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SECTION B

Community Calendar

"Defy the Elements" Concert

Elements is introducing an edgy new concert series that will "Defy the Elements" this summer. Featuring live music by many of the hottest artists around, the concert series brings together a mix of music and energy—everything from acid jazz and rock funk to pop music mutations. The "Defy the Elements" concerts begin in Portland on Friday, July 13 at Pioneer Square Park, from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. The event is free for all.

Portland Proper Festival

You don't need to hide your personal struggles: come out to the Proper Event, the eighth annual community festival celebrating the abundant support resources within the community with live local Gospel music, poetry, performing arts and storytelling; brief talks; food and beverage booths; family and children's games; The event will be at the historic Kenton Park on Saturday, July 28, from 1-4 p.m. Call 503/286-1488 or 503/240-0917.

East Portland Nibble

The East Portland Community Center will host for the second year, an outdoor, family oriented, multi-cultural festival. The event features live music, dance performances, a petting zoo, little tykes jumping castles, free craft activities and more. The Sat. July 21 event, is located at 740 S.E. 106th, from Noon – 8 p.m. Call 503/823-3450 for more information.

Multnomah County Fair

From July 17 – 20, Oaks Park will be holding the 95th Annual Multnomah County Fair. This will be a fun, old-fashioned event for the whole family. The event goes from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. Call 503/238-6973.

Yoshida's Sand in the City

Corporations throughout the city will be competing in the 6th annual Sand in the City event—a sand sculpting competition that will be held at the Pioneer Courthouse Square. This three day free event will be on July 20, from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; July 21, from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. and July 22, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Musical entertainment and children's activities will be available. Call 503/246-5818.

Bike Along the Esplanade

Come ride on a slow-paced 8 to 9 mile Bicycle Network Tour on July 17, from 6-8 p.m. Visit both shores of the Willamette River and cross the newly opened Steel Bridge, pedestrian and bicycle path and ride the Eastside Esplanade. Meet at Peninsula Park, located at Albina and Portland Blvd. Sponsored by City of Portland Transportation Department, call 503/823-5596.

Conserving Water

Come to a free Water Conservation workshop and learn how to detect leaks around your home, repair leaky faucets and toilets, save money on your water-sewer bill, reduce your indoor and outdoor water usage, and more! The next workshop will be held at the Albina Ministerial Alliance, located at 4867 N.E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. on Thursday, July 26, from 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. Call 503/284-6827.

Contra Dancing

Come and contra dance with the Portland Country Dance Community every first Friday of the month. Dancing to live music starts at 8 p.m. after a brief instruction at 7:30 p.m. The next dances take place on July 6 and August 3. The event will be held at the Multnomah Arts Center, located at 7688 S.W. Capitol Hwy. Call 503/823-2787.

Sea Kayaking Trip

Learn the basics of paddling a sea kayak on this trip exploring the Eastbank Esplanade. All equipment is provided. Meet at Portland River Company on the west side Esplanade between River lace Hotel and the Harborside Restaurant. Call 503/823-5596. This is a free event.

A Day in the Country

Take a break from the city and venture into the country for a day-long farm tour hosted by the Portland Farmers Market from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 26. The tour departs from Portland State University's Smith Center, across from the Simon Benson House. The group is limited to approximately 40 people. Call for reservations by Aug. 22 at 503/241-0032.

Youth Golfers Prepare for Annual Tournament



Portland Youth Golf Association Founder and Director Robert Clark goes to the ground in deference to the legendary golfer Charlie Sifford as his golfers in the youth group surround Sifford, the first African-American touring professional on the Professional Golf Association Tour. Sifford, standing in the second row wearing a sweater, hat and glasses, made history by breaking pro golf's Caucasian-only rule.

The second annual Toyota Portland Youth Golf Association Tournament will be held Aug. 9 and 10 at the beautiful Heron Lakes Golf Course in north Portland.

The association is a non-profit, year round program, that introduces golf and life skills such as character development, integrity and above all aca-

ademic achievement to youth in the Portland area.

The tournament will raise funds to support the organization and the development of a future golf academy at Heron Lakes.

Charlie Sifford, the first African-American touring professional golfer, will be the tournament's guest of honor.

