

# METRO *Life*

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SECTION B

## Community Calendar

### Local Teen Talent for MusicFest 2000

Talented teen bands looking for a big break may just find it at MusicFest 2000. The Rose Festival is inviting Portland-area teen bands to submit applications for the fourth annual competition. The best of the bands will be chosen to perform at Rose Festival events in June, and the winning band secures a prime spot on the Pepsi Waterfront Main Stage. At least half of the group's members must be currently enrolled in high school for the band to participate in MusicFest. Applications must be accompanied by a group photo and a demo tape or CD. All applications must be postmarked by Wednesday, March 15. Call 503/227-2681.

### An Evening of Negro Spirituals

You are cordially invited to the Bethel A.M.E. Church, Cathedral Choir's special concert to celebrate Black History Month. The evening's presentation depicts a world which vanished in the wake of integration...the world of living colored. This special event will be held at the Bethel A.M.E. Church on Sunday, February 27 at 4 pm. For more information, call 503/288-5429.

### Community Plaza Design Workshops

Kerns Community Members are invited to participate in a series of Design Workshops to create a community plaza. The plaza will be located in the Kerns Neighborhood in the area of 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue and East Burnside. Local Landscape Designer, Mike Whitmore and student from the Benson High School's Architecture program will help participants create a space that serves the communities needs. The event will be on Tuesday, March 7, 8 am. at Natures Fresh Northwest on 2826 East Burnside. Call 503/823-3449.

### Child Support for Children Scholarship

CHILDSUPPORTFORCHILDREN is offering four \$1000 scholarships to graduating students across the state who wish to further their education. Students interested in applying should contact their high school counselors. All applications must be received no later than April 1, 2000. Four students will be selected. Businesses and individuals interested in making a tax deductible contribution may contact Barbara Hansen, Executive Director, at 503/622-3588.

### Highland Passion Play

The Highland Passion Play is an Easter musical with performances in April. Actors and singers of all ages and crew needed. Also looking for keyboardist. For more information, please call 669-8974.

### Kerns Can! Film Festival

On March 18 and 19, the Laurelhurst Theater will sponsor the first annual Kerns Can! Film Festival. Admission to the first matinee shows is free with a canned food donation. All donations will benefit Jean's Place, a local women's shelter. Open to all ages. Call Elizabeth Kennedy at 503/823-3449.

## Community celebrates Patton home redevelopment



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City, county and state leaders joined ministers from Portland's Albina neighborhood Feb 18, 2000, at Patton Home, 4619 N. Michigan, to celebrate the Patton Home Community Redevelopment Project. The project is a \$6.6 million collaboration

funded by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, of which Charles Jordan is President of the Board of Directors, Meyer Memorial Trust, the Portland Development Commission, the state Housing Trust Fund, and other community partners.

Construction, scheduled for completion by the end of the year, will provide rooms for 64 low-income adults with special needs and

14,000 square feet of meeting space for community and non-profit organizations. For over a century the three-story Patton House in Northeast Portland has been a home to people who need assistance.

The renovation of the 70,000 square foot house will provide a new roof, upgraded foundation, exterior, heating, cooling, plumbing, and electrical systems.

The central kitchen will also be remodeled, plus eight new bathrooms and a sunroom will be added.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is an association of 15 Christian denominations including Protestant, Orthodox and Roman Catholic religious bodies that work together to respond as a people of faith to the needs of Oregonians.

## Black History Month



**Genealogist** - Like *Cyrano de Bergerac*, Alex Haley penned love letters on behalf of friends. *De Bergerac* wrote his within the pages of a drama; Haley authored his during off-duty hours as a messboy in the U.S. Coast Guard, beginning to hone the skills that would result, some twenty years later, in his becoming a fiercely independent professional writer in the civilian world. Growing up in Tennessee, Haley had listened to stories about his ancestors that, embellished by intensive research and creative imagination, served as the foundation for *Roots: The Saga of an American Family*. The story of West African Kunta Kinte and his American descendants eventually was translated into twenty-two languages and reaped 271 awards, including the Pulitzer Prize. It was published eleven years after the appearance of Haley's first book, *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, a riveting description of a dramatic life that was also a best-seller - though its popularity did not reach the phenomenal level attained by *Roots*.

## Oregon Hits the JackPot

Portland's Jefferson High School was awarded (3) selections and Benson High School gets (1) for a total of (4) selections out of 1800 prep basketball standouts in the nation to be on McDonald's 2000 All American High School Basketball Team.

There are a total of 24 slots on the team. The selections are as follows:

- Jefferson High School  
1. Brandon Brooks 6'3" point guard  
2. Antone Jarrell 6'6" wing guard  
3. John Tinnon 6'8" forward guard

Benson High School

1. Robert Day 6'5"

Award ceremonies are scheduled for 2:00 P.M., February 23, 2000 at their respective schools. McDonald's All-American alumni includes such current and former NBA

superstars as Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Grant Hill, Patrick Ewing, Isaiah Thomas and Dominique Wilkins. This year's McDonald's All-American Game will be played Wednesday, March 29, at the Fleet Center in Boston, home of the Boston Celtics. The game will be broadcast live on ESPN during primetime at 8 P.M. (EST). All proceeds from the game benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern New England.



Benson Techman Robert Day



Left to right: John Tinnon, Brandon Brooks, and Antone Jarrell of the Jefferson Democrats.

## Beavers named producer, host of Spectrum

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Portland-Raina Beavers, recognized motivational speaker and 1985 Portland Rose Festival Queen, has been named producer and host of "Spectrum," an AT&T Cable Services Community Television production. An eight-year producer of Oregon's largest Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration, Beavers also serves as an independent contractor with Portland Public School system offering a range of youth leadership services. A 10-year host of Paragon Cable's Northeast Spectrum, she is also an active volunteer with the World Arts Foundation, Inc., the Oregon Association of Student Councils, Self Enhancement, Inc., Bridge Builders and the

Portland Rose Festival Association. NE Spectrum, Oregon's only locally produced program focusing on issues of relevance to the African American community, has been reformatted to include issues and topics of importance to a broader group of ethnic populations and minorities. "As the greater Portland Metro area's diverse population continues to grow," said Kevin Mulligan, Regional Director of Communications "we aim to serve as a voice for the many groups of people that make our region unique and special." Spectrum is scheduled to premiere Wednesday, February 23, 2000 at 8:00 PM on AT&T Cable Services Community Television channel 44 in Vancouver, channel 54 east of the Willamette River and on channel 52 west of the Willamette.