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## SECTION B

### Community Calendar

#### Training Conference

The 14th annual Blacks in Government Training Conference will be held May 29-30 at the Lloyd Center Red Lion Hotel. Patricia Russell McCloud will deliver the keynote address. Blacks in government is a national nonprofit organization concerned with the educational professional and cultural development of Black employees at all levels of government. Call (509) 448-1039.

#### Intergenerational Programs

Multnomah County will celebrate intergenerational programs Thursday, May 23 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the lower atrium at Pioneer Place. A 30 piece intergenerational photograph exhibit will highlight the event. Children and older adults from Multnomah County programs will place photographs to create a collage of count intergenerational activities.

#### Cook's Tour

The Hearing and Speech Institute is hosting its 6th Annual Cook's Tour Thursday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Five homes will be featured in the tours which benefits children's programs at the Institute. The tour will be in Northwest Portland and participants will sample food from various caterers. Call 228-6479 for more information.

#### Women's Self-Defence Workshop

Learn practical physical self-defence skills, find out about pre-assaultive strategies, learn what self-defence options are available. Learn a new sense of safety in life at the womens self-defence workshop Wednesday, May 29 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at One With Heart at 4231 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Space is limited call 231-1999 for more information.

#### Water Exercise Class

Total body toning and conditioning with an emphasis on stretching for increased flexibility, muscular strength, endurance and reduction of stress is offered in the American Red Cross Instructor Course at Mt Hood Community College, 26000 SE Stark St in Gresham. The course is scheduled Monday, June 10 from Noon to 4 p.m., Thursday, June 13 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday, June 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It teaches workout design and the basic principals of teaching water exercise. Participants must have current Water Safety Instructor Certificate and current ARC standard First Aid including Adult CPR. Call 284-0011 to register.

#### Illustrator At Powell's

Roby Gilbert will present his two picture books, "It's Raining It's Pouring" and "Out of the Night" (Whispering Coyote) Tuesday, June 4 at Powell's City of Books 1005 W Burnside. Gilbert's sharing his colorful work as well as drawing at the event invites children to experience the creative process of illustrating stories.

#### Mandolin Concert

The 7th annual West Coast Mandolin Convention Concert is scheduled Sunday, May 26 at 3:30 p.m. at Old Laurelhurst Church 3212 SE Ankeny. More than 50 musician from the United States and other countries will join together to perform music ranging from classical to folk to popular music with an international flavor. Special guest artists are Paulo De Sa and Marco de Carvalho from Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

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## Creole Restaurant A Taste Of Louisiana

BY PAM JOURDAN

**O**ne week after leaping into the restaurant business, Anthony Kelly was feeling fatigued. But it doesn't slow him down, or put a damper on his dream of opening a soul food/Creole restaurant.

"I grew up in southern Louisiana, just outside New Orleans," said Kelly. "We moved when I was a teen-ager, but I always missed the food, whenever I'd go back to visit, I just couldn't get enough of it."

Now Kelly gets plenty of down-home southern food everyday at his restaurant, Beignet's. Located at 106 Evergreen Blvd., in the heart of downtown Vancouver, Wash., the restaurant serves up a variety of dishes familiar to both southerners and southerners at heart. Gumbo, greens, and red beans and rice are just a few of the dishes soul food fans will recognize.

The restaurant gets its name from a deep-fried puff pastry popular in the New Orleans area. So far beignet have been one of the restaurant's most popular items.

"Beignets in New Orleans are like Starbucks coffee in the northwest," said Kelly. "I couldn't find them anywhere, so I decided to make them myself."

To ensure an authentic flavor, Kelly brought in his sister, Deborah Tillman, for Slidell, La. to oversee the preparation of the dishes, and to train the employees in the "southern way" of cooking.

"Smoked meats are often used to flavor southern dishes," said Tillman. "It makes the food taste great but it's something you have to learn if you're not used to doing it."

Kelly's wife, Jeanette, is also involved in the restaurant, she serves customers and occasionally helps in the kitchen.

"I've worked in the restaurant industry before, but this is the first time I've seen a restaurant started from the ground up," she said. "So far it's been trial and error, we're learning as we go along, but



Anthony Kelly (above) missed the Creole food of Southern Louisiana so he opened his own restaurant, Beignet's (right), in Vancouver, WA., features a cuisine done in a real southern method.

