

# METRO *Life*

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SECTION B

## Community Calendar

### Fun at Blue Lake

Dr. Wilderness performs environmental wizardry with magical antics to acquaint children with the workings and wonders of nature. Called "America's premier environmental magician," Dr. Wilderness teaches about the earth's remarkable natural history.

### Trumpeter performs

Your invited to an inspiration evening of music and praise as trumpeter Johnny Zell presents a concert at Portland First Church, 6100 S.W. Raab Rd. on Sunday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. The lead trumpeter on the Lawrence Welk Show, Zell has been performing gospel concerts with his wife Laura for the past 20 years.

### Health van coming

The Adventist Medical Center public health van, with its free and low-cost health testing, screenings and education services, will be arriving in the northeast community in August. The van is scheduled Aug. 8-9 at 4212 N.E. Prescott for free blood pressure and glucose testing. Call 261-6613 for hours.

### Songs fill Tualatin park

Singer-songwriter Cindy Pearson of Astoria will lead her band in performances of folk rock ballads and topical songs ranging in styles from R & B to reggae to love songs. The Friday, Aug. 2 performance starts at 6:30 p.m. and is free as part of the city of Tualatin's popular Concerts on the Commons series.

### Games back by demand

First Lady Entertainment presents games ranging from Bid Whist, dominoes and cards, along with dance and food as part of Throw Down III at the Mecca Temple, 722 E. Burnside Saturday, Aug. 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m.

### Reclaim the slough

Reclaim the Slough Day with the Urban League of Portland, will be held Saturday, Aug. 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will meet at Alberta Park or the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church parking lot to be picked up by buses and brought to Whitaker Ponds. Free T-shirts and barbecue lunches will be provided for the first 100 people registered. To sign-up call the Urban League at 284-6027.

### Odyssey concert set

Odyssey will perform the music of the Moody Blues in Couch Park at Northwest Glisan and 20th Avenue on Tuesday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. This concert has been rescheduled after a rainout earlier in the summer.

### Red Barons coming

Special appearances of the Red Baron Stearman Squadron will take place Monday, Aug. 4 through Wednesday, Aug. 6 at the Hillsboro Airport. The red and white, smoke trailing, super Stearman are original open-air cockpit biplanes reminiscent of aviation's early days. The free tour is sponsored by Red Baron Frozen Pizza in an effort to keep the lost art of barnstorming alive.

### Summer at the zoo

Between now and Labor Day zoo visitors can join the Research Action Team as they try to answer some basic animal behavior questions. Learn how zoo researchers gain valuable information to help them care for endangered species. The program is sponsored by the Textron Foundation and staffed by ZooTeens.

### Chefs team up for youth

Top local chefs, waiters and businesses will help make a difference for homeless youth at The Salvation Army Greenhouse Chefs de Cuisine annual fund-raising dinner, Tuesday, Aug. 19. With the theme "A Summer Evening in Italy," the event features an eight-course dinner.

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## Gordly invited to join trade delegation to Zambia

**O**regon State Senator Avel Gordly, D-Portland, has joined Geo Development, Inc.'s trade delegation to Zambia scheduled Aug. 4-28 to share technology and collaborate to address affordable housing.



Oregon State Sen. Avel Gordly

"Senator Gordly is one of the leading members on world wide trade issues in the Senate and she has my 100 percent support," stated Sen. John Lim, R-Gresham, chair of the Senate Trade and Economic Development Committee.

"In the coming 21st century, it is important that we continue to expand trade internationally to make sure Oregon's economy grows," Lim said. Expanding international trade to African countries is not limited to South Africa, nor is every country fraught with instability and unrest.

"I am excited to see longtime friends in South Africa who are now a part of the

miraculous transition to freedom and democracy and a part of the government," Gordly said.

She said the delegation will spend the majority of the trip in Zambia exchanging ideas and technology about building affordable housing.

"We will be touring several sawmills and will meet the Zambian president and other government officials in South Africa and Zimbabwe as well," Gordly explained.

Gordly served on the Senate Trade and Economic Development Committee, chaired by Senator Lim.

The Senate Trade and Economic Development Committee was able to pass legislation to establish a trade office in Shanghai by 1999 and to pursue a trade office in Africa as well, largely due to Lim's and Gordly's collaborative work to expand international trade for Oregon businesses and agriculture.

## Angelou to address Portland group

Renowned poet puts spotlight on center for abused children and families

Renowned poet Dr. Maya Angelou will serve as keynote speaker this fall at the 50th anniversary gala dinner for Morrison Center Child and Family Services.

Angelou is internationally recognized as an author, actress, dancer, singer, playwright and teacher.

Having risen above great misfortune, including being raped at age 8, Angelou serves as a shining example of the capacity of the human spirit to overcome tragedy.

She has persevered through homelessness, becoming a single mother at 18, turning to prostitution to support herself and her child, and fighting to save her brother from a life of drugs and crime.

The Oct. 30 gala will take place at the Portland Marriott.

Proceeds will support the center's programs, including the care of severely abused and neglected preschool children, infants and toddlers prenatally exposed to drugs and alcohol and adolescents struggling with problems involving substance abuse and violence.