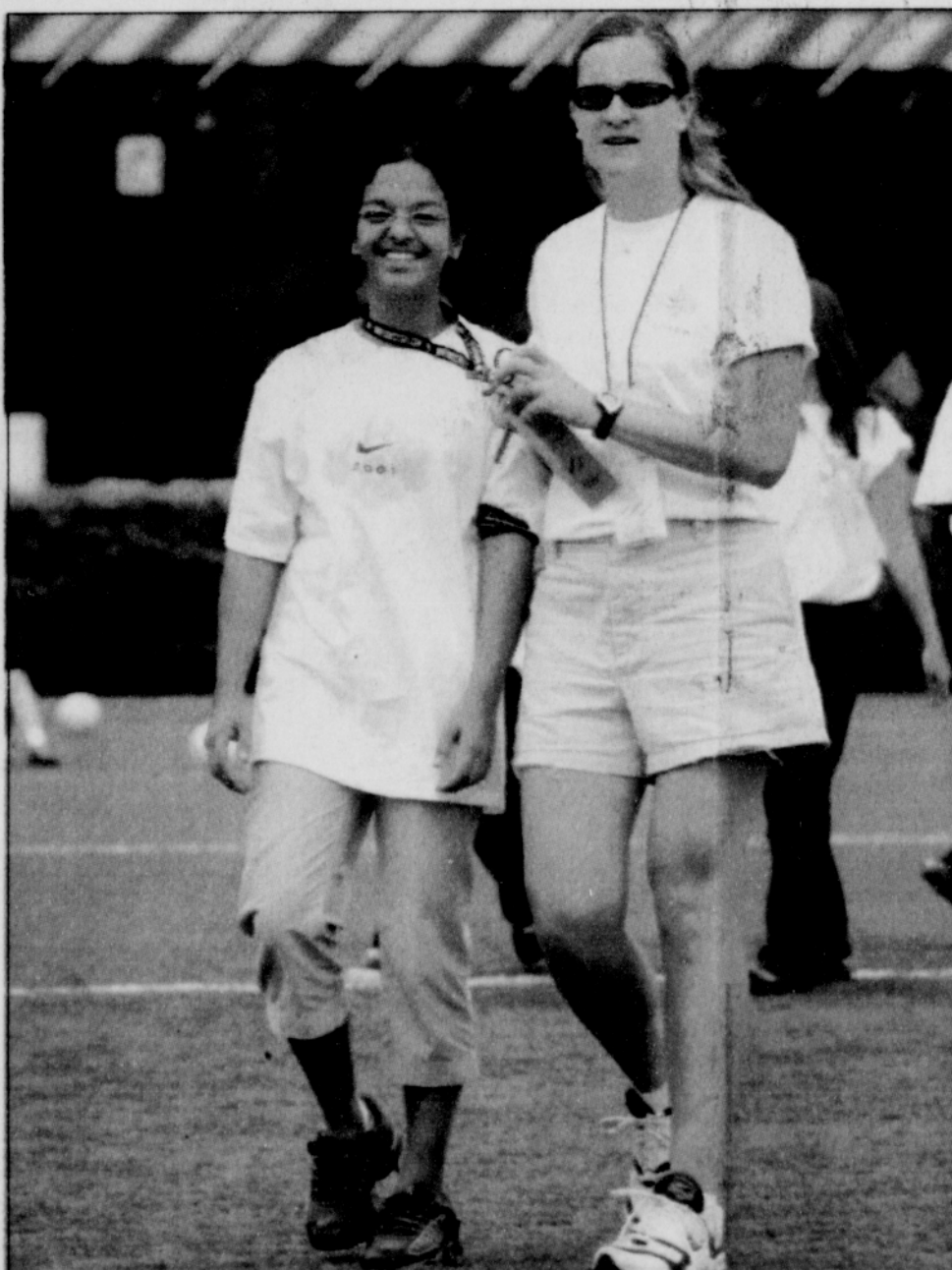
Activities will begin with a youth clinic and tournament on Thursday, Aug. 9 at Heron Lakes. An opening reception and dinner will be held later that night at the Double Tree, Lloyd Center.

A pro/am celebrity tournament will be held on Friday, Aug. 10, also at Heron Lakes.

Area residents are invited to golf and network with golf professionals and other celebrities such as Sifford, Michael Harper, Ken Boddie and Maurice Lucas.

For more details about the tournament, the youth organization and sponsorship, contact association founder and director Robert Clark at 503-286-6510.

