

METRO *Life*

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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Raft the Sandy and see natural history

Metro again is offering its popular June and July Sandy River raft trips. Rafters will float from Oxbow Park to Lewis and Clark State Park, focusing on water safety and the natural history of the river. Cost for the 8-hour outing is \$35. Call Metro Regional Parks and Green Spaces at 797-1850, option 8, for reservations.

Ancient strings concert set

The Japanese Garden Society of Oregon hosts a special Father's Day event featuring koto master Elizabeth Falconer in concert in the Japanese Garden Pavilion at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 15. The koto is an ancient string instrument with roots in China and Japan that extends back 1,000 years.

Advocate for kids meets with families

David Liederman, chief executive for the Child Welfare League of America, will talk on abused, neglected and troubled children and their families in a Friday luncheon address before the City Club.

Rose Festival welcomes sailors

You can join other Portland residents in extending a welcoming hand to Navy men and women away from home during Rose Festival by participating in Host-A-Sailor. Call 242-1410 to get involved.

Survivor tells horror of holocaust

Leon Leyson, a holocaust survivor from Schindler's List, will speak at the Performing Arts Center Wednesday on the Sylvania Campus at 7 p.m. Attendance is free.

Rose fleet arrives

The familiar site of U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships as well as Royal Canadian ships and a U.S. Army Corps of Engineer river dredge transiting the Columbia River on their way to Portland begins Tuesday. A total of 18 ships will line up along downtown Portland's waterfront in the Willamette River.

Moose, Governor join special torch run

This week marks the official beginning of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, a multi-leg statewide relay benefiting Oregon Special Olympics. Portland Police Chief Charles Moose will carry the Olympic torch through Portland to the AT & T Wireless store, 1600 S.W. Fourth Ave. at noon on Wednesday. Thursday, Gov. John Kitzhaber joins the fun when officers from Oregon converge on the Capitol in Salem at 1 p.m.

Betty Campbell building opens

A reception to celebrate the opening of the Betty Campbell mixed-use affordable housing project in north Portland will take place Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The project, which bears the name of a well-respected Boise Eliot School principal and beloved north Portland activist, has served to revitalize a dilapidated block in the historic Mississippi district, while providing quality housing and new retail space for the community. Speakers will include Gretchen Kafoury, city commissioner; Wanda Wallace, Total Staffing Solution; Tom Cusack, housing and urban development and Betty Campbell.

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Tim "Too Slim" Langford performs at the 1996 Waterfront blues festival. Oregon Food Bank officials are now busy laying the groundwork for the upcoming festival, July 4, 5 & 6.

Get ready for the blues!



Kraig Gardner

Benson athlete honored

Kraig Gardner Selected for Oregon All-Star Football Team

Kraig Gardner, gifted young athlete who plays defensive/tight end for Benson High School, was recently selected to this year's Oregon All-Star Football Team.

The team will participate in the Ninth Annual Down Under Bowl in Sydney, Australia this summer.

Gardner, a college bound scholar, looks forward to the experience of international competition, as well as visiting another country and interacting with people of other cultures, backgrounds, and societies.

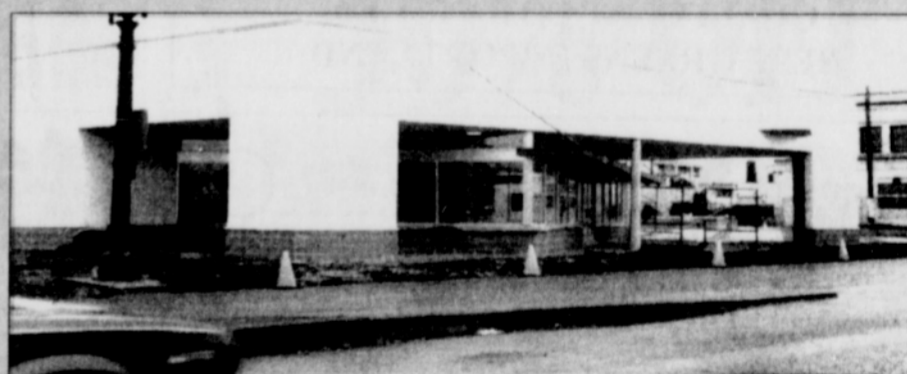
Cost of the trip is \$2,830, an attainable goal with the help and pride of the community this worthy athlete and student represents.

A Kraig Gardner Travel Fund has been established at the U.S. Bank on Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and donations are welcome.



Surveying the damage, area residents look over a gutted warehouse at Northeast Sixth and Davis. The building is in danger of collapsing and has families in an adjacent apartment displaced.

Ruins to creation



Another sign of renewal in northeast Portland goes up with the construction of the Harry Jackson Plaza on Alberta and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

(Photos by Mark Washington)

Undeveloped Social Capital In Neighborhoods II

By Prof. McKinley Burt

We seem to be in agreement, that "there definitely is an identifiable social dynamic at work in our neighborhoods" and that, further, much useful information can be derived from examinations less critical than a citation of the inner-city as "The Geography of Nowhere." Things can be better and we have the means.

Today, I wish to acknowledge the very perceptive conclusion of several readers -- "Communication" is a key factor in the "Socialization" process. I remember an educator saying, "If you can't reach 'em, you can't teach 'em." We have no intention of over simplifying our approach, but what the teacher is saying is rather obvious when we consider that a recent nationwide poll revealed that, incredibly, "68% of black teenagers believed that they could make a living as professional

athletes."

Moving beyond 'Gallup' and a few other disheartening polls, I would return us to an examination of more favorable outcomes and a structured analysis of the underlying fac-

delivery systems for minorities. Information is an asset.

As I've said before, "we must talk to each other" -- across generations and 'across cultures' if the quality of our urban life is to

is following right on with an important chapter of, "The State of Black America: 1996" (published by National Urban League Inc.).

The specific directive is, "Developing Black and Latino Survival Strategies: the Future of Urban Areas." And it is reassuring to find that here in Portland the process has moved beyond generalities and banal 'feel-good' expressions -- moved somewhat beyond the 1970's when I had a U.S. Forest Service 'Out Reach' contract that brought me into intimate contact with Black, Hispanic and Asian minorities/cultural groups. At the same time, I dealt with a similar multi-cultural matrix as a professor at Portland State University.

Over the years I have maintained a broad and adverse network with these cultures and

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tors. There are a number of us who believe that we can demonstrate from experience that aggressive development of the "Communications/Socialization" process can do much to improve the employment and educational

markedly improve. I cite the recent move by the 'Portland Observer' to bring the Hispanic community into its widely circulated media base. This has provoked some favorable comments. One reader suggest that the Observer

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