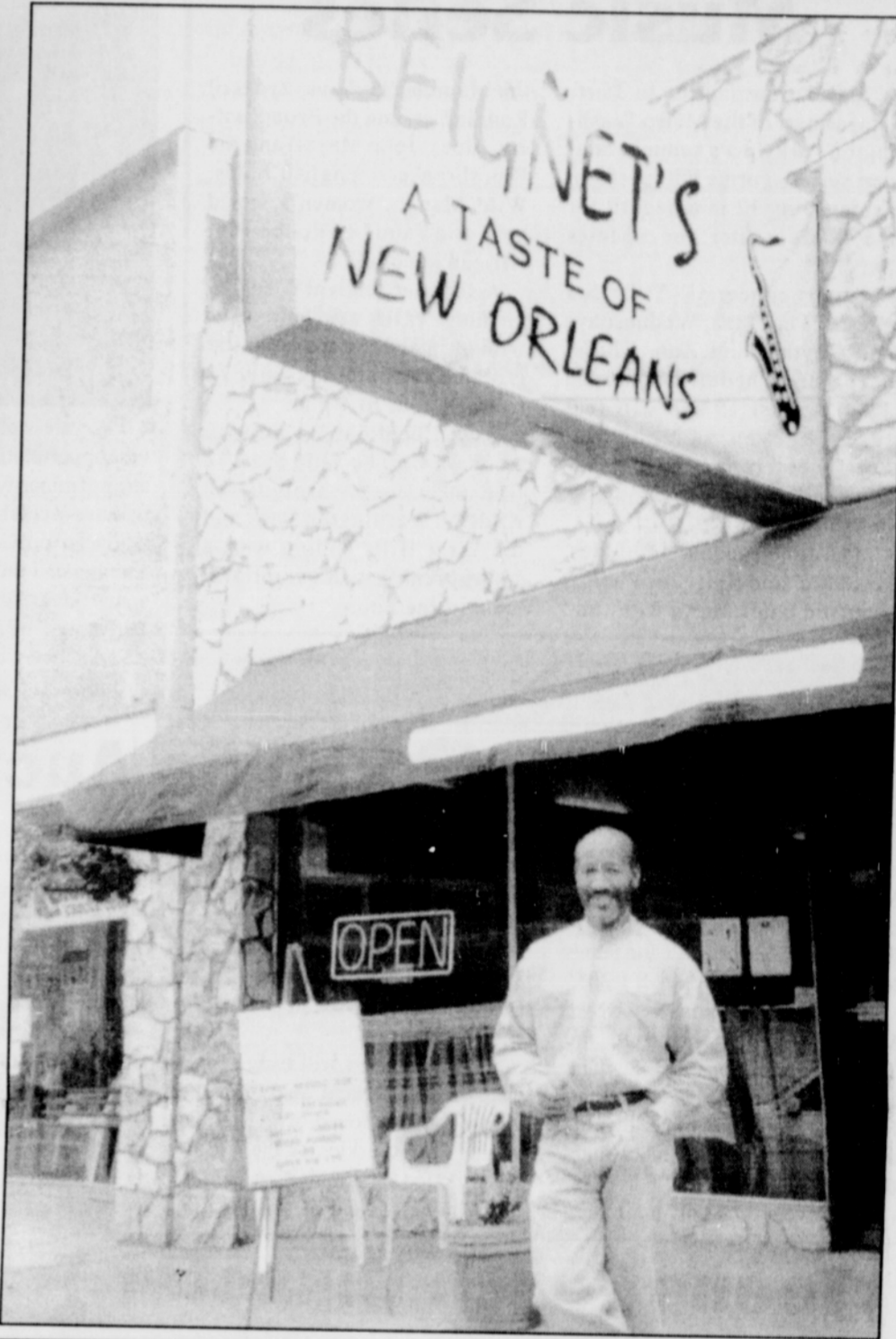
it's really fun."

Lunch and dinner crowds are often treated to live jazz and blues. Kelly invites up and coming local musicians to perform at the restaurant.

"The music adds something special and sets us apart from other restaurants," said Kelly. "Our customers really enjoy it."

With lunch crowds steaming out the door, Kelly hopes to eventually to open up a second restaurant in Longview, Wash.

It's taken an incredible amount of work and time, but it's been such a thrill," said Kelly. "It's exciting to live out a dream."



## Apartment Complex Controversy

BY LEE PEARLMAN

**T**he Northeast Community Development Corporation and architect Don Stastny are trying to make the proposed McCoy Village's design respond to community concerns.

However, for some nearby residents, the question is not how the 55-unit low income housing project on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard between Skidmore and Going street should be built, but whether it should be. Moreover, their numbers seem to

be growing.