## Gospel to blow up Dawson park!

Groups gather for annual festival

The Portland/Vancouver Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America, will host the 4th annual Dawson Park Gospel Music Festival Aug. 23 from 11 am to 6 pm in Dawson Park, located on North Vancouver Avenue across from Emanuel Hospital.

The festival will feature live gospel music, vendors, and Portland area residents coming together to minister and celebrate the name of our Lord in song.

The festival was established in 1993 by Joyce Boles as a means of preserving the religious and cultural values of gospel music, and to keep arts alive in the Northeast Portland community.

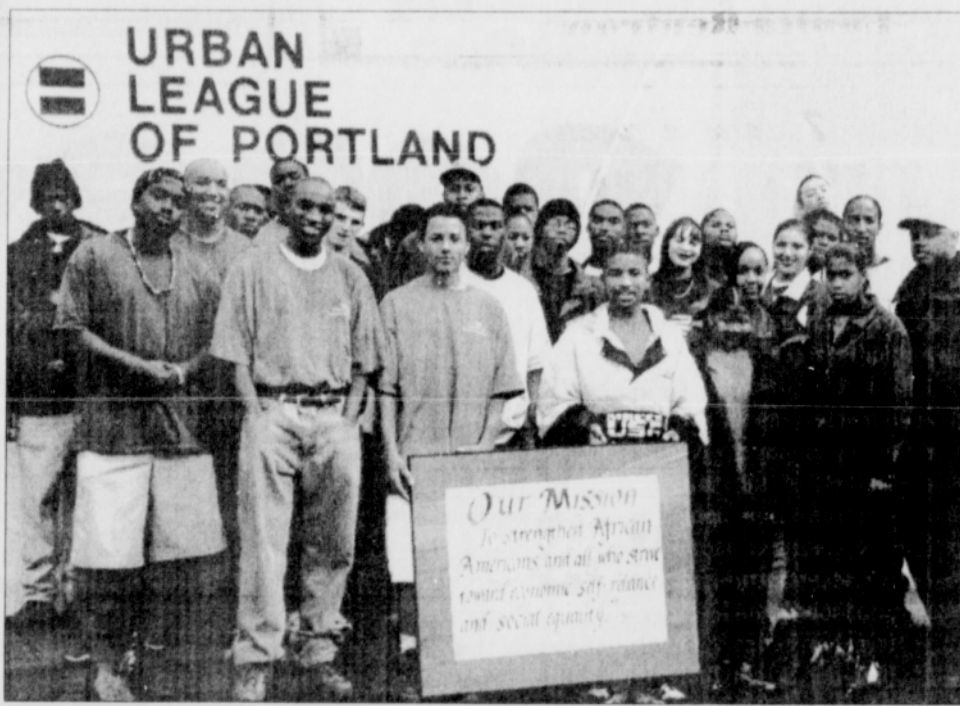
This year, groups are coming from Seattle and Oakland, making the festival an emerging regional cultural event. It is the largest all-African-American event in Oregon.

As many as two dozen choirs and groups and three dozen artisans and food vendors have attended the festival in years past.

The Gospel Music Workshop of America was created to establish a volunteer association of gospel choirs, choruses, ensembles, quartets, soloists, instrumentalists, and musicians for the purpose of education, cooperation, and communication in the perpetuation, promotion, enhancement, and advancement of the principles of Christianity and the role of gospel music in the heritage and culture of African-Americans of all ages.

The organization is nonprofit and non-political.

## Urban League, Nike team up



Teenage youth stand behind their mission statement.

"Our Children = Our Destiny"

### Summer Youth Employment Program

The Urban League of Portland, NIKE, and 45 other local businesses have teamed up to fund the sixth annual Summer Youth Employment Program. The program is providing summer employment and entrepreneurial training to 25 young people from North and Northeast Portland.

Youth in the program do lawn care and maintenance work on homes occupied by fixed-income senior citizens in North and

Northeast Portland. Every Friday they participate in entrepreneurial training at the Urban League.

When the weather doesn't permit the crews to do lawn work, they perform community service projects for the Urban League's Adult and Senior Services Department or local charities.

In addition, Anthony Jefferson, the Project coordinator, has enrolled many of the participants in an evening basketball league. "We want to keep these kids involved in positive activities all day, for some of them that means in the evening hours when they can run into trouble," said Lawrence J. Dark, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Urban League.

As the lead sponsor of the program, NIKE helped bring together the 44 other sponsors. "NIKE was founded on the entrepreneurial spirit of Phil Knight and his coach Bill Bowerman. That spirit continues today and as a result provides employment to nearly 6,000 Portland residents. NIKE is proud to assist the entrepreneurial efforts of the Urban League and in particular this summer's youth corp," said Doug Stamm, Director NIKE Public Affairs.

The program is coordinated by the Urban League of Portland's male & Female Responsibility Program, which helps young men and women learn the responsibilities of adulthood.

The Urban League is a nonprofit, 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.



## International family festival

Tanya Morris prepares balloon for 10 month old Zenny Kien and Mom Mychi during Lutheran Family Service International Family Festival

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