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SECTION B

## Community Calendar

### Stories from India

Mahesh Dattani, performer, director, and award-winning playwright from India and students from his Story Theater of India Workshop perform *Stories from India* Friday, July 28 at 7:30 pm at Artists Repertory Theatre, 1516 SW Alder. Live musical accompaniment are provided by Steve Amdahl. The performance and the workshop that created it are part of PIPfest (Portland International Performance Festival). Tickets are available at the door and are \$4 general admission, and \$3 for PSU students. Call 503/72-LEARN (725-3276).

### Easy Bicycle Rides

If you are "55 or better," love bicycling, but are hesitant about riding in traffic, the OASIS Senior Education Center bike group is for you! OASIS Bike Rides ARE very easy and slow, but are NOT beginners' rides. Come meet new cycling friends. Please be sure to check your bicycle for safety beforehand, or have a good bicycle shop do that. Helmets required. Bring a bag lunch for a rest stop during your ride. \$2 per ride; registration required at time of your first ride. Call 503/236-1736.

### Kids Need Both Parents!

"Kids Need Both Parents" organization will be holding a Waterfront Concert for all citizens. Live band performances will be given by Darby O' Gill, Sterling Wolf, Backlash and more. The event will be held on Saturday, August 26, from 11 am. - 6 pm. They will be celebrating motherhood, fatherhood and family! Their intent is to make divorce less adversarial and encourage good role modeling for children. Bring the family for a good time! Call 503/224-9477.

### National Night Out and Picnic

National Night Out, the first Tuesday in August, is celebrated throughout Portland and the entire nation. It is a time for neighbors to come together - whether on front porches, streets or in parks - to get to know each other better and become more active in their communities as a way to help fight against crime. The Kerns Neighborhood Association will be hosting an annual "National Night Out" picnic to be held on Tuesday, August 1, from 6 to 9 pm at Oregon Park (corner of NE 30<sup>th</sup> and Oregon St.). Call Mira Ames at 503/309-0071.

### Nibble On This!

East Portland Community College will host a new multicultural celebration - The First Annual East Portland Nibble - sharing culture through music, art, and food. The event will be held at 740 SE 106<sup>th</sup> on Saturday, July 22 from 10 am. - 8 pm. All ages welcome with free admission. The event will feature multicultural music and dance performances, fine art displays, jugglers and food vendors offering Moroccan, Mexican, Polish, Hawaiian and Native American cuisine. There will be plenty of opportunity for neighbors to play together with outdoor volleyball, free craft activities, a petting zoo and a castle bouncer for small children.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Race Unity Event

Portland's third annual race unity event will take place on Sunday, July 23, starting at 3 pm. at Peninsula Park. The program highlights the historical progress of race relations in Portland, with a reminder that there is still work to be done to build and maintain unity in diversity. Interspersed with brief readings will be artistic expressions by people of many ethnic backgrounds, including Native American chanting, African drumming, Persian singing, European American dancing and more. Activities for children available. Sponsored by the Baha'is of Portland. Call 289-6274.

## Peninsula Little League wins 1<sup>st</sup> district championship



Left to right top row: Felicia Brown, Glen McDonald, Anthony Huff, Willie Horsley, and Jasmine Bowles. Left to right middle row: Zarrah Buitron, Tara Haney, Jasmine Millage, Marjory McDonald, and Turisha Blake. Left to right bottom row: Erykah Horsley, Laquisha Huff, Shanala Fischer-Williams, and Laurel Miller.

Peninsula Little League's 9-10 year old girls win their 1<sup>st</sup> ever District I Girls Softball Championship. The victory earned them the right to go on to the State Championships held in Grants Pass beginning July 23<sup>rd</sup> and ending July 27<sup>th</sup>. Eight teams from throughout the state will compete for top honors and bragging rights as 'state champions'.

## Keith Edwards appointed IBEW business manager

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Keith Edwards

Keith Edwards was appointed Business Manager for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) local 48 effective July 1, 2000. Edwards' appointment made him the first African American Business Manager of local 48.

Edwards has over thirty years of service with the IBEW including more than ten years in a leadership or supervisory role.

