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Community Calendar

Spring College Fair

The Pacific Northwest Association for College Admission Counseling (PNACAC) Portland Spring College Fair will be held at the University of Portland Chiles Center on Sunday, April 2 from NOON - 3 pm. Over 100 colleges and universities from throughout the country will be on hand to share information with students and their families. Area high school counselors and financial aid administrators will be available to answer specific questions about college planning and financing an education. The University of Portland is located at 5000 N Willamette Blvd. Call 503/943-7147.

17th Annual Lee Owen Stone Benefit Auction

All are invited to enjoy a delicious Mediterranean buffet and bid on hundreds of exciting items at the 17th Annual Lee Owen Stone Benefit Auction on Saturday, April 1, starting at 6:30 pm. All proceeds go to support Oregon's oldest cooperative preschool. A nonprofit dedicated to diversity and parent involvement to create an enriching learning space for children 2 to 5 years old. Location of this year's auction will be at St. Andrew Community Center, located at 4940 NE 8th Ave., just south of NE 8th & Alberta. There will be a buffet, silent auction at 6:30 pm. and an oral auction at 7 pm. Tickets are \$10.

Wednesday's Soul Stew

Portland finally has a soul night! Whether you're a fan or an aficionado, you will be digin' the newest addition to Portland's dance nightlife, Wednesday's Soul Stew. Held weekly at the newly renovated Viscount Ballroom. DJ's Eric T. Hedford (ex Dandy Warhol/ aka the pioneering DJ Aquaman) and Brian Martin (of Seattle's Truth and Soul) will be spinning 60's and 70's rare and classic soul off the original 45's. Be there or be Square.

Portland Waldorf School

Workshops on a variety of topics (How to Tell Your Child a Story, Puppetry, Working with the Voice in Storytelling, etc.) will be offered at the Portland Waldorf School (109 NE 50th) on Saturday, April 1 beginning at 9 am. During the evening, a presentation of *Word of Mouth: In the Beginning...*, a Festival of Words, on March 31 and April 1. The festival will include an evening performance for adults beginning at 7:30 pm. on Friday and Saturday, as well as a children's matinee performance at 2 pm. on April 1. All shows will be held at McGuire Auditorium at Warner Pacific College (2119 SE 68th Ave.). Call 234-9660.

Understanding the Sex Industry

The sex industry is about power, and using real human beings to gratify and support the fantasies of others. The exploiters make a lot of money, the people used in the industry get hurt, and society is left to live with, and pay for, a lot of damage. The Red Rose School will host an eight week class on the sex industry addressing these concerns, and focusing on new ways to eliminate commercialized sexual exploitation. Thursday evenings, from 7:30 to 9:30 pm., beginning on March 23. Call 236-7244.

Computer ABC's for the Family

Spend valuable time interacting with your child or grandchild at Portsmouth Community School in North Portland. Use educational software, increase your knowledge of terminology and techniques, browse the Internet, develop digital pictures, create an address book and presentations, and even learn how to make some basic repairs. The event runs through March 16, 6:30-8 pm., \$12 per family and \$4 for individual. Call 823-PLAY.

Break out the beads and candy, its Mardi Gras again



Margaret Carter enjoys the celebration with a myriad of fellow costumed and masked people at the Cascade Center at Portland Community College yesterday during their annual festivities. The event sported music, dance and a good time for Portland residents.

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Minority-owned business continues to fight city's attempt at closure

• Business celebrating two-year anniversary of serving Inner-Northeast Community

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On Friday, March 3, United Gas & Food Mart celebrated over two years of business at its location on 3435 NE Martin Luther King, JR Blvd. The Business thanked customers by providing refreshment throughout the weekend. At the same time, the company is continuing to fight a nuisance suit filed by the city of Portland over two years ago against the former owner of the property. The nuisance suit seeks to close the gas station and convenience store for one year. United Gas & Food Mart is one of the few thriving minority owned businesses on Martin Luther King, JR Blvd. When United Gas & Food Mart took over operation of the gas station and convenience store in January 1998, the property was the subject of numerous neighborhood complaints. Since United Gas



& Food Mart began operation, complaints about the property have virtually ceased. The well lit, twenty four-hour-a-day gas station

convenience store at the Southeast corner of Fremont and MLK has transformed the intersection with its commercial activity.

Despite these improvement, the City of

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Democrats win opener by a landslide over Dallas

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The undefeated, top-ranked Jefferson Democrats made three-pointers on their first two possessions and didn't have an empty offensive trip until 1:15 was left in the first quarter as they raced out to a 55-30 halftime lead and never looked back in a 94-65 romp over Dallas.

The win puts Jefferson into the second round of the O.S.A.A.-U.S. Bank Class 4A boys basketball championship against a Lake Oswego team that may provide more of a challenge.

Jefferson's full-court pressure forced Dallas to speed the pace up from the get-go, and their fearsome combination of size and quickness allowed them to dominate the glass while committing just 3 first half turnovers. The Democrats shot 62% for the game, including 8 for 15 from three point range, and showed why they are the overwhelming favorite to win the tournament.

Antone Jarrell had three highlight film dunks in the first half and added a 180 flush in the second en route to a 20 point night, leading all

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