School Carwash

Martin Luther King School is having a carwash Saturday May 11 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the US Bank at the intersection of MLK Jr. Blvd and Killingsworth. Proceeds will go toward a bust of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The sculpture is designated to be located at the convention center.

#### Symposium for Non-Profits

The two day symposium "Together: The Community Sector," is scheduled May 9-10 at the Oregon Convention Center. The symposium is to help non-profits work with other sectors to build and strengthen the community. Twenty-seven sessions on management, fundraising, leadership, philanthropy and other hot issues are scheduled. Call 731-9051 for additional information.

#### Lecture On Women's Health

Medical journalist Leslie Lawrence's lecture, "If Helathcare Were Women Centered," will be held May 9, at 7 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 1012 SW 12th. Lawrence is the Author of "Outrageous Practices; The Alarming Truth About How Medicine Treats Women," and her talk will cover topics presented in her book. Child care is provided and the facility has wheel chair access. She will also keynote at the Second Oregon Women's Health Network on May 10. Both events are sponsored by the Oregon's Women's Health Network.

#### Union Station Turns 100

One of the largest displays of rail equipment will be a part of Union Station's centennial celebration May 10-12. The event will include displays of rail equipment from all over the country, building tours, food and live music. The event will run from 11:30 a.m. to midnight with a Mother's Day Brunch from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

#### Mother's Day Sale

A Mother's Day pottery and craft sale will be held May 9-11 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily at the Sophia Center/Close Line Studio on the Marylhurst Campus, Hwy 43. The sale will include clay sculptures, pottery, cards and other art by the center's staff and volunteers. Call 636-5151 for more information.

#### Stories and Crafts For Kids

Literature comes to life at Powell's Books for Kids Saturday, May 18 at 2 p.m. with Scary and Silly Stories performed by Kenneth Scales, Alyson Ayn Osborn and David Heath. Also at Powell's Wednesday, May 15 children will be able to make a kaleidoscope and hear Stories about stars.

#### Financial Planning Roundtable

The Mt. Hood Community College District Foundation will host an estimate and financial planning roundtable, May 14, noon-1:30 p.m., in the college's Board Room. The roundtable is the first in a series of free professional development sessions scheduled to provide opportunities for learning and networking. An RSVP is requested by May 10. Call 667-7206.

#### Woman's Day At PCC

The Portland Community College Womens' Resource Centers will sponsor Womens' Day at PCC Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Women will have a chance to sample PCC programs through mini-classes, attend workshops on how to get started and survive in school and meet business and social service representatives. The event will take place at all three campuses. Child care is free.

#### Stamp Fair

The Semi-annual Portland Stamp Fair will be held the weekend of May 11-12 at the Travelodge Hotel, 1441 NE 2nd Ave., just off Interstate 5 and Weilder. Sixteen dealers from through out the country will attend and give free appraisals. Door prizes will be given away hourly and collectors 16 and younger will receive free gifts. Call 1-800-783-7589.

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

## Good Kids To Receive Recognition

BY PROMISE KING

**Gloria DeLaCruz, and Henry Minnieweather are what you would call good kids - excellent school attendance, no gang affiliations, no use of illicit drugs and a knack to succeed.**

Yet DeLaCruz and Minnieweather's names have never graced the pages of newspapers. They have never had their faces splattered all over television like their wayward peers.

Not to worry, the good efforts of DeLaCruz 15, and Minnieweather 18 and many good kids in Portland will no longer go unrecognized. That is, if the new achievement campaign launched last week by the Urban League, received the support of area school administrators, parents and the community.

Through out the year, the Campaign will honor Youth for improvement and achievement in grades, attendance, community service and leadership. The campaign will also honor area children and families who have made a difference.

This move by the no-profit organization serves as good news to good students who have been left out in the scheme of social programs. It also seems to fulfill the yearnings of local pundits who have made clarion calls to society to start rewarding excellence and moral behavior among its youth.

"The vast majority of youth who are neither 'gifted' nor 'at risk' are often ignored, left to rise or fall depending on their own initiative," says Brian Black, the League's director of education and project coordina-



Gloria Delacruz of Portland Street Academy.

tor. "Our program will work to encourage such youth to achieve by celebrating their achievement when they do the right thing"

A series of meetings is being proposed to help develop a media Kit for Radio and T.V., highlighting positive youth and parent in-

volvement programs.

The media meetings are expected to explore how to use the media more effectively to show positive images. There is no word yet on how and when these media meetings will take place.

The National Urban League has identified Saturday, September 21 as a day on which all 114 of its affiliates will gather communities together to celebrate the achievements of children who have excelled in academics, the arts, athletics, community service and building.

The Portland League is one of the five local affiliates to receive a five year, \$100,000 grant from the Borden Foundation as part of a National Campaign for Achievement by the national body.

The campaign, named after the local league ex-director E. Shelton Hill, will have student corps drawn from schools in the Jefferson cluster and other schools in North/Northeast Portland.

"All too often, we see negative images of our youngsters in the media, with the not-to-subtle inference that they represent all African - America youth and other youth of color. We know that's not through," noted Jim Boehlke, the local league chair.

"Do The Right Thing' campaign is on today to recognize young people's good deeds, their accomplishments and determined efforts to boost their grades in school. These young people deserve to have their stories told, loudly and clearly," urged Boehlke, in the midst of students of Portland street Academy, who had converged in a makeshift classroom down at the Urban League's basement.

## Portland's Trees Find Friends

### Group Plans To Develop Urban Forest



Friends Of Trees volunteers plant trees along Alberta street.