As Business Manager Edwards will be responsible for negotiating contracts as well as monitoring Local 48's jurisdiction in thirteen counties in Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington. In addition, Edwards will foster harmonious relations between labor and management. He also will be responsible for managing the health & welfare and pension plans as a Labor Trustee.

After graduating from Jefferson High School

and taking courses at Portland State University Edwards completed the IBEW Apprenticeship Program and became a Journeyman Electrician. An advocate of fair wages and workers rights, Edwards represented his colleagues by serving as Steward until 1990. He then was appointed full time Business Representative before becoming Assistant Business Manager in 1996.

Edwards cites that one important goal is to improve conditions for employees in the workplace. He will be organizing and protecting jurisdictions to benefit all electricians. "We will continue to prosper only with the support of our entire membership" stated Edwards.

During his tenure he plans to increase outreach to schools and diverse populations that traditionally don't view the electrical field as an option and a great opportunity. "Although Local 48 has been a leader in

recruiting peoples of diverse backgrounds, there continues to be room for improvement" said Edwards.

A community advocate, Edwards served as President of the Portland NAACP for one year to help increase its membership and organizational direction.

He has served on several boards including, Portland Youth Builders, IBEW and United Workers Federal Credit Union and the State of Oregon Electrical and Elevator Board where he is now completing his second four year term. He is also an active member of the Coalition of Black Men and the A. Phillip Randolph Institute.

Edwards attributes his success to his mother Mrs. June Terry who instilled in him a strong belief in God and a Christian foundation. Edwards and his wife Antoinette have five grown children and attend Mount Olivet Baptist Church. They are both active members in the community.

## Husbands and Fathers Encouraged in Portland's Rose Garden; Men Told to be a Father and Mentor to the Fatherless

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"Christian marriages are now outstanding secular marriage in that thing we call divorce," said Dr. Bruce Fong in his message. "The Covenant of Marriage: Husbands Going the Distance." Dr. Fong former pastor of Portland's Chinese Baptist Church and now the President of Michigan Theological Seminary, challenged men to "stick to the blueprint of God's original plan" for marriage. "We are different by design," he said "Marriage is a gift from God and we must be exclusive in our devotion to the wife God has placed by our side." More than 10,000 men filled the seats of

Portland's Rose Garden Arena again today for Promise Keepers Men's conference. Cheering, singing and lifting their hands in praise, the men were challenged to impact their families and communities for Christ. Acclaimed Christian author and family counselor, Dr. Gary Smalley and his sons, Greg and Michael presented a dramatic talk titled, "Charting the Course: Fathers Going the Distance." "Father are devalued in society, seen as babysitters" instead of as essential parent, said Dr. Greg Smalley. Breaking down the word DAD onto three key points - Decision, Action and Damage Control - the Smalleys stressed the importance of making a decision to impact the lives of our children, taking actions to be a servant to our families

and performing damage control by admitting our mistakes and asking for forgiveness from our children. After lunch the Smalley's presentation was "Challenge for Young Men" Sons Going the Distance." Speaking directly to a crowd of youth gathered at the foot of the stage, Dr. Gary Smalley urged them to "Honor your father the way you would a celebrity. Cheer wildly when he comes home, do thing for him, make him feel honored." Later in the day, Dr. Erwin Lutzer, Senior Pastor at Moody Bible Church in Chicago, IL spoke about mentoring in his message, "Confronting Fatherlessness: Mentors Going the Distance." "Tomorrow morning, over 23 billion children will wake up without a father," said Dr. Lutzer. "It is not an issue the

government or the schools can solve - men must take responsibility." Encouraging men to become mentors and friends to children in need, Dr. Lutzer emphasized the importance of portraying the Christian model of a father for fatherless children and single parents." Later This Summer, Promise Keepers' sixth men's conference of 2000 will be held in Louisville, Ky. (July 28-29) Later this summer, men's conferences will be held in Milwaukee, Wis. (Aug. 11-12), Albuquerque, N.M. (Aug. 18-19), and Worcester, Mass. (Aug. 25-26). The entire 16-conference season runs through October. For more information, visit our Newsroom at www.promisekeepers.org/ media or call the National Media Office at 303-964-7777/fax 303-964-7720