

# METRO *Life*

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SECTION B

## Community Calendar

### Community Calendar Game Night

Come and join the fun. Play your favorite board and card games! The Miracles Club will be having "Game Night" on Oct. 21, from 9 p.m. until late. Play chess, Bid Whiz, Spades, Dominoes, Pinochle, Scrabble and other fun games. Donation is only \$2. This is a clean and sober event.

### Northwest Children's Theater Bookfair

Barnes & Noble, located near the Lloyd Center will be having the Northwest Children's Theater Bookfair on Saturday, October 28, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. During bookfair hours, a percentage of all our sales will be donated to Northwest Children's Theater, Oregon's award-winning family theater. NCT continues its tradition of excellence this season with productions including *Sherlock Holmes* and *The Hobbit*.

### Madison's Grill Halloween Party

Madison's Grill, located at 1109 SE Madison, on the corner of SE 11<sup>th</sup> and Madison will be having a Halloween party featuring Catfish, prizes and drink and food specials. Dress up as your favorite musician for prizes! The event will be on Saturday, Oct. 28. There is a \$3 cover charge for all shows. Call 503/220-0901.

### Halloween Carnival

The Brentwood-Darlington Community Center will be having a Halloween Carnival featuring games, ring toss, cake-tou walk, fortune teller and more. The event will be on Oct. 21 from 5:30 - 9 p.m. at 7211 SE 62<sup>nd</sup>. For raffle tickets, call 503/760-BABY.

### Children's Safety Workshop

Open to ages 7 to 11, this workshop is a very valuable self defense experience and a lot of fun! Kids will learn to set boundaries and to use physical and verbal self defense strategies. They will acquire skills for dealing with bullies and would-be abductors, and will practice applying their newfound skills on a padded attacker. Call 503/231-1999.

### Oregon Humane Society Telethon

It's a first for Oregon and a great day for animals when the Oregon Humane Society Telethon bounds onto the air. Grab the remote from Rover and tune to FOX 49 on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for an afternoon of "Petacular" entertainment. The telethon will feature dozens of dogs, cats and rabbits looking for good homes.

### Meditation, the Door to Inner Peace

The Know Thyself as Soul Foundation, Inc., Northwest Region, is a non-profit organization that sponsors programs about meditation as a free service to the public. Sant Thakar Singh will be offering a free program which includes instructions of the inner Light and Sound meditation. This process, which brings inner peace, can be learned by young and old alike regardless of faith, religion or lifestyle. The event will be at the Newberg City Library on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call 1-888-681-9791.

### Elections: The Basics

Janet Campbell, a Mount Hood Community College instructor will be explaining on Oct. 25 the basics of how a president is elected. This includes an overview of the Electoral College and the election system's effect on voting behavior. She will also address questions and points from the audience. For more information, call Al Sigala at 503/491-7213.

## Vote Smart, Vote Democrat Says Jesse Jackson

By JOY RAMOS  
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People gathered at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 17 to hear Jesse Jackson give his endorsement for Gore and Lieberman of the Democratic Party at the Bethel AME Church located at 5828 NE. 8<sup>th</sup>. Jackson notified church gatherers that he was unable to attend the event because of unfinished business in Los Angeles.

Arrangements were made for the Rainbow Coalition/ PUSH leader to speak via telephone to the crowd.

Jesse Jackson began by giving his sincere apologies to the audience for not being in Portland. He was enthusiastic about the recent progress made where a final settlement had been reached after an all-night negotiation session with LA Transit.

Since Sept. 16, Jackson had intervened as a mediator to end the strike that had idled buses and trains. Jackson also gave his condolences regarding the death of Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan who was killed on Monday when a plane piloted by his son crashed in fog and rain 25 miles south of St. Louis. Carnahan was the Democratic hopeful to win the race for U.S. Senate against incumbent Sen. John Ashcroft.

Jackson's plea was for everyone to vote smart, vote democrat at the Nov. 7 presidential election. George W. Bush, according to Jackson would be a threat on many counts such as with organized labor and women's rights. He jokingly said for all to come up among the Bushes and vote for Gore. "You are voting for a new Congress. We have the power to win the Senate. Gore

makes more sense," he explained. Jackson confidently added without any explanation that Ralph Nader of the Green Party cannot win this presidential election.

The audience was allowed to pose their questions to Jackson. Only one person, a representative of Pre-Paid Legal Services came forward to ask if he was familiar with the Legal Shield that was designed to help the poor get legal coverage.

Members of the community stayed longer to hear announcements after Jackson bid farewell to all. One local official suggested that everyone participate by asking their family members if they have sent in their voter registration cards and encourage them to do so if they haven't yet already. Geri Washington, an MESD Board Director requested everyone to vote no on Measure 9, the 4<sup>th</sup>

anti-gay ballot measure proposed by OCA. A NO on 9 rally is scheduled at Pioneer Courthouse Square on Thursday, Oct. 19 at noon time. Tre Arrow, a Pacific Green

their vote and questioned whether Earl Blumenauer, his campaign rival, has truly served the interests of the people or interests of big money and corporations? The



Geri Washington, Rev. Ronald L. Williams of Bethel AME Church

Party member running for U.S. House of Representatives, District 3 approached the audience of mostly Democrats to ask for

Blumenauer office representatives quickly responded that Earl has and will continue to serve the community.

