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Community Calendar

SE Community Fair

Kellogg Middle School will host a community fair on Friday, May 2 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Attendees will have a chance to meet the families and representatives from businesses, community organizations, churches and schools in the neighborhoods serving Marshall, Franklin and Cleveland high schools. Fairgoers will be encouraged to decorate a tile in support of the Kellogg Community Garden. The tiles will be glazed, fired and returned to the school for pickup by May 9. For more information, call 503-988-4055.

Firehouse Rummage and Estate Sale

A rummage and estate sale to benefit the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center will be held on Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 4075 N.E. Sandy Blvd. Furniture, art, theater props, books and household goods will be available for bargain prices.

May Day Celebrated

Local unionists in the anti-war movement will report on the impact of organized labor in stopping war and attacks on workers' rights on Saturday, May 3 at 7 p.m. at the Bread and Roses Center, 819 N. Killingsworth. For more information, call 503-240-4462.

Centro Cultural Burrito Benefit Saturday

On Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a jumbo burrito to benefit Washington County's Centro Cultural, a group that aims to help people meet basic human needs and promote economic and social development for diverse community groups. New Seasons Market Concordia at 5320 N.E. 33rd Ave will donate 100 percent of the \$5 paid for each burrito with brown rice, black and pinto beans, Tillamook cheese, lettuce, sour cream, salsa and guacamole to Centro Cultural. The burrito also comes with chips, a cranberry oatmeal cookie and Blue Sky Soda.

Write Around Portland Reading Sunday

Write Around Portland, a non-profit group known for helping the city's writers find their creative voices, will present an evening of prose and poetry at the First Congregational Church, 1126 S.W. Park Ave., on Sunday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 503-796-9224.

Street Roots Benefit

On Sunday, May 4 Street Roots will hold its first inaugural benefit beginning at 5 p.m. at Berbat's Pan, 10 S.W. Third in downtown Portland. Stars of Track and Field, The Upright Dub Orchestra and Street Root's own Jeffery Robert Harrison will perform. There will also be a promotional trailer for an up-coming documentary on northeast Portland's Dignity Village.

OAME Tradeshow

The Pacific Northwest's largest minority, women and emerging small business luncheon and tradeshow will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 8 at the Oregon Convention Center. The OAME sponsored tradeshow will feature more than 160 small and large businesses.

It was the experience of a lifetime.

—Jefferson Dancer Anna Lescher on her recent trip to France

Dancers Return From France



Fresh from their recent performance tour in France, the Jefferson Dancers are scheduled to perform locally Wednesday, April 30 through Saturday, May 3 at the Newmark Theatre in downtown Portland.

Acclaimed group will perform locally this week

The internationally acclaimed Jefferson Dancers from Jefferson High School in north Portland received standing ovations at their four recent appearances in the south of France and hope for the same reception for their annual performances on Wednesday, April 30 through Saturday, May 3 at the Newmark Theatre in the Portland Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Portland.

While in France, the dancers made four appearances, two at sold-out benefits and two before local high school audiences. The Rotary International benefits raised money for cancer victims and abused children.

The Rotarians were so thrilled with the French audiences giving the Jefferson troupe standing ovations that they have offered to provide

the dancers with an all-expenses-paid-return trip in 2005.

"The principal at one school has suggested that our two schools establish an annual exchange program for dance students," reported Jefferson Dancers' Artistic Director Steve Gonzales.

The dancers and their chaperones were also honored at a special dinner where Gonzales, company manager Diane Priest and Jefferson High School Principal Larry Dashiell were presented with French medals in appreciation for the cultural exchange by Monsieur Andre Guinde, the regional Counsel General from Marseilles.

"It was the experience of a lifetime," said Anna Lescher, Jefferson Dancer and full-time Jefferson High School student.

Tickets for the upcoming Portland area performances range in price from \$8 to \$16.50 and are available through Ticketmaster by telephone at 503-224-4400 or on-line at www.ticketmaster.com.



Moore Street Center Opens Family Outreach

The Salvation Army Moore Street Community and Worship Center will host and open house at its recently opened Family Outreach Ministry program in North Portland at 5325 N Williams Ave. on Wednesday, April 30, 2003 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"The Salvation Army would like to invite the community to come and see how they might be able to help us and our North Portland neighbors in need," said Captain Kenneth Hodder, divisional commander of The Salvation Army Cascade Division. "In our current economic climate, The Salvation Army is delighted to be able to open a new location to assist our neediest children and families locally. We're holding the open house so people can come out and see who we are and what we're doing to help in this neighborhood."

The program officially began serving emergency food boxes and taking prayer requests from low-income north and northeast Portland families last month. Families seeking assistance can stop by the Family Outreach Ministry office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the entrance on the corner of Moore and Killingsworth, or by calling The Salvation Army at 503-493-3925 to see if they qualify for assistance.

The Salvation Army Moore Street Community and Worship Center has been known in north Portland as center of hope, a place of worship and a safe refuge for everyone.



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Bridgebuilder and Soldier

Bishop A. A. Wells, Assistant Police Chief Derrick Foxworth, Pastor Roy Tate, Police Officer Victoria Burton and Dr. Leroy Haynes gather for the Albina Ministerial Alliance Annual Awards Dinner and Auction Thursday. Foxworth was honored with the Bridge Builder Award and Burton took home the Frontline Soldier Award for founding the Portland Police Bureau's Crisis Response Team.

Charter School Seeks Minority Teachers

New middle school hopes educators will represent diverse NE community

BY WYNDE DYER
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When Victory Middle School, a new charter school designed to bridge the achievement gap between low-income students and pupils in affluent districts, opens its doors at 2511 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. this fall, principal Rich Blizzard hopes to see the school's educators mirror the diversity of the community it serves.

So far the school has registered 118 of the 120 incoming sixth graders it needs, but recruiting teachers through local college placement centers has not drawn many applicants from north and northeast Portland.

"We want to make very sure that potential applicants who are living in the area are aware of the opportunity to serve the children of these communities," Blizzard said. "The families enrolled in the program have asked that we have a diverse teaching staff and we hope that happens."

Victory Middle School has plans to employ two types of educators. Certified teachers will lead class lessons in the core curriculum of language, math, science and social studies. Other instructors with a college degree and experience or interest in teaching will follow their group of 30 students through all six periods of the day.

Certified teachers will earn a fixed salary of \$33,000 a year, which Blizzard said is comparable to the salary of a four-year public school teacher or a six- to eight-year private school instructor. The school's non-certified teachers will make \$20,000, or roughly what a full-time substitute for Portland Public Schools would earn in a year.

"Qualified substitute teachers would be ideal for this position," Blizzard said. "Not only is the salary good, but the job offers a different kind of stability and a chance to bond with one group of students over the course of the year. That's a pretty meaningful experience."

Blizzard's goal is to make Victory's first year not only a meaningful experience, but also a valuable learning experience for students and teachers.

As the first state-sponsored charter school in

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