

# METRO *Life*

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## SECTION B

### Community Calendar

#### Dynamic Differences

A diversity training program sponsored by the Metropolitan Human Rights Center will be presented on Wednesday, June 17th from 6:30 - 9 PM in the St. John Community Center, 8427 N. Central in Portland. The program is designed to help people from different backgrounds increase community awareness of all forms of prejudice and oppression, including classism.

#### Rummage Sale

Loaves and Fishes Spring Rummage Sale will take place on Friday, June 12th from 9 AM to 6 PM and Saturday, June 13th from 9 AM to 4 PM. The event will take place in the Loaves & Fishes Parking Lot, 6125 SE. 52nd Avenue. The items are priced to sell at very low prices. Call 736-MEAL.

#### Fundraiser Dinner

In Other Words is a non-profit feminist bookstore in the nation. Every year, we host a fundraiser dinner and evening of entertainment, and this year we will outdo ourselves with a delectable Greek buffet at Berbati's Pan followed by the soulful tunes of Little Sue and will be hosted by nationally renowned lesbian comic Georgia Ragsdale. Call 232-6003.

#### Task Force

Who knows the needs of your community better than you, the community citizens? Why is your voice not being heard? There will be a youth gangs task force meeting on July 15th at the King Neighborhood Facility (4815 NE 7th) at 6:30 PM.

#### Gay Pride

In celebration of Gay Pride, Terry Wiley, feminist activist and organizer in the local pro-choice community, will review "Sisters, Sexperts, Queers: Beyond the Lesbian Nation", an anthology of essays. Join Radical Women on Wednesday, June 10th at 6:30 PM at the Northwest Neighborhood Cultural Center. Call 228-3090.

#### Peace Through Meditation

Authorized representatives of Sant Thakar Singh will be offering a free program which includes instructions for the inner Light and Sound meditation.

This process, which brings inner peace, can be learned by young and old alike. The meditation will be held on Saturday, June 13th from 1 to 5 PM at the Astoria City Library.

#### Children's Museum

Youngsters will be able to visit real and imaginary places animals might live in "Home Sweet Habitat," the newest exhibit at the Children's Museum opening June 20th. The exhibit runs through September 27th. The Museum is open everyday from 9 AM to 5 PM; admission is \$4 per person for ages one and up. Call 823-3667.

#### Symphonic Choir

Portland Symphonic Choir, the city's oldest and largest choral organization seeks experienced tenors, basses and baritones for its 1998-99 season of concerts, including dates with the Oregon Symphony. For information, contact the Choir at 223-1217.

#### Self Enhancement Volunteers

Self-Enhancement is seeking volunteers over the age of 18, for its 6-week summer program. Volunteers are needed from July 6th to August 14th, weekday mornings and afternoons.

All volunteers must complete an application and background check.

Applications must be received by June 22nd. Call 249-1721, ext. 257.

## Black Baccalaureate Honor's African American High School Graduates



Ceremony Open to the community were invited to support African American Youth who are succeeding, held at the University of Portland.



Chaka Washington, Benson High School and DeAndre Washington of Grant High School.

A free ceremony to celebrate the achievements of African American graduating high school senior from the Portland area was held Sunday May 31, 1998 at the University of Portland, Chiles Center. The entire community was invited to join in supporting African American youth who are succeeding.

The event was co-sponsored by Bridge Builders Program and the Urban League of Portland and other partners include community-based agencies, schools and social service organizations.

About 100 high school graduates participated in the ceremony, with their families and friends in attendance.

The Keynote speaker was Okianer Christian Dark, Assistant U.S. Attorney.

The achievements of African American youth are often overshadowed by those of their classmates and the community is often not aware of the awards, honors, and scholarships received by our youth. The Black Baccalaureate showcases the talents, intelligence, and community involvement of our youth.

## The Multnomah County Youth Advisory Board seeks youth for the 1998-99 board

This is an opportunity for youth in Multnomah County to have a voice in issues and policies that affect their lives and the lives of their peers.

The Multnomah County Youth Advisory Board, a committee of the Multnomah Commission on Children and Families, enters its third year beginning this fall. The board consists of a maximum of 32 youth (ages 14-19) from across Multnomah County—from public high

schools, private high schools, alternative schools, emancipated youth programs and other youth programs throughout the county.

The current members of the Youth Advisory Board seek new members that represent the full diversity of youth in Multnomah County including: geographical area, ethnicity, age, socio-economic background and all others. This type of diversity helps the board in re-

viewing policies and/or programs, making recommendations representative of the opinions of all of the youth of Multnomah County.

To get an application, or to get answers to your questions, please call 306-5859 or email [jana.j.rowley@co.multnomah.or.us](mailto:jana.j.rowley@co.multnomah.or.us). Give us your name, mailing address and phone number and we'll get an application to you immediately. Applications must be postmarked by June 20, 1998.

## The Gladys McCoy Academy

The Class of 1998 and Oregon Outreach proudly invites you to the Senior Graduation Ceremony held on June 10, 1998 at 7:00 pm at Bethel A.M.E., 5828 NE 8th Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

## PCC Co-Sponsors Youth Communication Conference

Giving youth a stake in their community and respecting them enough to listen to their opinions was the foundation for a day-long conference at Portland Community College's Cascade Campus on Friday, May 29.

You advocates, educators, youth-minded community members and the youths themselves gathered to take part in a multi-faceted workshop aimed at helping adults and youths communicate better for the good of an entire community. The keynote speaker of the event was Della M. Hughes, executive director of the National Network for Youth in Washington, D.C.

Young People: Transforming Lives, Transforming Communities was a conference bringing community members together with young people, parents, educators and youth services professional to discuss how people in the community can help empower young people to succeed and feel like they are a part of the "big picture." The conference featured workshops on conversation methods for adults and youths, a youth development seminar, how to involve youth in policy-making decisions at the county level and a host of other activities. The conference was sponsored by the Youth Services Consortium, the Oregon Commission on Children and Families and PCC.



Left to Right: Della M Hughes and Aubrey Sharp. (Photo by M. Washington)

Michael Morrow, PCC Child Care Services Coordinator and co-organizer of the conference, said anyone who has listened to the students following the May 21 shooting at Thurston High School in Springfield knows why such a conference is needed.

"The overwhelming response from stu-

dents reacting to the Springfield tragedy is that 'adults don't listen to us,'" said Morrow.

"The focus of this conference is communicating with youth."

Morrow added that this conference gave media outlets the opportunity to see young people in the Portland area who seek to

help curb youth violence and make a difference in their communities.

"There is a huge number of youths out there who are doing great things," he said. "This conference showed people who they are and what they are doing to become a part of the solution."