

# METRO *Life*

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SECTION B

"Bridging Portland Communities"

## Community Calendar

### Stories of the Eastbank

Explore the un-natural history of the Willamette River with Paul Fishman, environmental consultant. View and discuss how the Esplanade design incorporates many features to protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat and how past land use practices compromised the integrity of the river's ecological balance. Meet at the west end of the Steel Bridge walkway at the north end of Waterfront Park. Call 503/823-5596 for more info. This is a free event.

### Libraries Closing on Aug. 9

All Multnomah County libraries, the Title Wave Used Bookstore and the Library Administration building will be closed on Thursday, Aug. 9, while library staff attend training. Normal hours will resume on Friday, Aug. 10.

### Teen Summer Kayak Experience

Portland Parks and Recreation is offering a chance for teens to try out several kinds of boats, from sea kayaks to racing boats. Interested participants will have the opportunity to continue paddling at the regular summer practice sessions of the Portland Kayak and Canoe Team. Participants must pass a basic swim test. Participants must meet at the Sellwood Pool, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on July 29. Call 503/823-5132.

### Meditation Classes Offered

Oregon Health & Science University's Healthy Aging Project is offering meditation classes on Thursdays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the School of Nursing, room 602. This new meditation program is designed to help people adjust to the changes of the second half of life, and improve one's health and well being. The class will learn six different forms of meditation. Call 503/494-7757.

### Juneteenth Planning Committee

The Juneteenth Planning Committee will be having a meet n' greet on Tuesday, July 30, 5 p.m. at Yam Yam's Southern Barbeque, located at 112 N.E. Killingsworth. For more info. to attend, call 503/285-8898.

### An Evening of Excellence

You are invited to join in the celebration of Hope House's first banquet fund raiser on Saturday, Aug. 4, 7 p.m. Come one, come all, as we enjoy this time of celebration. The event will be held at the Ramada Inn (Airport), which will include a full dinner buffet and music by Gospel singer Ruby Terry. Call 503/287-0060.

### 33-family Rummage Sale

The Grant Gendrills dance team will hold its giant, annual 33-family Rummage Sale fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the front entrance of Grant High School, located at 2245 N.E. 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. Items for sale will include collectible, furniture, clothes, books, toys, sporting goods and tools.

### Lead Poisoning Prevention Workshop

The Community Energy Project sponsors free Lead Poisoning Prevention Workshops for Portland residents. Income-qualified participants receive a free prevention kit worth about \$45. Free childcare is provided. The next workshop will be on Monday, Aug. 6, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood House, Turning Point Program, 6552 S.W. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. Call 503/284-4962 to pre-register.

### Twins and More

Doernbecher Children's Hospital on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor will be giving a talk on "Twins and More," from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 8. Discover tricks and insights from trained staff on how to simplify your delivery and infant care and feeding when you are expecting twins or more. Meet other moms to be, and share your concerns and questions in a supportive environment. To register, call 503/418-4200.

### 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 will be limited to approximately 40 people. Reservations are required by Aug. 22, and can be made by calling 503/241-0032.

## School Official Under Fire for Remarks on Jews

Board Member Derry Jackson Claims Quotes Were Out of Context, Prepares New Statement

A Portland School board member is backing away from statements that were attributed to him suggesting that he's prejudiced against Jews.

Derry Jackson, who is African American, said Jews run the country and the school board, often at the expense of black students. "I do not see the Jews

struggling to get over the achievement gap. I do not see the Jews struggling to feed their families. ... In fact, I see the Jews running everything," Jackson was quoted as saying last week in The Oregonian.

In the published report, Jackson said he was not anti-Semitic and was concerned that his comments will be viewed as such.

"Don't get me wrong, I have nothing against Jews. Jews are our cousins. In fact, we have black Jews as well," he was quoted as saying.

Tuesday, KATU reported that Jackson

was working on a written 'atonement' for those quotes, while saying the quote "Jews run everything" was taken out of context.

