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Community Calendar

6th Annual Northwest Black Music Month Celebration

The 6th Annual Northwest Black Music Month Celebration will hold its 2000 celebration June 22-25 in Portland. The four-day event will offer a 1-day seminar on songwriting, putting a demo together, understanding contracts, artist showcase and other important aspects of the music business. The music seminar and private networking events are restricted to registered badge holder. Registration deadline is June 9th. Call 517-0611.

Swim into Summer

Get in the swim of things this summer with Portland Parks & Recreation's award-winning Aquatics Program. Start off the season with a free *Learn to Swim* session for youth, June 19-23, sponsored by PP&R and *The Oregonian*. Walk-in registration only takes place on Saturday, June 17, 8-11:30 am. at participating pools. The regular two-week swim sessions run from June 26-September 1. Private and semi-private lessons are available, also. Youth ages 11-14 can register for a Junior Swim Instructor session which provides pre-training for becoming a certified swim instructor. Call 823-5130 or check out their Web site at www.portlandparks.org.

Christian Drama Camp

Lutheran InnerCity Ministries will be hosting an 8 week Christian Drama Camp for area youth entering the fifth and sixth grades. The camp starts on June 26 and ends August 18. The camp hours are 8:45 am. - 12:15 pm. The purpose of the camp is to offer the youth a chance at learning many of the skills of the theater, while reinforcing the teachings of the bible. The camp will be taught by qualified theater professionals and take place at Lutheran InnerCity Ministries. Registration can be done in person or over the phone. Call Anthony Vece at 503/281-7036 or 503/481-8323.

Older Adults Needed

The Senior Companion Program is looking for seniors at least 60 years of age to assist older adults and adults with disabilities live in Washington and Multnomah counties. You can receive up to \$200 a month, tax-free while providing companionship-based services for adults who need assistance to continue living independently. Experience is not necessary, just a desire to help others. Call 503/249-0469.

Deliver Meals-On-Wheels to Seniors in Your Community

Join the Loaves & Fishes family as a volunteer. Meet new people and make friends while providing an invaluable service to seniors in your community. Brighten your day by helping someone else! Call Tyesis Gamble, the N/NE Loaves & Fishes Senior Nutrition Manager at 503/248-5211.

Bridging the Hunger Gap

For the first time in Portland history, n evening on the Hawthorne Bridge will become the hottest ticket in town. On July Fourth, 800 generous supporters of the Oregon Food Bank will dance and dine on the east end of the Hawthorne Bridge at the ¼ mile long Starspangled Blues party. Support of the 13th annual Safeway Waterfront Blues Festival, this one-time-only event will rise funds toward an ambitious capital campaign. Senators Gordon Smith and Ron Wyden will serve as Honorary Co-Chairs for the event.

Family Support Seminars

The Vancouver Avenue Baptist Church, located at 3138 North Vancouver Ave. will be having their Family Support Seminars. Topics include: Creating a Healthy Married Love Team (June 15), Managing the Family Economy as a Team (June 29), Becoming Parents; Creating a Family (July 13), Nonviolent Parenting; Parenting with Love (July 27) and How We Block and Open Communication with our Children (August 11). The Cost is \$10 per class and \$40 for the entire series.

Self Enhancement Inc. adds 'option'



The Kids of b.i.k.e. get a special opportunity from Tony Hopson at SEI.

"Life Options" is the slogan around the Center for Self Enhancement in Unthank Park, at the intersection of Haight, and Failing. Now Cycling is officially considered one of the "Options."

A Class called "Rollers 101" Has been added as an "Option" for middle school age children who attend SEI on Thursdays. "We enjoyed the "Kids on Bikes" program, b.i.k.e. put on last summer, so we are giving cycling a try as an after school class," said Marci Bradley, Director of Youth Services at SEI.

Stephen Gomez of the Serratto Restaurant on NW Kearney. "A New Jersey really brings a team together, and the SEI logo is the kid's gift to the whole team" said Jerry Powell, Cyclism Club Cycling coach, and b.i.k.e. Kid's Track Coach.

