

# METRO *Life*

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SECTION B

## Community Calendar

### Swing toward a cure to women's cancers

Enjoy a great day of tournament golf and a festive evening banquet while raising funds to fight against cancer. Player slots are still available for the 6th Annual Portland City of Hope Golf Invitational and Auction on Monday, June 16 at the Oregon Golf Club. For more information about City of Hope, call the Seattle National Office at 800/934-9196.

### Intro accounting class

A specially priced "Introduction to Accounting Class" will be offered at the Urban League of Portland this summer. One goal of the college credit class is to increase the number of African Americans and other minorities who enter the accounting field. To register, contact Christy Hauff at the Urban League at 503/280-2635.

### Bike-A-Fair at Woodlawn

Area children can experience competitive cycling, learn about bike safety and ride with community and cycling celebrities during the Providence Health System Bike-a-Fair, Sunday, June 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Woodlawn Park in northeast Portland.

### Reception for safety team

A public reception and awards ceremony honoring the Multnomah County Sheriff's office staff who have served on the Safety Action Team will take place Wednesday, June 18 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Columbia Villa/Tamarac Community Room, 8920 N. Woolsey.

### Concert at Old Church

Michael Allen Harrison will be doing a benefit concert for Northwest Medical Teams on Sunday, June 22 at 2 p.m. at the Old Church, 1422 S.W. 11th Avenue. Tickets are \$22 by calling Fastixx at 224-8499.

### Center hosts family event

Share your family stories and create a family tree using special inks and papers on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Oregon History Center, 1200 S.W. Park Ave. The exhibit Masters of Ceremony: Traditional Artists and Life's Passages allows visitors to contemplate the important markets in their own lives and at the same time celebrate Oregon's cultural diversity.

### 'I'm in charge' class offered

A When I'm in Charge class is being offered at the American Red Cross, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave., Saturday, June 14 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The two-hour course, prepares children ages 8-11, to respond to a variety of "home alone" situations and includes role playing, a safety quiz and film, and activities that stimulate critical thinking and discussion. For more information or to register, call 280-1440.

### Zoo volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help build special Washington Park Zoo events like ZooBoo and ZooLights. No previous experience with displays, wiring or electrical motors is necessary. The technical events staff at the zoo will train anyone who is able to donate time on a regular basis. For more information call Russell Guinn at 220-2798.

### HIV test uses new method

Speak to Your Brothers now uses UraSure HIV testing devices at it's drop-in testing night for gay and bisexual men. This is a new needle-free, bloodless way to take the test from trained, volunteer counselors. For more information call the HIV testing infoline at 223-5907, extension 172.

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

## New cafe on MLK



BY LEE PERLMAN

**The newest restaurateur on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard doesn't have McDonald's in money or experience, but she hopes to make up the difference with hard work and good cooking.**

Assie Sebhathu last week opened the San Rafael Cafe at 415 N.E. San Rafael St., next to the Albina Community Bank in the Albina Corner building. It is open from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The cafe offers sandwiches, beverages, homemade soups and pastries, and some specialties from Sebhathu's native Ethiopia. She hopes to expand both the fare and the hours as she goes along.

Sebhathu says she was discouraged by the political problems and strife that have plagued her country in recent years ("You can't do anything there," she says.) She moved to Portland in 1988 on the advice of a friend, together with daughters Ruth, Tsion and Becky and sons Ben and Robel, all of whom are now helping run the cafe. She lives and runs

a nursing home near Albina Corner, and was attracted by a sign calling for proposals to run a cafe there. She has worked in restaurants before, but this will be her first experience in running one. She hopes to attract customers from the building and from nearby businesses and homes.

She has already made a convert out of Peter Wilcox, director of Portland Community Design, owner of the building. "When we let it be known we were looking for a restaurant operator we received some inquiries, but Assie was the most persistent," he says. "My board originally planned to have a 'bake off' between the top contenders, but Assie was so far above everyone else in her thoroughness and the quality of her work plan that we decided to have a taste test for her alone. We expected just a few samples, but she prepared a feast, and everything was wonderful: her curried couscous, her soups, her tuna sandwiches, her oatmeal cookies. By the time we were done the decision on who to rent to was a no-brainer."

This could be an Ethiopian "Big Night," with a happy ending, on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

**McMenamins will show case the restoration in progress at Kennedy School during an open house party on June 28th from Noon to 5 pm.**

McMenamins Kennedy School is a partnership between McMenamins, Inc., the City of Portland and the surrounding neighborhoods and will open in October of this year as a true neighborhood community center. McMenamins Kennedy School is located at 5736 NE 33rd Avenue, 2 blocks north of Killingsworth.