At a community meeting, Stastny said that in response to community concerns that the project form a "Gateway" to Northeast Prescott Street, most of its ground floor commercial activity would be moved there. The frontage on Martin Luther King will be five residential buildings of four units each with landscaped courtyards in between. Most of the units will be at the rear of the project, in units sitting on top of a concrete slab on top of an enclosed 76-space parking lot. (A sec-

ond, 14-space lot for residents and commercial tenants, will be built to the south.) The primary lot will be accessed by a single cardlock gate on Prescott, and through pedestrian entrances visible to the rear residential units. The project will have a variety of open courtyards serving different functions, including a children's play area, he said.

Richard Brown, chair of the Black United Front's Hope and Hard Work Committee,

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## First Female Salvation Army Chair

**T**he Portland Metro Salvation Army has appointed Karen Rierison, director of safety, health, organization training & development for Portland General Electric, as chair of its Metro Advisory Board.

Rierison, a Salvation Army board member since 1991, is the first female to hold the board chair position in the organization's 110-year history.

Rierison officially will be appointed as board chair at a May 16 board meeting during National Salvation Army Week, May 13-17. Rierison replaces Steve Stevens, retired CEO of Fred Meyer, Inc., who will remain on the board.

"We are extremely fortunate to have Karen leading our board," Salvation Army Cascade Divisional Commander Major Richard Love states. "She has been an active volunteer, and shares a



Karen Rierison

strong commitment and vision to helping The Salvation Army address today's critical societal problems and needs, in-

cluding homelessness, domestic violence, teen pregnancy and at-risk youth."

**Rierison will serve with other executive committee members, including:**

- Co-vice chairman, Doug Stand, partner, Strand, Atkinson, Williams & York
- Co-vice chairman, Doug Stoud, owner, Summit Construction Co.
- Treasurer, Nick Collins, vice chairman of the board, ESCO Corporation.
- Secretary, Nancy Dunis, consultant, Dunis & Associates, and
- Beth Hulsman and Martha Stevens, community volunteers.

A leading social service provider serving the tri-county area for 110 years, the Portland Metro Salvation Army provides 12 major programs, including the Harbor Light Center, the Greenhouse program, the West Women's and Children's Shelter, the White Shield Center and the Moore Street Community Center.

## Forum Series Continues

The Black United Front continues its Community Forum Series Wednesday, May 29 from 9 a.m. to Noon with a workshop on Corporate Funding Proposals at the NE Police Precinct Community Meeting Room, 449 NE Emerson.

Kathleen Shelton, director of special projects for Doernbecher Hospital and Elise Brown, community relations manager for AT & T, will speak. Topics will include procedures for securing corporate support, selling an event to sponsors, developing a target list, sponsorships, in-kind gifts and media partnerships. Space is limited. Call 282-7973 for more information.

## Teens Get Taste Of Homelessness Firsthand

Portland Teens will be able to experience life as a homeless person in "Operation Homeless." Sponsored by the Salvation Army Moore Street Community Center, the first-year program aims to educate local youth, on the causes of homelessness and conditions faced by the homeless, and how to get involved in local efforts to help.

Nearly a dozen boys and girls, 13 and 14 from the Moore Street youth

programs will participate.

Friday, May 24, they will serve meals to homeless people from 3:15-5:30 p.m. and around 11:30 p.m. they will bed down outside in cardboard boxes. Workshops will be held Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and, after 30 hours, at 7 p.m. the kids will get their first meal.

Money raised from sponsors for each hour the kids go hungry will be used to support local homeless services.

## Alberta Corridor Forum

**N**ortheast Portland residents and business owners will gather Saturday, June 1 for a community forum to discuss the revitalization of the Alberta Corridor.

The forum, from 10 a.m. to Noon, will be at the Texas Annex at 1625 NE Alberta St. It is sponsored by the Sabin Community Development Company.

Although the commercial district of Northeast Alberta Street has deteriorated in recent years, its historic character and proximity to downtown make it a hot area for revitalization. The Alberta Corridor Forum is an avenue for community members to influence this revitalization. Residents will be asked to share their ideas on what kind of business they want to be able to walk to and what other improvements they want to see on Alberta. They will also learn how to become involved in projects to improve the Alberta Corridor Community.

Representatives from the Portland development commission and other city agencies local banks and the Portland Police will also be on hand to talk about the assistance they can provide for small businesses and property owners on Alberta Street.

The forum is a chance for dialogue among residents, property owners, business people and community groups so these groups can work together to design the future of development on Alberta.

June 1 is also the first day of the Alberta Street Saturday Market at 1452 NE Alberta and the Alberta Street Farmers Market is Sunday, June from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Sabin Community Development Corp is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to stabilize and improve the livability of northeast Portland. Call 287-3496 for more information.