## People of Color Say No on Measure 9

A group of community leaders are urging people of color to vote no on Ballot Measure 9.

Representatives from several organizations gathered at Lutheran Inner City Ministries in Northeast Portland last week to

oppose the measure which would prohibit public schools and community colleges from promoting or sanctioning homosexual and bisexual behaviors.

risk of this deadly disease by denying them accurate and correct information about how not to get HIV. That is wrong," Prescod said. Gordly said that we must not let the OCA dictate what our schools teach and place school funding at risk.

Lon Mabon and the Oregon Citizens Alliance sponsor the proposed law.

"The sponsors of this measure have said numerous times that they want to get rid of AIDS education. Measure 9 would take away local control from school boards, parents and teachers to form the curriculum for students.

State Sen. Avel Gordly, D-Portland, said Measure 9 is part of a narrow agenda that discriminates against people and threatens funding of local schools.

And any loss of funding would devastate our schools. We must defeat Measure 9 to prevent that from happening," Gordly said. Community activist Huy Ong added that Measure 9's wording is so vague that its impact would be broad. "That's what makes it scary. Our schools should be safe and welcome for all," Ong said.

Rev. Cecil Charles Prescod, chair of the Commission on Justice at Ainsworth United Church of Christ, said Measure 9 is dangerous for students and for students of color in particular because it would deny information on AIDS/HIV prevention.

The community organizers have launched the People of Color Against Measure 9 postcard campaign.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, HIV is the leading cause of death for African American men and women between the ages of 25 and 44. Many of these young adults were likely infected as teenagers.

The tool will be used, in both Spanish and English, to help spread the word that Measure 9 is a dangerous measure for children and schools. The goal is to send out thousands of postcards to thousands of people. Also attending last week's news conference were representatives from Sisters in Action for Power, Rural Organizing Project and Genaccion.

"We cannot place our children at further



Oregon Sen. Avel Gordly, D-Portland (from left), joins Mariam Calderon of Genaccion, Huy Ong of the Oregon Student Association and other community leaders in a rally urging people of color to oppose Ballot Measure 9.

(PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON/PORTLAND OBSERVER)

## PCC Gear Up Project Rewarded with \$2.8 million Grant

Portland Community College's Gear Up Project has received a \$2.8 million grant from the Department of Education to serve more than 700 sixth- and seventh-grade students at Harriet Tubman and Ockley Green middle schools as well as students from Jefferson High School in north Portland.

The goal of this project, which will run between the years of 2000 and 2005, is to provide intervention and academic strengthening services to low-income middle and high school students to prepare them for post-secondary education. The project will get \$576,800 in each of the next five years. It is part of 28 percent of the total proposals submitted nationwide that were approved this year. Organizations like Portland Public Schools, Oregon Students Assistance Commission, Albina Rotary, Multnomah County SUN Schools and Oregon Council for Hispanic Advancement also helped develop the grant proposal. "I think this is another example of the type of partnership emerging from the northeast Portland area between PCC and programs within the Portland Public School system," said Linda Reisser, Cascade Campus dean of Stu-

dent Development who helped to spearhead the project. "PCC is grateful to school principals and other partners in the community for helping to achieve this grant."

The students from Ockley Green and Harriet Tubman middle schools feed into Jefferson High School, which is located in the federally designated Portland Enterprise Community. The completion rate for freshman getting their high school diploma the last two years is just 32.5 percent. The Gear Up Project is targeting these Portland schools because they serve a disproportionate number of economically and educationally disadvantaged students. The schools also have had well-documented problems with student retention and success.

The goals of the PCC Gear Up Project are to increase academic performance and preparation for post-secondary schools, increase high school graduation and expectations of students, increase knowledge of post-secondary options and work with partners to build a system of intervention as well as ongoing staff training and development.

For more information, contact Reisser at 503-978-5307.

## Portland Observer Intern Earns Scholarship

Lorraine Michelle Faust has earned a \$2,500 scholarship from the Portland Association of Black Journalists.

The grant will allow her to continue her journalism studies at the University of Oregon in Eugene. Faust was an intern at the Portland Observer this summer.

She was one of three Portland students to win scholarships from the journalism group.

The other winners were Leah Wyatt, a sophomore at the U of O who graduated from Parkrose High School and Ryan Sharp, a Benson High School graduate attending Western Oregon University.

In addition, Hewlett-Packard awarded the honored students with a new computer, 17-inch monitor and color printer.

The Portland Observer is proud to help foster the growth of minority and women journalists from our community.

