

# METRO *Life*

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SECTION B

**Community Calendar**

**Caribbean Cruise Affair**

As more African Americans prepare to take cruises this summer, local merchants say these vacationers are looking for versatile, colorful clothing for the occasion. Diana McKnight, owner of World Village Boutique, will showcase an array of colorful cruise wear during a free fashion show entitled, "A Caribbean Cruise Affair" from 3 PM to 5 PM on July 31 at World Village, 5126 NE Martin Luther King Blvd. Refreshments will be served. To reserve a seat at the fashion show call 503/249-3790. Call now. Seating is limited.

**Social Security (Facts or Fiction?)**

A free seminar on Social Security will be held on Saturday, July 31 from 10 AM until NOON. There will be speakers from the social security office, AARP Oregon State office, Senator Ron Wyden Office, Education Coordinator from UFCW 555. There will be a question and answer period. Now is the time to find out what is really going on with Social Security. The event will be at the Lutheran Inner City Ministries (located on 4219 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.).

**Adopt-a-Pet Fair**

The Oregon Humane Society's Third Annual Adopt-a-Pet Fair will be held on Friday, July 30, through Sunday, August 1 from 10 AM until 7 PM all days. This is a great time to find a new best friend for life. There will be special adoption packages for featured pets. All dogs get free adoption package provided by Pet Pro and include sample of Vita Gravy and Dispoz-a-Scoop. Other activities are planned. The Oregon Humane Society is located at 1067 NE Columbia Blvd. The number is 503/285-7722.

**Help Needy Children**

The L.I.F.E. (Low-Income Families Emergency) Center is having its 16<sup>th</sup> annual back-to-school drive for needy children (K-12). The drive will continue through August 10, 1999. The Center needs new and good usable clothing to ensure needy children are properly prepared for the upcoming school year. If you need more information or would like to volunteer for the giveaway, call Leslie Garth at 503/284-6878. All donations maybe dropped off at the L.I.F.E. Center at 2746 NE MLK Jr. Blvd. Or, call the Center for a pick-up.

**Dog Days of Summer**

On Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> from 10 AM until 5 PM, unleash your spirit on MLK Boulevard with special sidewalk sale discounts. Enjoy a neighborhood celebration featuring food, music, entertainment and fun dog events. The event is sponsored by the MLK Goode Ole Days Merchants Society. Call Bridget Bayer at 503/288-4169.

**Ancient Forest Picnic**

Join ONRC friends and families for a day of guided ancient forest hikes, games, swimming, music and fabulous vegetarian bar-b-que. Learn about the Oregon Wild campaign to protect wilderness in Oregon on Sunday, August 22 from 11 AM - 5 PM. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids 8-18. This will get you the entire day's activities and all-you-can-eat. For more information or directions, contact Catherine at 503-283-6343 ext.211 or visit their website page at [ct@onrc.org](http://ct@onrc.org).

**Divorce Recovery Support Groups**

Beaverton Christian Church offers a DIVORCE Recovery Group on Monday evenings at 7 PM at Beaverton Christian Church, 13600 SW Allen Blvd. This group provides an opportunity for support, sharing and guidance. It is designed as a support group - not as a substitute for individual therapy. If you are interested in the group, contact Dr. Randy Christian at 503/646-2151, ext. 240.

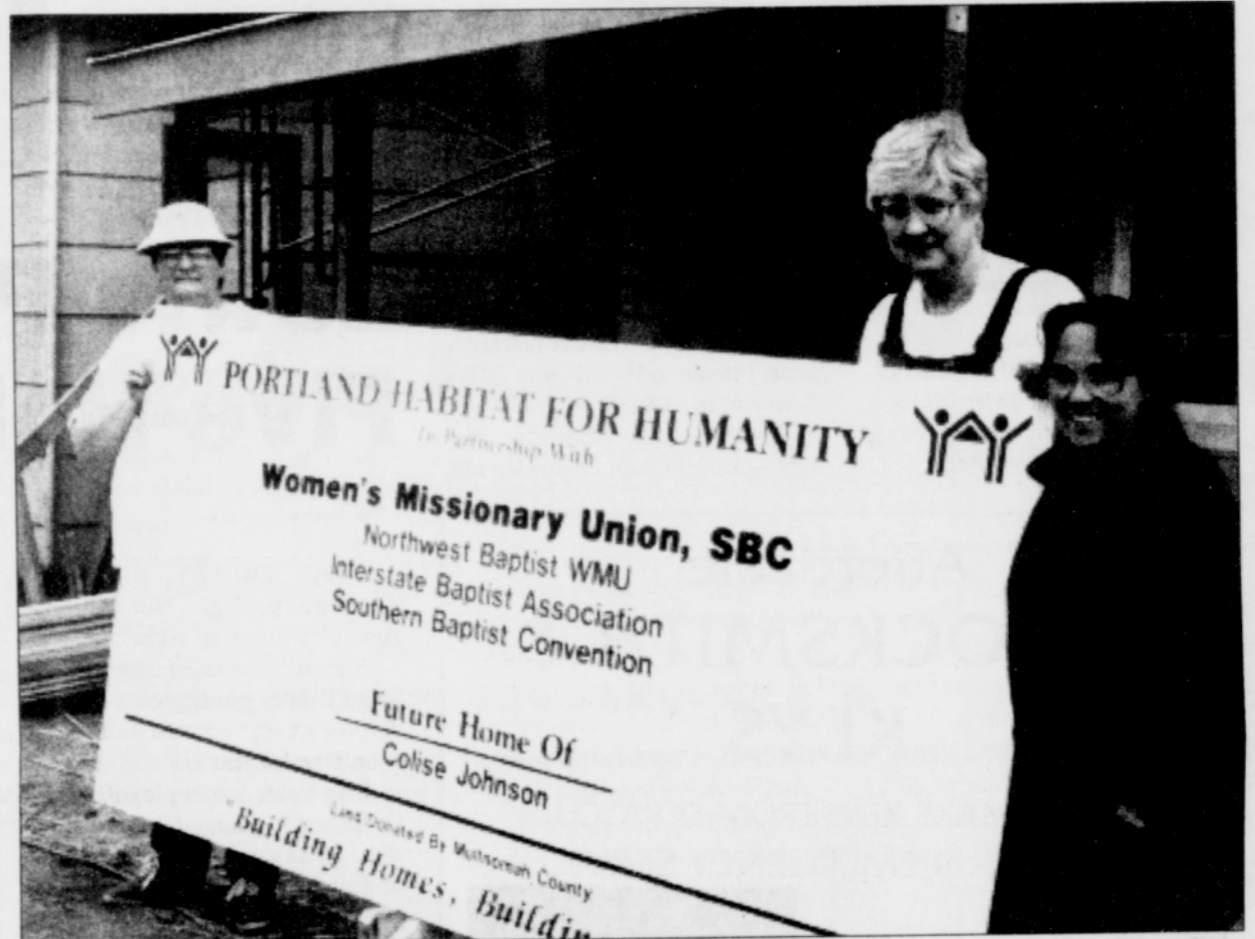
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## Proud Habitat Homeowner Colise Johnson Helps Herself Home