"Worse yet, the tenor of the entire article is one that paints me as an anti-Semite; a hater. I am not a hater. I run a multi-cultural family right now," said Jackson.

The six other members of the Portland School Board issued a statement Tuesday highly critical of Jackson, calling his remarks, deplorable, and not representing the views of any other member of the board. "These statements offend all of us

deeply. They are an affront to our community and not only to the particular group he singled out in his remarks," the statement said, signed by board chair Debbie Goldberg Menashe, vice chair Marc Abrams and members Julia Brim-Edwards, Sue Hagmeier, Lorenzo Poe and Karla Wenzel.

Jackson's comments appear to stem from a feud between him and Abrams.

Jackson, 38, was elected citywide to a four-year term on the school board in March. A senior designer at Freightliner, he was originally appointed to fill a board vacancy in 1999.

Jackson has clashed with Abrams over student achievement, the district's military recruitment ban in high schools and other issues. Jackson said Abrams and Menashe have worked behind the scenes in making some decisions that have hurt black students. Jackson said the two board members engineered the ouster of former deputy superintendent Susan Dyer, an African American who sought more discipline at Jefferson High School and clashed with then-Principal Kevin Bacon, who also is black.



Derry Jackson

## Carter Says Apologize Now

State Sen. Margaret Carter, in her position as president and chief executive officer of the Urban League of Portland, issued the following statement Tuesday regarding the controversy facing school board member Derry Jackson:

Mr. Jackson has said that he will apologize and he should do so immediately.

We cannot afford to let this incident linger and undermine the solidarity that all of us in this community have worked so hard to achieve.

"The Portland School Board needs to move forward cooperatively to address serious educational issues facing our students, teachers and administrators."

