

METRO Life

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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Red Cross Offers Community CPR

Red Cross will offer Community CPR at America Red Cross, Oregon Trail Chapter, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave., Portland. The class will be held on Monday and Wednesday, June 17 & 19, from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$32, for more information or to register, call 280-1440.

Summer Theme June - Sept. 1996

Where in the Zoo is Carmen Sandiego? Metro Washington Park Zoo, 9:30 to 4 pm daily. Carmen and her V.I.L.E. henchman have been on a crime spree through the Metro Washington Park Zoo. Zoo visitors will be deputized into the ACME Crime Investigation Corps and dispatched to solve 5 cases. Sponsored by James River Corporation, local manufacturer of Brawny Paper Towels and Quilted Northern Bathroom Tissue.

Greenpeace To Hold Meeting

On Thursday, June 13, 1996, Greenpeace Portland will be holding a community meeting at 2548 SE Ankeny St. from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. At this month's meeting guest speaker, Michael Marx who is the former Director of Rainforest Action Network's Boycott Mitsubishi Campaign and founder of Earth Nation, will discuss the impact of Multinational Corporations on the environment. Following this discussion, there will be an update of Shell Oil's violations of environmental and human rights.

Marylhurst Concert Choral To Perform

The Marylhurst Concert Choral, accompanied by members of the Marylhurst Symphony, will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, June 14, in St. Anne's Chapel on the college campus. Tickets for the Friday night performance cost \$5 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors and may be purchased at the door or by calling 786-0568.

Youth Conference To Be Held

The Portland Youth Conference will be held June 28-29, 1996. The keynote speaker is Mr. Joseph Marshall, Jr., author and co-founder and director of the Omega Boys Club of San Francisco.

10th Annual Chili Cook-Off

The Sunriver Chamber of Commerce will host the 10th Annual Chili Cook-Off, combining some of the very best chili cooks, music and beer garden on June 29th, 1996 11:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the Sunriver Courtyard. This year's Chili Cook-Off will feature dozens of activities, live music, games for the whole family, beer garden and of course the best chili you will ever taste. Tasting kits will be made available, so you can be the judge and vote for your favorite. A panel of judges will select the ICS (International Chili Society) best chili, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. No Admission Charge.

Gala Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Muslim Community Center of Portland invites you to attend our Gala ribbon cutting ceremony of our newly acquired property at 7007 N.E. MLK Jr. Blvd. at Bryant St. Saturday - Sunday July 6th & 7th. March Begins at 11:00 am, Bazaar opens at 12:30 - 6:00 pm. For Vendor Information Contact: Omar B. Shaba-287-2936 or pager 202-1630.

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



It was a happy time for the family of Berry, Cropper and the Washington's as they celebrate the graduation of their children from Benson High School. During prom night for the High School Seniors. Pictured above (from left) Cardis Berry, Sandra Berry, Vernon Cropper Sr., Vernon Cropper Jr., Alesha Gates, Phyllis White, Rakeem Washington, Charles Washington, Shirean Moini, and Debbie Moini.

Midsummer In Portland's Public Gardens

To celebrate midsummer, five of Portland's Public Gardens are sponsoring special events, tours, and performances with Shakespearean themes.

Events will be from 1-4 Sunday, June 23, 1996. All events, tours, and performances are free to the public. Most gardens will be at peak summer display for the event.

Leach Botanical Garden (6704 SE 122nd) will feature the woodwind duo Belles Angles playing Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque selections. The musicians will perform in

Renaissance costume. Garden volunteers will be serving fruit and tea to visitors and C.B. Shoe, a juggling jester, will provide light-hearted entertainment.

The Portland Community Gardens will sponsor informational tours on herbs and medicinal plants of Shakespeare's time at its Fulton Display Garden (SW 2nd and Barbur). Children and adults will be able to take a special bouquet or craft project home with them. The Morris Dancers and Garland Dancers will perform beginning at 2:30 pm.