Portland Habitat for Humanity and Women's Missionary Union Build a Home in a Week!

During the week of July 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, Portland Habitat for Humanity and a host of other blitz-built a single-family home for Colise Johnson, a single mother who takes on the world with determination in spite of several disabilities. Colise, along members of the Women's Missionary Union from as far away as Alaska, Hawaii, Nevada and Tennessee, the "Vision" Youth Choir from Bothel, Washington, and staff and volunteers from Portland Habitat for Humanity were found last week on the corner of NE 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Brazeo, building the entire house from the ground up. Colise Johnson is a single mother of two. This year, she is celebrating her eleventh year of sobriety. She suffers from both epilepsy and cerebral palsy, and, with the help of advanced neurological technology, is able to live inde-

pendently and pursue her dreams, one of which is to own her own home. "I strive to be as independent as possible - being a Habitat for Humanity homeowner will allow me to get out of the subsidized housing system and begin earning equity for myself and my family. The motto for Habitat is 'we'll give you a hand up and not a hand out', and I am proud of what I have accomplished for both me and my kids," says Colise. And, proud is what she should be. Colise was approved to be a Habitat homeowner in 1998. Within 23 days of ap-



Administrators of the Habitat For Humanities celebrate with Colise Johnson, right, as she sweat-equities her way into home ownership.



proval, Colise had completed the 400 required hours of "sweat equity" with Portland Habitat for Humanity.

## Johnnie Cochran Challenges Nation's Top Black Cops "Put Me Out Of Business!"



Johnnie Cochran

Noted attorney, Johnnie Cochran, challenged the nation's top Black law enforcement officials to put him out of the business of making millions of dollars in civil rights lawsuits based on police brutality and excessive use of force. Cochran made his remarks at the CEO Symposium Speakers Forum at the Annual Conference of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executive (NOBLE) in Portland Oregon. Cochran is making millions of dollars litigating cases of alleged police misconduct across the country. Some of Cochran's high profile cases include: the brutalization of Abner Louima inside a Brooklyn, New York police station; the shooting death of 19 year old Tyisha Miller in Riverside, California; and the fatal shooting of Junious Roberts during a traffic stop by a Montgomery County, Maryland police officer. The NOBLE annual Training conference and Exhibition runs through July 28<sup>th</sup> in Portland. NOBLE is widely involved in the development of policies and training programs for law enforcement departments and officers, offering instruction in proper procedures and circumstances under which officers should display and discharge weapons. Cochran, a long-time supporter of NOBLE, praised its membership, saying, "This is one of my favorite organizations because, as the conscience of

law enforcement, what you do is so important. One of the toughest jobs in the country is being a Black police officer." But noting how some New York officers ended up in court for helping cover-up the assault against his client, Abner Louima, Cochran also urged the group to do more to help, "change the culture of police departments so the bad police officers fear the good ones, and not vice versa." Cochran's address to the group will be aired on C-Span in August. The forum was moderated by NOBLE Executive Director, Robert L. Stewart and past Executive Chief James Golden, Saginaw Police Department; Chief Charles Moose; Portland Bureau of Police; Chief William Finney, St. Paul Police Department; Steve Rosenbaum, U.S. Justice Department, Civil Rights Division; Superintendent LeRon Howland, Director Police Practices Project, American Civil Liberties Union; Dr. Hubert Williams, President Police Foundation; Chief Ronald Neubauer, President International Association of Chiefs of Police; Sylvester Daughtry, Jr., Commission of Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies. NOBLE is an association of more than 3,500 command-level law enforcement officials from federal, state and municipal law enforcement agencies across the country. NOBLE is committed to justice by action.