Many of the children in the b.i.k.e. program have won Oregon State Championships, are a part of the Junior Olympic Pipeline, and dream of racing in Europe someday. I like the idea of our kids winning the World Championships in Europe. I've never been to Europe. If our kids go, I want to go," Tony Hopson said.

All the kids of b.i.k.e. (bicycles & Ideas for Kids' Empowerment), a local cycling program, were awarded Admission and Tuition to the Self Enhancement Inc. (SEI) After School Program, by Hopson and his staff.

Kids from the b.i.k.e. program will be in the "Good in the Hood Parade 2000," June 25th. They will be competing for the Oregon State Track Championships at Alpenrose Velodrome. September 2nd.

The Rose Festival Navy Fleet arrives today

This year, the Rose Festival Navy Fleet consisting of 18 ships from the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, Royal Canadian Navy and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be arriving into Portland June 7 and 8.

Get on board to learn more about ships such as the USS *Rushmore* (LSD-47). Known as the flag ship, this vessel was named after the Mount Rushmore National Monument in the Black Hills of South Dakota and built by Avondale Industries in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mrs. Meredith Brokaw, wife of NBC News anchorman Tom Brokaw, christened the ship *Rushmore* on May 6, 1989. *Rushmore's* mission is to transport Marines with their combat equipment to areas designated throughout the world, then launch and support landing craft and helicopters during amphibious operations against hostile shores.

This year, you can make Rose Festival even more special for a sailor by inviting someone from the sea-going services to share an afternoon or evening with you and your family through the "Host-A-Sailor" program. Or, get on board on one of the ships from the U.S. Navy. Visiting hours will be June 9-11, from 1 to 5 pm. Hospitality service for "Host-A-Sailor" will accept invitations through Saturday, June 11. Located at Burnside Bridge by Waterfront Park, call 503/936-1169 or 503/936-1102 for more information.



Microsoft Corporation files breakup response

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Microsoft Corp. filed a fresh response to the Justice Department's breakup plan a day earlier than expected, clearing the way for a federal judge to make a final ruling in the protracted antitrust case.

In the filing, Microsoft, disdainful of the department's response to the company's earlier concerns, asked U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson to include previously suggested language that would give a broken-up Microsoft more freedom to enter into agreements with software developers and computer makers.

"Instead of agreeing to correct the many defects in the revised proposed final judgment, and thereby minimize the damage that its entry would inflict on a wide range of participants in the computer industry, the government has agreed to only a few cosmetic changes," Microsoft's attorneys wrote. In the brief, Microsoft also said that DOJ was, in its recent filing, "confirming that certain

provisions are more extreme than they might appear at first blush" and "blithely ignoring substantial problems Microsoft identified regarding the feasibility of complying with many of the provisions as drafted."

Microsoft was due to file the brief, expected to be the last in the case, on Wednesday. But company spokesman Jim Cullinan said the "cosmetic" filing by the government made it easier to reply quickly.

In Washington, Justice Department spokeswoman Gina Talamona said the company's filing "rehashes Microsoft's old arguments, ignores the extensive violations found by the court, denies the need for serious relief and grossly distorts our proposed remedy."

Jackson had been set to rule on the case — including whether to split the company into two parts — last week, but the department asked for more time so it could address clarifications brought up by the company. In Monday's court filing, the department agreed to grammatical and semantic changes,



Microsoft chairman Bill Gates told Congress on Tuesday that improving education nationwide and infusing technology into more school curriculums are crucial for the high-technology industry and the country's economic health.

but refused to concede to the company on major points such as giving Microsoft additional time to nail down details on how the breakup should occur, or more freedom in licensing and marketing its products.

The DOJ and 17 states have pushed to have Microsoft broken up into two separate companies — one to market and produce Windows, and the other to handle Microsoft Office and other applications software, along with the Internet Explorer Web browser.

In a ruling that shook the company, the industry and the markets, Jackson held April 3 that Microsoft engaged in anticompetitive conduct in violation of antitrust laws.

As his company was taking care of the last-minute legal work, Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates was in the nation's capital, appearing at a hearing on the future of high-technology in the United States and around the world.

Rep. Mel Watt, D-N.C., said that Gates, in a closed meeting with members of the Congressional Black Caucus, suggested he anticipated an adverse ruling.