

# METRO *Life*

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## SECTION B

### Community Calendar

#### Sunday Jazz

Sunday Jazz at The Old Church presents Patrick Lamb's Blue Hour with the Hammond B3. Doors will open at 1 PM. Admission is \$10 at the door, \$8 students or call Fastixx at 224-8499.

#### Yoga Fund Raiser

Portland's first annual community-wide yoga event and breast cancer benefit is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 1-5 PM, at Portland State University. The keynote speaker for the fund raiser is Helen McVey, a breast cancer survivor and yoga teacher at Unity Woods Yoga Center in Virginia. She will teach a class she developed specifically for breast cancer survivors. Call 242-1874.

#### Artichoke Music

Singer/songwriter Joanna Cazden returns to Portland for an evening full of clever, thoughtful inspirational, and witty songs at Artichoke Music's intimate Backgate Stage on Tuesday night, March 24, beginning at 7:30 PM. Tickets are on sale for \$8 in advance. Tickets at the door will sell for \$10. Call 234-8640.

#### Youth Symphony

Members of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony will present a spring pops concert at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall on Sunday, March 8 at 3:30 PM. The concert will feature more than 375 talented, young musicians from the Portland metropolitan area. Call 239-4566 or a Ticketmaster outlet.

#### Natural Foods Class

The National College of Naturopathic Medicine is sponsoring a Cooking for Health and Healing seminar with a Brunch theme. All recipes are wheat, dairy and sugar-free, yet delicious! Food will be prepared together and shared at the end of class. Bring a bowl, plate, utensils and a container for leftovers! The seminar is being held on Saturday, March 7, 9-1 PM at National Health Centers East. Call 255-7355.

#### Oregon Health Plan

One of the prime movers in the creation of the Oregon Health Plan Policy and Research will speak in Portland on Wednesday, March 1 from noon till 1:30 PM. The Research Administrator will explain why the Oregon health Plan is a model health plan for the rest of the United States. Call 248-9088.

#### Water Workshop

The Oregon Department of Agriculture is presenting a series of workshops to explain Oregon's Drinking Water Protection (DWP) Program and the state's DWP Guidance Manual. The workshops will be held at 7:30 AM to 4 PM. There is no charge for the workshops which includes complementary lunch and refreshments. Call 245-5756.

#### Oregon Food Bank

Kids in almost every Portland Public School will be learning about hunger and helping their neighbors by collecting food for Oregon Food Bank throughout the week of March 2-6. Parents and the general public can help by donating food or funds to a school-age child in their family, neighborhood or church. Call 282-0555.

#### Good Company Awards

Portland-area companies of all sizes will be honored for family-friendly business practices at the second annual Families in Good Company awards celebration. The whole family is invited from 6-9 PM on Wednesday, March 11 at OMSI for free hors d'oeuvres, games, and entertainment. Call 294-1456.

## Intel President Talks With Jefferson High School Students

Dr. Craig Barrett, Intel Corporation's President and Chief Operating Officer, talked with students from Portland's Jefferson High School on Thursday, February 26, 1998.

Speaking from Intel headquarters in Santa Clara, California, Dr. Barrett and the Jefferson students will meet in a videoconference using Intel's TeamStation System with ProShare Technology. After brief remarks, Dr. Barrett answered questions from the students.

This exciting event, part of Intel's celebration of National Engineers Week, ran from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Jefferson High School, in Portland. National Engineers Week is an annual event Intel organizes with the Business Education Compact, a non-profit organization based in Beaverton, Oregon, as part of our ongoing educational outreach in local classrooms. This year Intel volunteers will visit more than 100 local schools and 600 classrooms, reaching nearly 20,000 students in Multnomah, Washington and surrounding counties.

Because students of today are tomorrow's employees, community leaders need to ensure schools and businesses are partnering effectively to prepare young people for the transition from the classroom to the work environment.

The purpose of the National Engineers Week is to give students an opportunity to hear first hand from some of the best and brightest engineers in the industry, to encourage students to pursue their interests in math and the sciences, and to spark student interest



Shown Above are: Intel's Engineer Latoya Hamilton and Jefferson High school student Rashad Taylor as they participate in Intel's National Engineers Week. Photo by M. Washington

in engineering careers.

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also a leading manufacturer of personal computer, networking and communications prod-

ucts. Additional information on Intel is available at [www.intel.com](http://www.intel.com).

## Smith Spreads The Word



Tony Smith Shakes with Master Sergeant Lyle Olsen who offers Tony congratulation for a job well done. Photo by M. Washington

As a teenager wondering what to do with himself, Tony Smith found his calling in a place close to home he hadn't known existed. Now he's back to spread the word.