Power of Community Driven Home



The second annual "Coach-a-Kid" Community Games at Nike's Beaverton campus encourage kids to enjoy, compete and appreciate the spirit and power of community through sports. The recent event drew kids from the Native American Youth Association, Asian Family Center, Meyer Boys & Girls Club, Portland Police Activities League, and Oregon Special Olympics.

From NASA to the Urban League

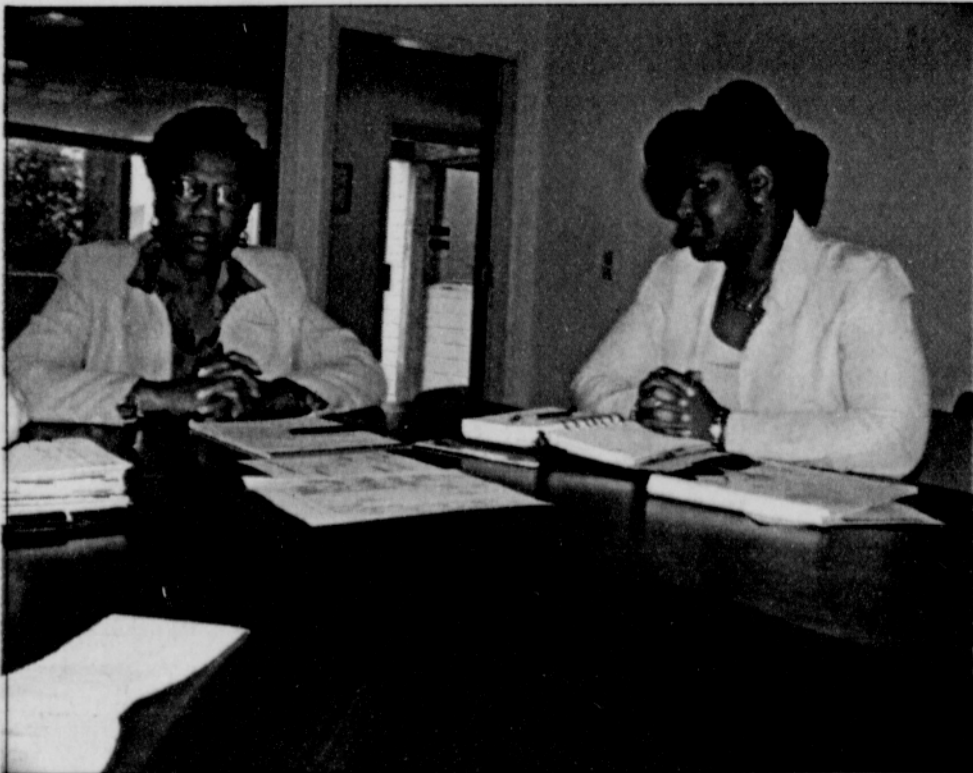
First Black Astronaut Launches Science Camp

The Urban League of Portland and the Dorothy Jemison Foundation announced a new collaborative venture to help children with science concepts. Senator Margaret Carter of the Urban League of Portland and Marqué Reed-Shackelford of the Dorothy Jemison Foundation for Excellence recently announced the new program. Dr. Mae Jemison, the first African American woman astronaut, will be bringing her team of educators to the Urban League of Portland for a one-day kid's science camp. The science camp will feature Dr. Jemison's internationally tested science curriculum, and offered at no charge.

An advocate of science and technology, Dr. Jemison's focus is on improving the status, quality, and image of the scientist. She offers something new and innovative to the scientific arena: a blend of social and "hard" sciences. In today's technological world, it is imperative that the scientist is cognizant, concerned and active in social

issues. It is also necessary for all people to have a "feel" for and knowledge of how science and technology affect their everyday world. Dr. Jemison founded The Jemison Group, Inc., located in Houston to research, develop and implement advanced technologies suited to the social, political, cultural and economic context of the individuals, especially for the developing world. Current projects include: Alpha, (TM) a satellite based telecommunication system to improve health care in West Africa; and The Earth We Share, (TM) an international science camp for students ages 12 to 16, that utilizes an experiential curriculum.

The science workshop will be given in mid-July. The Urban League is now accepting applications for the workshop. Students must be between the ages of 12 to 17. Call 503-280-2600 to pick up an application and a schedule, or call Patrick Schwab at 503-280-2615.



Senator Margaret Carter (left) and Marqué Reed-Shackelford of the Dorothy Jemison Foundation go over plans to host a science camp for this month at Urban League.