## Volunteers Help Clean Up Beaumont Middle School

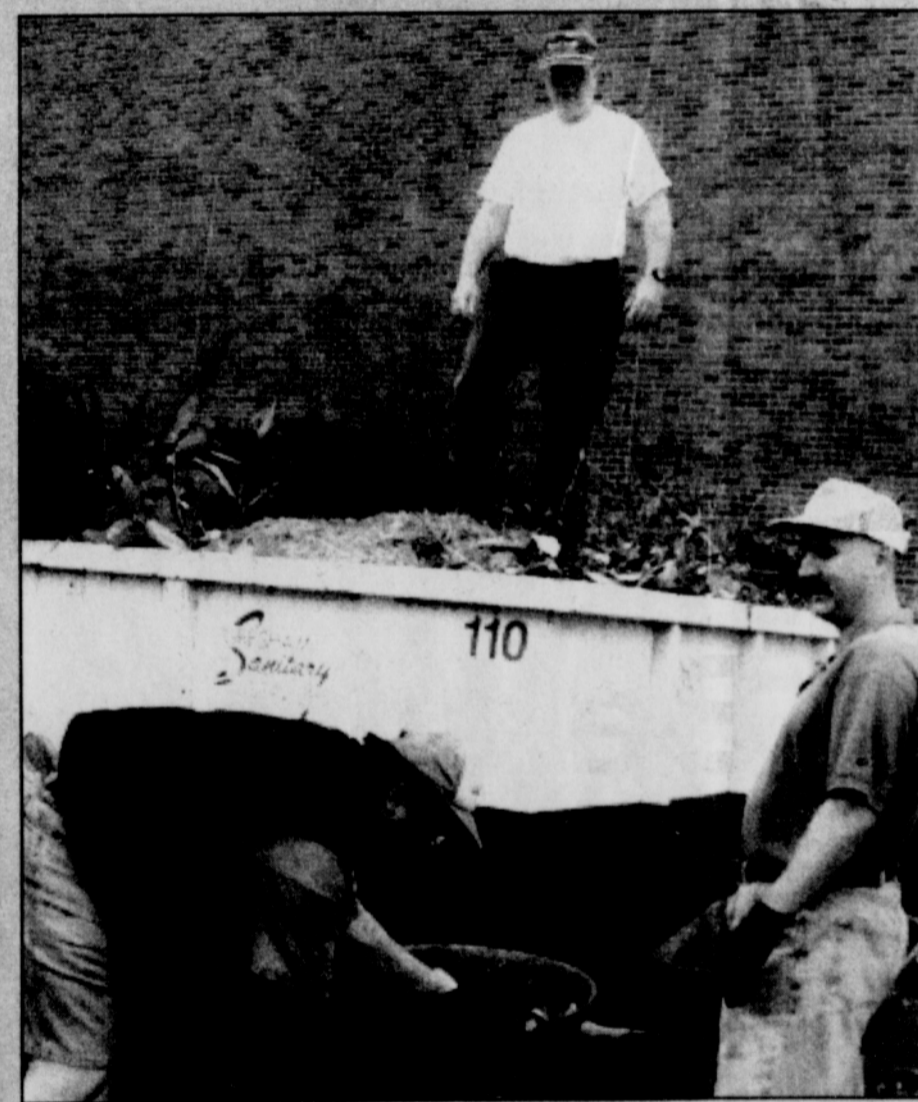


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Area residents filled up a dumpster as part of their work Saturday to clean up Beaumont Middle School on Northeast Fremont and 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

Hundreds of hard-working residents, including members of the City Bible Church, spruced up the grounds and building of Beaumont Middle School Saturday for Beaumont Community Care Day.

The volunteers landscaped the south and east sides of the school at Northeast Fremont and 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue by mowing, edging, weeding and applying mulch to flower beds. They removed old carpet from the first floor music room and installed new,

donated carpet tiles. The volunteers cleaned all but five rooms and prepared them for school opening. Portions of the school's exterior was primed and

Painted along with all second and first floor hallways, restrooms and all but one stairwell.

All remaining work will be completed by district employees before the start of school.

Families who participated in the event were eligible to receive free immunizations and lead screening by Northwest Medical Teams, a free food gift boxes for families in need, free back-to-school haircuts, free back-to-school supplies, and all-you-can-eat lunches.

A free carnival and stage entertainment, with prizes and BMX bike give-a-ways were also part of the event.

## Downtown Protesters Arrested

(AP) — Two people were arrested Monday after nearly 200 people gathered to support demonstrators who turned Genoa, Italy, into a battleground over the weekend.

Protesters tried to gain access to the Italian Consulate, located in the downtown World Trade Center, and crowded the glass entryway as police stood by. One man dressed in black with a bandanna over his face spray-painted on a glass door an A with a circle around it - the symbol for anarchy.

They wanted to hand-deliver a letter to the consul, but were denied access to the building. Protesters left the building, gathering in downtown Pioneer Square. About 15 people then locked arms and marched through the streets and stopping traffic.

Police in squad cars made the arrests. Of-

ficers on horseback forced the group onto the sidewalk and the crowd eventually dispersed. One woman was injured after a horse stepped on her foot. It was not clear how serious her injuries were. Two days of clashes in Genoa left whole neighborhoods of the northern port city in shambles. Early estimates put the damage at about \$45 million.

Two Oregonians were hospitalized after they were injured in a police raid on anti-globalization protesters sleeping in a school gymnasium, according to one protester's mother. Susan Hager, of Portland, said a U.S. Consulate official in Milan informed her that her daughter, 20-year-old Morgan Hager, and a friend, 23-year-old Sherman Sparks were hospitalized and would face unspecified criminal charges.

