

# Groundbreaking Therapy

Portland General Electric employees donated more than \$106,000 to kick off a campaign for the Oregon Burn Center's Therapeutic Garden at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in north Portland.

The garden will feature trees, flowers, shaded areas and benches for patients who may have limitations to sunlight exposure.

Oregon Burn Center visionaries want the garden to offer patients additional opportunities for psychological, emotional and physical healing.

PGE President Peggy Fowler and Dr. Nathan Kemalyan, the Oregon Burn Center's medical director, led the groundbreaking event last week.



Oregon Burn Center Medical Director Dr. Nathan Kemalyan begins the excavation process for the Therapeutic Garden aboard a PGE blackhoe.

## Support Grows for Community Nonprofits

### Nike Factory Store expands local grant program

(Editor's note: See related photograph on front page.)

Nike USA Operations President Gary DeStefano and Multnomah County Commissioner Serena Cruz participated in a celebration Thursday at the Portland Factory Store on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to reflect on the Nike's support for community causes.

The company has given more than \$900,000 to local nonprofit groups, including this year's grants totaling \$50,000, since the factory store opened in northeast Portland 19 years ago.

"This is a special community and we're proud to be a resident," said DeStefano. "We also want to give back, to help inspire the kind of entrepreneurship, economic growth, and access to youth physical activity that the organizations here today have helped create."

Each year, the Portland Factory Store Grant Program honors nonprofit, community-based organizations that focus on youth sports,

recreational and physical activities, education and mentoring opportunities, and economic development opportunities focusing on minorities, women and youth.

This year's grant recipients are Albertina Kerr Centers, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Portland, Boise Elliot School, Camp Caldera, Inner City Steppers, OAME Youth Entrepreneurship Program, Portland Youth Golf Association, A.C. Green Basketball Day Camp, Urban League of Portland, and Tender Loving Care.

"I am encouraged and inspired by Nike's collaboration with orga-

nizations in the community," said Commissioner Cruz. "I look forward to seeing the continued benefit that this year's grantees will bring to the families, children and businesspeople who choose to make their home and livelihood here."

Last year, Nike renewed its commitment to donate \$50,000 a year through 2007. The store has been located at 2650 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. since December 1999.

# School's Out: Forever

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the school year at the same time," said Amy Griffith, a 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher relocating to Vernon Elementary School.

Griffith said that she finds closing another school in the same neighborhood to be suspicious.

"This is such a small school. I don't see how they're saving so much money by closing us. It seems like they're targeting the poverty of the area," she said.

District officials report that closing Meek, which served a low income to working class

neighborhood, is saving the district approximately \$300,000 in the next school year. Much of Meek's staff and equipment, as well as library books, will move to Vernon Elementary at 2044 NE Killingsworth St.

Brenda Jackson, Meek's librarian of 25 years, says she is the only employee currently at Meek that doesn't know where she will be reassigned.

In the meantime, she's packing up about 200 boxes of books to send to Vernon, hoping she and her students will find some stability in their new schools.

## Review Takes More Time

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to attend include Larry, Rev. Roy Tate of the AMA, Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schruck, Police Chief Mark Kroeker and state senators Avel Gordly and Margaret Carter.

The session would be led by a facilitator and a panel of community leaders with the public allowed to question officials with the criminal justice system.

"We want to be able to ask questions and get some candid answers so we can move on and get some changes in policy and in what took place," said Tate, a key organizer of the forum.

A police bureau spokesman said the department wants to publicly disclose the results of their investigation at the forum.

As part of the police investiga-

tion, McCollister's commanding officer is submitting a report to a police command review board, weighing the officer's actions against the bureau's policy and procedures manual.

Next, the board will draw a conclusion based on the report, and make a recommendation to the police chief.

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—Robert Larry, president of the Portland chapter of the NAACP

According to Larry, the NAACP is continuing an independent investigation on the culture of the Portland Police Bureau that was in the works even before James' death.

"We're not just focusing on one particular police incident. It's larger than that," Larry said. "We want to find out what type of job the Portland Police Bureau is doing."

The James family has hired attorney Kenneth Walker to pursue a wrongful death civil lawsuit against the city.

## Students Soar at Math, Science Fair

Four students from Ockley Green Middle School in north Portland swept the glider competition at the Math Engineering Science Achievement program on the University of Portland campus.

Ockley Green Principal Joseph Malone said sixth graders Ner Bastida and Abner Bastia placed first, seventh grader Robert Price won second place and sixth grader Renulesh Pal picked up the third place award.

Ockley Green Middle School staff is confident that the first place winners will return with a trophy when they compete in the National MESA competition this summer in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

## Interstate Kaiser Celebrates 25th Year

People of all ages are invited to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kaiser Permanente's Interstate East Medical Office serving north and northeast Portland.

The festivities are on Thursday, June 26 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Free parking is available at the Kaiser Permanente parking structure at 3500 N. Interstate.

Besides refreshments and free prizes, activities will include free blood pressure checks, a history display, and master gardeners

available to discuss safe gardening. Other activities will include health-related books and videos for sale.

For more information, call Kaiser Permanente at 503-813-4820.

## TriMet Discounts Youth Passes

TriMet makes it easy for kids 18 or under to get around the region this summer by offering discounted youth passes by the month or a single three-month pass.

Summer Youth Passes let you ride wherever you want, whenever you want, for \$16 a month. That's less than half the normal monthly

youth fare. Plus the passes are good for discounts at McDonald's and Oaks Park.

"Offering youth passes on both a monthly and summer-long basis gives families more choices," said Fred Hansen, TriMet general manager. "They can opt for the convenience of buying one pass for the

whole summer, or the flexibility of buying one each month."

Passes can be purchased online at trimet.org, at the Customer Assistance Office at Pioneer Courthouse Square and at Tri-Met outlets, including Fred Meyer, Safeway, most Albertson's stores.

## Summer Buses Serve Rivergate

TriMet is adding weekday and Saturday buses to serve the Rivergate industrial area of north Portland for the busy summer work season.

On weekdays, an early morning bus will leave Southwest Salmon and Fifth Avenue at 4:38 a.m. MAX riders from Gresham can transfer to the bus at Northeast Grand and Wasco at 4:48 a.m.

Jubitz at 5 a.m. before continuing to Rivergate.

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