The "Work In Progress" Party is a one-time chance for the general public to tour inside the building and catch a glimpse of the "before" and "during" stages of rejuvenation as well as see what some of the finished rooms will look like, including the restaurant and pub, eight of the 35 B & B rooms and artwork in process. Visitors will be entertained by live music from the Ron Steen Band and the Crystal Ballroom Jesters. Pizzas by the slice and beverages will be sold.

Information will be distributed about the accommoda-



### Open House

tions, banquet and meeting rooms, restaurant, theater and other features. A grand opening date will be announced. There is no admission charge and all ages are welcome.

Since parking is limited visitors are encouraged to take public transportation, carpool or arrive on foot power. Tri-Met offers service to Kennedy via #10 (north/south) or #72 (east/west).

Kennedy School opened in 1915 as an elementary school. It was closed 1975 but remained open as a temporary location for Portland schools that were undergoing renovation until 1980. This year, the McMenamin brothers are restoring Kennedy School into a vibrant neighborhood hub. Both overnight guests and day visitors and neighbors will appreciate the extensive opportunities for fun, food and frolic.

When open, McMenamins Kennedy School will offer 35 Bed and Breakfast rooms with in-room baths, and phones, a full-service restaurant and bar with outside seating in the summer, movie theater, brewery, wine tasting bar, soaking pool, gymnasium, community gardens, phenomenal artwork and history filling the hallways and rooms.

## Juneteenth In The Park

**A free Juneteenth family celebration will take place from 3-8 pm on Thursday, June 19th at Alberta Park, NE Killingsworth and NE 21st Avenue. The entire community is invited to the event, which commemorates an important day in African American history. The celebration is being organized by the Urban League's Urban Parks Program.**

Juneteenth has been called African American Independence Day. It commemorates June 19, 1865, when slaves in Texas first learned that they were freed by the Emancipation Proclamation. Because of the distance of Texas from the main theaters of the Civil War, this news reached Texas slaves two years late. The long-awaited news was received with great rejoicing and since then Texas has observed Juneteenth as a statewide holiday. The celebration is also observed in cities across the country.

"We hope that many African American families and the community at large will join us to celebrate an important moment in our history," said Urban League President Lawrence J. Dark. Community leaders including Metro Councilor Ed Washington will offer their thoughts on Juneteenth and its significance today.

A diverse range of local musical talent will perform at the event, including Ronnye Harrison Concept Jazz band, gospel harmonizers Isaiah and the hip hop sounds of Cool Nutz. Ethnic food will be provided by local vendors. Information about other Urban League events in the parks this summer will also be provided.

African American business vendors are encouraged to exhibit at the event, so that the community can help strengthen African American economic power. For exhibit information, contact Domonic Boswell at the Urban League, 280-2614.

The event is organized by the Urban League's Urban Parks Program, which has a goal of involving North/Northeast residents in the creation, use and preservation of parks and open spaces in their community. The program is made possible by a grant from the Lila Wallace - Reader's Digest Fund.

The Urban League of Portland is a non-profit, community-based human service economic and social justice agency serving youth and families, students, job seekers, and seniors in the metro area. The League is one of 115 local affiliates of the National Urban League.



Jefferson High School's Wi-Moto Nyoka will study under the tutelage of word-renown teachers, directors and music coaches at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia.

## COLLEGE BOUND WITH HONORS

Nyoka selected as presidential merit winner at Philadelphia arts school

**Wi-Moto Nyoka, a 1997 graduate of Jefferson High School in north Portland, has been selected as a Presidential Merit Scholarship recipient at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia.**

The scholarship is in recognition of Nyoka's academic and artistic accomplishments.

In addition to being a 4.0 student at Jefferson, Nyoka is one of the principal dancers with the Jefferson Dancers and a member of Northwest Children's Theater.

She has studied at Alvin Ailey Dance Theater which offered her a fellowship last summer.

Her early training was at the Oregon Ballet Theater here in Portland. She is also a backup singer in La Mayor Salsa, a well-known Latin salsa band, where she sings in English and Spanish.

Professors at the University of Arts elect their new students based on both their demonstrated artistic skills and their academic performance reflected in their SAT scores and grades.

The daughter of an African-American father and a Mexican-Indian mother, Nyoka attributes her success to defining, concentrating and staying focused on her goals.

Nyoka says she will always be grateful for the strong support from her parents and extended family and her inspiring and dedicated teachers.



Ghana drummer addresses black studies Obo Addy, a well-known expert drummer from Ghana and Dr. Candice Goucher, professor in the black studies department at Portland State University will give a joint presentation Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Vanport Room at the Smith Center on the PSU campus. The presentation is part of a weeklong institute on the globalization of western Europe.