Smith is a minority recruitment officer for the Oregon Air National Guard. He is stationed at the base at 6801 N. E. Cornfoot Road, within sight of Portland International Airport. There are full time and part time personnel on duty.

Recruits take six weeks of basic training, then three to six months of training in their specialty, which can range from cooking to jet pilot. After this they serve one weekend a month for a substantial financial supplement. Their status also qualifies them for student and housing loans.

For those embarking on a career, it is a chance to "network" with others in what General Bill Doctor, commander of the Oregon Air National Guard, calls a "small city," including members of professions ranging from plumbers to attorneys. For instance, Smith points out, if you are interested in a career in law enforcement, you can rub shoulders with the likes of Portland Police Chief Charles Moose and deputy chief Bruce Prunk

- all this while earning money and receiving free training.

However, while the guard is a part-time career for many, it is no "toy" air force. Its members maintain and fly F-15s, one of the U.S.'s most sophisticated fighter planes, equipped with heat-seeking and radar-guided missiles. As this issue goes to press, 300 guard pilots and support personnel are mobilizing to deploy to Turkey for possible military action against Iraq.

The Guard is also answerable to state government, and performs assignments related to civilian needs. Smith's job is to spread the word about the guard to minority community members through a nationally funded program called People Potential 2000. Its purpose is to make military units more ethnically representative of the surrounding community. In Smith's case the program is funded through April 11, but his superiors are seeking an extension.

"We're doing it for two reasons," Doctor says. "First, it's the right thing to do. Second, if you do even a casual study of demographic trends for the next 20 years, anyone who doesn't address this issue is out of business." By then, he says, white males will be a

minority in the national work force.

However, Smith says, "With minorities it takes longer to break the ice, more time to get them to even take a look at this. They have taken some negative things that they may have heard from their parents or elsewhere to heart, and are doing themselves a real disservice." Worse, because of a lack of information about the program, "Kids have been deprived of the opportunity of knowing that all this even exists."

He himself became involved by chance. Born and raised in northeast Portland, he attended Cleveland High School.

"Approaching graduation, I didn't want to work at McDonald's for minimum wage. A military recruiter made me aware of opportunities in the Air Force."

After ten years as a mechanic, with the "downsizing" of the military, "they made me an offer I couldn't refuse" - a sizable cash bonus to muster out. However, he says, after a short time away, "I missed the camaraderie, the uniform, being with the people I'd spent ten years with. The guard impressed me." He joined up.

However, he adds, "the reason I came out here and the reason I'm here now are totally different. At first it was to stay in touch and the money factor, and the work was easy because I already knew what I was doing." After five years, however, he transferred to personnel, "and that was a great learning experience. I couldn't even type, and couldn't imagine myself addressing a room full of people."

His superior, master sergeant Lyle Olson, says, "Tony was selected for this assignment when he didn't even know he was being interviewed, because he had the right answers."

Recruiting people because of the color of their skin turns people off. We want him to recruit All the people of northeast Portland."

"Tony's doing great, he hit the ground running," Doctor says.

"I thought at first that the guard would be some lollygagging on weekends," Smith says. "Nothing could be further from the truth. I haven't had a dull moment. I've been to the Pentagon, to Panama, to Iceland. I didn't know this base existed, right in my old back yard. Now I've come back to let others know."

(For more information about the Oregon Air National Guard, call 335-4040).

## BUSINESS ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

### MAIN STREET PROGRAM FOR MLK JR. BOULEVARD

Businesses along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard will soon be uniting in an effort referred to as the "Main Street" project, thanks to a grant from the Portland Development Commission and conditional on funds contributed by the businesses themselves.

Exactly what a "main street" is and what is involved will be the subject of the next North-Northeast Business Association Membership Luncheon Forum on Wednesday, March 11 at Kaiser Permanente Town Hall building, 3704 N. Interstate Avenue. The event runs from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, and the cost is \$12.50 per person.

Featured speaker will be Vicki Hilliard, the state coordinator for the Oregon Downtown Development Association, a division of Livable Oregon. She has held main street manager positions in two Oklahoma communities before moving to Oregon in 1995 to manage the North Santiam Canyon Regional Main Street Program. Ms. Hilliard, along with other panel speakers, will be able to give hands-on experience on just what businesses can expect, how they need to be involved and what the end results can be.

The Association board has been interviewing candidates for its main street manager position and is expected to announce and introduce their final selection at the Forum.

The N-NBA is an association of businesses dedicated to improving business opportunities and creating jobs to enhance the quality of life for the North-Northeast community. Membership is open to any business located in North or Northeast Portland. Those interested in attending the luncheon forum or obtaining membership information may call the Association office at 284-3093.