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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Dynamic Differences

A diversity training program sponsored by the Metropolitan Human Rights Center - will be presented Tuesday, June 30th, 6:30-9 PM at the Goalpost building at 8932 N Woolsey Ave in Portland. Dynamic Differences is designed to help people from different backgrounds increase community awareness of all forms of prejudice and oppression - including classism. Call 823-5136 (Voice TTY).

Fight Forest Fire

Forest Fire Suppression training will be offered again this year. The training is free, and is sponsored by Oregon Outreach, Inc. at 3802 NE MLK, Jr. Blvd. If you're 18 or older, physically fit and interested in an exciting, on-call summer job that pays well, consider registering for a four day, certified training program in Forest Fire Suppression. Call 281-9597, or fax a resume at 281-8817.

Fair Housing Workshop

The Fair Housing Council of Oregon is offering a free workshop for landlords and tenants on civil rights in housing. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, June 17th from 6-8 PM at the Community Room of the Gresham Public Library in Gresham. Capacity for the workshops is limited. Call 223-8295.

Blues Festival

The 11th Annual Miller Genuine Draft Waterfront Blues Festival - the largest, most affordable event of its kind on the West Coast - promises its strongest lineup ever. During the four-day event, more than 40 national, regional and local acts will perform non-stop on two stages in the spectacular Tom McCall Park along the banks of the Willamette River. Events are scheduled from Thursday, July 2nd to Sunday, July 5th. Call 913-FEST or visit <http://www.waterfrontbluesfest.com>.

Steak House

The A.1. Rolling Steak House will be serving up free samples of prime steaks and offering summer grilling tips at Portland Rose Festival in Portland on June 13-14th. This custom-designed truck has a real steak house built right into it, and it will feature demonstrations by one of the area's top steak house chefs. Professional steak house chefs will share grilling secrets and recipes, while grilling up free steak samples for all visitors. Call 1-888-A1-STEAK.

Tennis For Kids

Professional tennis instructors will be holding a clinic, teaching the basics of tennis in a fun, friendly atmosphere. Prizes, food, racquets, and tennis balls will be provided. No experience necessary! Portland Parks and the Urban Parks Program are sponsoring the FREE event at Alberta Park on Saturday, June 20th, from 11-1 PM. For questions and to register, call 823-6010.

Listening Party

African Americans Supporting African Americans In The Media (AASAITM) invites you to a listening party of Portland's own "Soul Unique". Come join us and hear the new soundtrack before it is released. The event is being held at Reflections Coffee & Books on 446 NE Killingsworth. Listening time is 7 PM and on Friday, June 26th.

Task Force

Who knows the needs of your community better than you, the community citizens? Do you have concerns about gangs, drugs, and violence in your neighborhood? Why is your voice not being heard? Please come and share your experiences and questions at the following Youth Gangs Task Force Meeting For Community Citizens at the King Neighborhood Facility (4815 NE 7th). Their next meeting will be held on July 15th at 6:30 PM.

Summer's Coming, Are You Ready?



With all the heat Portland experienced last week, children swarmed to the Rose Quarter fountain and ran all around trying to capture little globs of water as they shot out of holes in the ground. (Photo By Neil Heilpern)

Portland's own Royal Rosarians

Portland's own Royal Rosarians warmly greeted and were greeted warmly by more than cooperative temperatures, (in the mid 80's), as Portland commemorated 90 years of parading through the streets of Portland, The second largest marching parade in the nation.

(Photo by M. Washington)



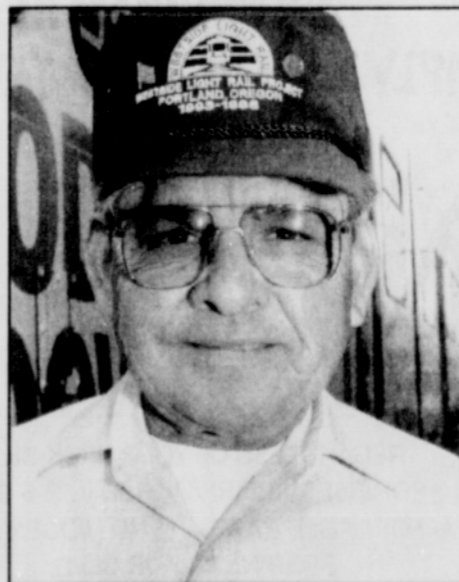
Tri-Met Announces Top Employees For 1998



Patsy Griffin



Gary Nelson



Jose Guerra

A northeast Portland resident has earned the highest distinction for Tri-Met part-time bus operators. Patsy Griffin, 48, was named Tri-Met's Bus Operator of the Year for part-time employees during an awards banquet earlier this month. She currently drives bus route 31-Estacada and has served at Tri-Met since 1985. She qualified for the award based on an outstanding work record, and then was elected by a vote of her peers. Gary Nelson, 45, of Vancouver won the title Bus Operator of the Year for full-time bus operators. Jose Guerra, 62, of Southeast Portland was recognized as the most outstanding MAX operator.

Community Meeting To Plan Response To Childhood Lead Poisoning

Childhood lead poisoning is a serious and preventable health problem in our community. The Urban League of Portland invites anyone interested in helping to solve this problem to attend a meeting on Monday, June 15th from 6 pm to 8:30 pm at the Urban League at 10 North Russell Street.

You can join others who are working to create a Lead Poisoning Comprehensive Plan to fight this problem in Portland. The committee will identify the needs, issues, resources and gaps in service for families affected by this common disease, which most often affects children of color and low-income children. Your voice and perspective are needed.

To find out how you can get involved, call Lore Wintergreen at the Urban League at (503) 280-2662. Childcare, transportation assistance and language translation services can be arranged in many cases with advance notice.

The Urban League of Portland is a non-profit, community-based human service, economic and social justice agency serving families, students, job seekers, and seniors.

The Urban League is home to Multnomah County's Northeast Family Center and Northeast Senior Service Center and the Northeast One Stop Career Center.