A full slate of events is scheduled at the

Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden (SE 28th Ave, one block north of Woodstock) including a performance by Belle Anges. Barbara Jean Long will read Shakespeare Sonnets and Eric Bogai will delight the whole family with his juggling OSU Master Gardeners will be available to answer gardening questions from 1-4 pm.

Hoyt Arboretum (4000 SW Fairview) will offer hourly tours of medicinal plants and trees, including trees mentioned in the works of Shakespeare. Tour participants will be entertained with music, jesters, stories from

Shakespeare's time and will be treated to a short scene from Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream. Tours will depart from the picnic shelter at 1:15, 2:15, and 3:15 pm.

At the Portland International Rose Test Garden in Washington Park (4000 Kingston) harpist Maureen Love will entertain visitors.

The Morris Dancers and Garland Dancers will perform beginning at 1:15 pm. Volunteers will be on hand to guide tours featuring the roses of Shakespeare and the Shakespearean Garden.

Oregon Celebrates Juneteenth



Volunteers of Bethel Church (right) take time out to prepare for this year's Juneteenth celebration. The food was donated by the local businesses and area supermarkets for the annual feast directed by Miss Clara Peoples (above), which begins on Friday the 14th.

BY DAN BELL

On June 19th 1865 an enslaved population were among the last to receive the news that they had been freed by the Emancipation Proclamation. General Gordon Granger told them this when he landed in Galveston Texas with his regiment of Union soldiers and read General Order No. 3.

In fact Abraham Lincoln has signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1963. But the proclamation could only go into effect if the Union won the war. Lincoln recognizing that the Black involvement on the Union side was vital, in doing so was therefore motivated to make a political statement to enlist their support.



By the war's end, more than 200,000 Black men had fought for freedom and the Union. 25% of the Naval forces were Black men.

As a matter of observation by the time the Galveston population received the news, the confederacy had already surrendered and conceded defeat, Abraham Lincoln had been assassinated and the all important 13th amendment that would bar the return to slavery had been proposed.

In recent years the popularity of the Juneteenth Celebration has been rapidly growing. There are large events in such cities as Oakland California, Denver Colorado, and Kansas City Missouri.

This year African-American Oregonians will be recognizing Juneteenth in both Salem

and Portland.

On June 15th a group of concerned citizens will be sponsoring a Juneteenth Celebration at Alberta Park from 1:00 until 6:00 p.m.

There were will be entertainment featuring Mt Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, a passage over ritual, presented by Yoruba, booths, free foods and other activities.

The following Saturday the Commission on Black Affairs and the Salem N.A.A.C.P. will host a Juneteenth Celebration 11:00am-4:00pm at Capitol Park Mall across from the state capitol in Salem Oregon.

Entertainment there will feature the husband and wife duo La Fenieres. There will be informational and food booths and tentatively scheduled Gospel Music.

MYCAP Merger

As of May 1, 1996 the Community Wellness Center and Minority Youth Concerns Action Program, MYCAP, has agreed to merge.

Since 1988, MYCAP has been providing transitional services to youth coming out of the state training schools such as McClaren School for Boys. The program was developed specifically to address the Portland gang problem that hit the city in the early eighties.

The Community Wellness Center which has been around for about two years, is a culturally specific alcohol and drug and mental health program for African American youth. Says Sam Pierce, co-founder of both programs, "the merger will help make both programs stronger. The missions do not compete with, but rather complement each other."

MYCAP achieved an international reputation for its work with gang youth but has struggled over the last few years. Pierce, who recently returned to the agency exudes, "inspite of things, MYCAP's future is bright! Unless a carmel of corn falls to the ground and dies, it never produces any other carmel of corn. MYCAP may have suffered a from of death, as it were, but its resurrection is eminent."

Pierce concludes, "MYCAP belongs to this community and the community has supported it over the years. I personally want to thank Johnny Gage for his leadership of MYCAP the last eighteen months. Without his help, there would probably not be a MYCAP. We will seek to continue his upward movement, because the need for this program is even greater now than it was when we first started."