**"E ven if I were certain the world would end tomorrow, I would plant a tree today," said German religious leader Martin Luther. Friends of Trees want to plant 140,000 trees through out Portland by 2001.**

The non-profit group has teamed up with Portland General Electric to "Seed the Future," a campaign to plant trees along streets and in yards, also in parks and natural areas. The organization plans to work with schools,

neighborhood associations, churches, youth groups and civic organizations to "strengthen neighborhoods and create a healthy environment and enhance the quality of urban life."

Many trees were lost in this years harsh weather and according to a report by the Metropolitan Group, cities lose trees four times faster than they can be replaced.

Friends of Trees has planted 3,000 trees and 30,000 seedlings since 1989. April 21st about 70 volunteers planted 55 trees along

NE Alberta Street between Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd and 29th Ave. The project was cosponsored with Sabin Community Association and Friends of Alberta Street. The group also planted trees along Sandy Blvd.

Shade trees can reduce cooling costs 10 to 50 percent depending on climate while houses on tree lined streets can bring as much as 21 percent higher selling price than ones on street with no trees, the report says.

New applicants may Call 282-8846.

## Tri-Met Says System Safe

**A fter two separate shooting incidents on Tri-Met vehicles, the company insists the system is safe. Officials, however, will increase security measures.**

On May 3 three men were wounded during a shooting at the Max's Convention Center station. A week earlier a man was shot and killed on a Tri-Met bus on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

"Incidents are going down, and down substantially," said Tri-Met general manager Tom Walsh.

Walsh said the downward shift of incidents and the significant increase in riders, make for a safe system, but admits Tri-Met still has a ways to go to improve safety.

Portland attorney Thomas D'Amore thinks the transit company should provide data to prove the system is safe. D'Amore is representing a man who was beaten unconscious on a bus when he asked another passenger to

stop slapping a woman. He said his client was all but ignored by the driver.

There were 86 assaults on busses and trains in 1990. They dropped each year to 54 in 1993. In 1994 the counting system added new statistics to include cities like Beaverton, and Hillsboro. That year there were 120 assaults and the number dropped to 77 in 1995.

"Our goal remains pretty simple, and that is a goal of guaranteeing absolute safety for our customers," Walsh said.

Tri-Met will install automatic vehicle locator systems on all 600 busses in two months. The new systems will also allow dispatchers to hear what happens on the busses.

Forty TV cameras have been added to Tri-Met busses, and closed-circuit TV cameras have been installed at three isolated MAX platforms along the Banfield freeway. It was there that a 44-year-old man was beaten to death.

A lieutenant will be added to the police unit and will be responsible for developing a four year plan for the unit.

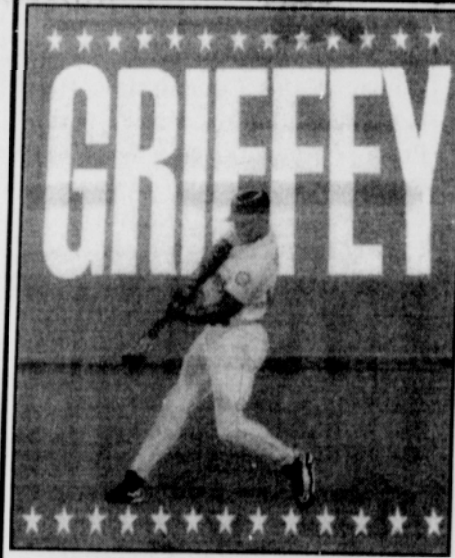
After a meeting with the Northeast Coalition of Neighbors, 10 rider advocates were hired to ride routes, 4, 5, 6, 8, 41, 72, and 75. The rider advocates are not armed but they wear uniforms and carry two way radios.

The company has a grant to hire another nine rider advocates and will hire additional security during events like Cinco de Mayo and the Rose Festival.

Walsh said a few years ago he would have identified a handful of "problem lines." But reports of assaults have dropped on those lines.

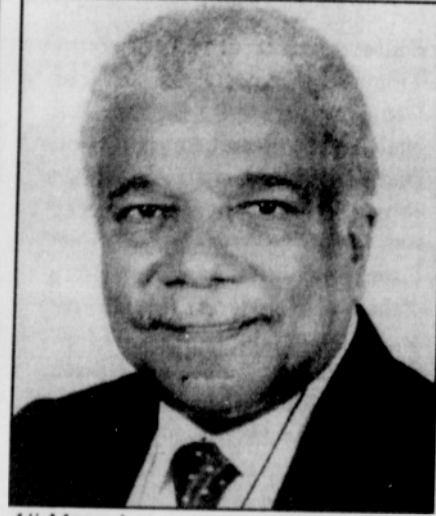
Problems seem now to center in areas like downtown known for drug dealing until a recent crackdown.

Walsh urges passengers to take normal precautions and evaluate and recommend changes to neighborhood groups.



A poster of Ken Griffey Junior replaces one of Rod Strickland on downtown building.

## PSU's African Cultural Night



Ali Mazrui

Friday, May 17, Portland State University's Association of African Students presents the 16th Annual African Cultural Night, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Smith Center Ballroom (Room 355, 1825 SW Broadway) at PSU.

The evening's events include a dinner with African cuisine; entertainment by Orchestra Afri-Sound from Seattle; dance performances by Grupo de Capoeira and the Harambee Kids; a fashion show directed by Wambui; and a brief lecture on "African Current Affairs: An African Perspective" by Ali Mazrui, director of the Institute of Global Cultural Studies at Binghamton University in New York.

Doors open at 7 p.m. Dinner is served from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets--available at the door. For information call the Association of African Students at 725-5659.