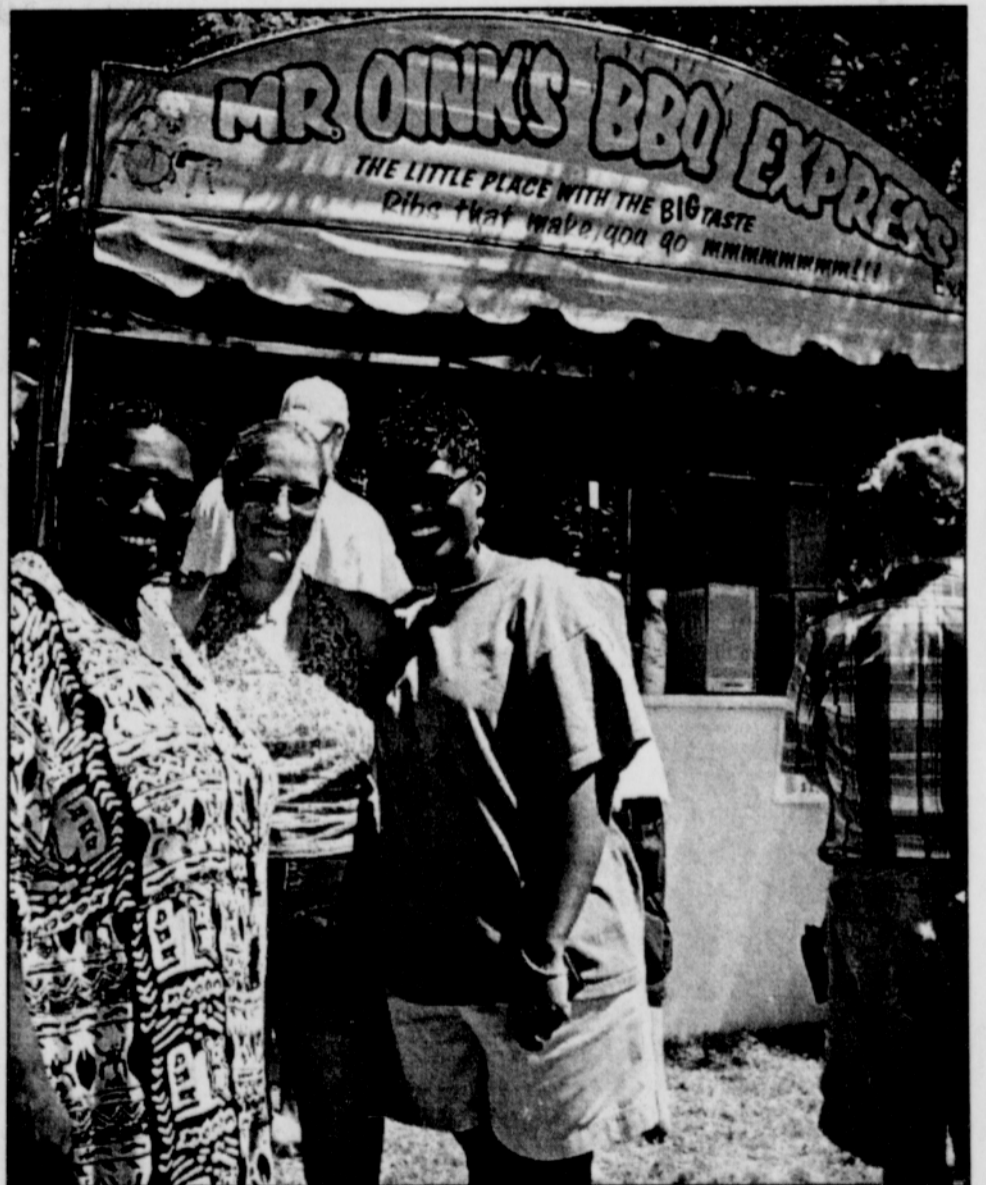


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## Jazz and Good Friends

Jazz musician Marylyn Keller (left) joins her friends for good music and food during Saturday's Cathedral Park Jazz Festival in the St. Johns neighborhood. Keller will travel across town next week as one of the many artists performing at the Mt. Hood Jazz Festival, Aug. 3-5 in Gresham.