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## Community Calendar

### Karaoke with a Cause

Join OregonAction for their karaoke fundraising event from 8 to 11 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, at Bookies Sports Bar, 736 N. Lombard. A \$5 donation is suggested, plus bid on karaoke performance by local performer Darcelle and many more community leaders. For more information, call 503-282-6588.

### Better Than Goldfish

200 pets are looking for love at the Oregon Humane Society's Adopt-A-Pet Fair on Aug. 16 and 17 at 1067 N.E. Columbia Blvd. Visit [www.oregonhumane.com](http://www.oregonhumane.com) for details.

### United Voices

Radical Women will host an open mic community discussion about police violence and Kendra James at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13 at the Bread and Roses Center, 819 n. Killingsworth. A soup and salad buffet is at 6 p.m. for \$6. For more information, call 503-240-4462.

### Benefit Feast

DiPrima Dolci Italian Bakery holds a plant sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 26. You may also be tempted by Italian ices, fruit shakes, and other New York Italian delicacies. The sale will benefit dogs and cats by helping to control pet population. 1936 N. Killingsworth St. For more information, call 503-283-5936.

### Mystery Cats

The Oregon Humane Society wants you to communicate with your kitty more affectively by taking a "Finicky Feline" class at 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10. \$10. 1067 N.E. Columbia Blvd. For more information, call 503-285-7722.

### Goldie Dredlocks

Enjoy a marionette performance of the classic story of the three bears with a Jamaican twist at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8. Fairview Community Center, 300 Harrison St.

### African Beats at Fairview

Enjoy marimba music inspired by the rhythms of southern and western Africa from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1 at Fairview Park, 1520 N.E. Village St. For more information, call 503-988-5655.

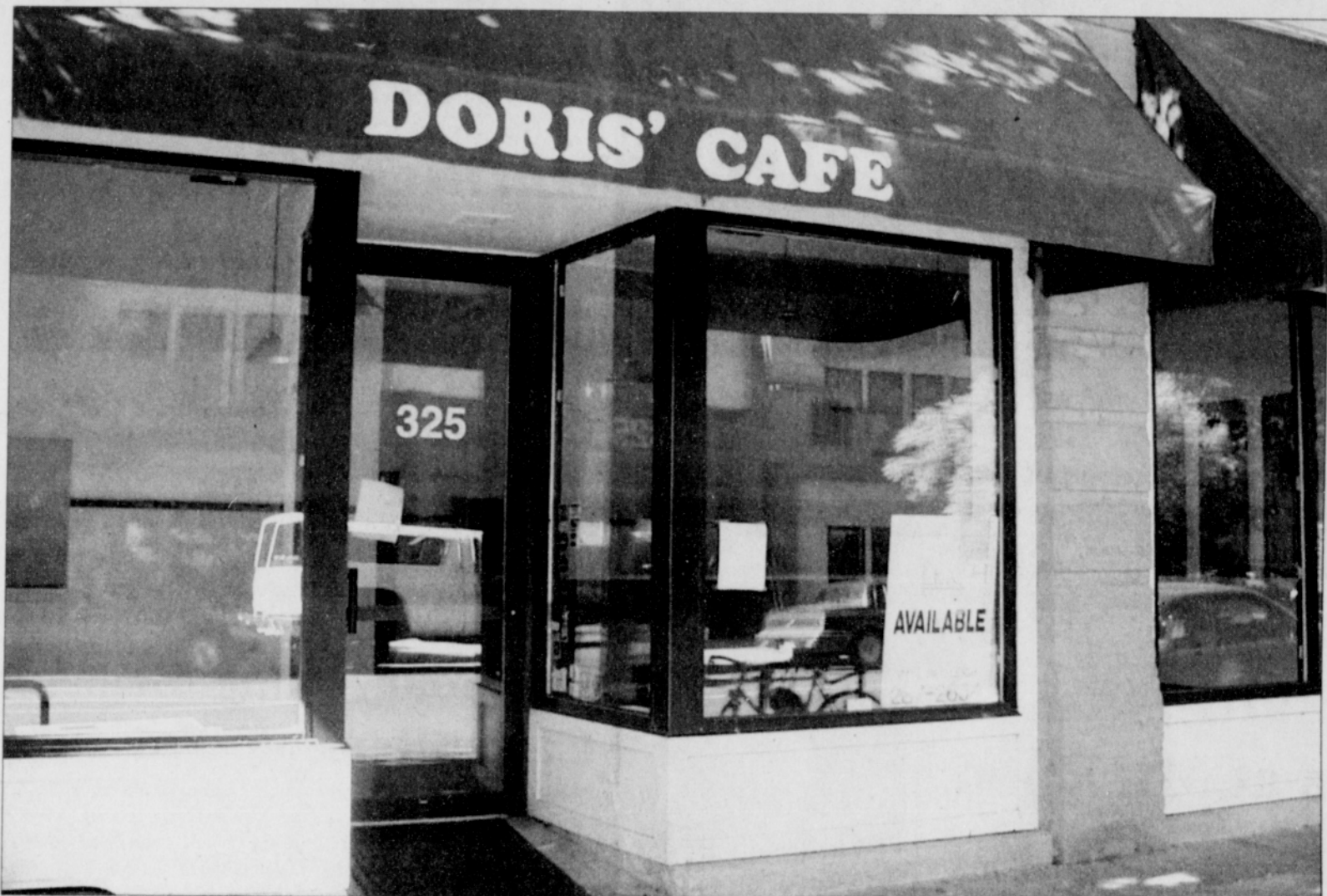
### Classics for Canines

Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to therapy dogs from 1 to 3 p.m. Sat., Aug. 2 at the Albina Library, 3605 N.E. 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. Register at 503-988-5362.

### Native American Fish

Quintana Galleries presents Wy-Kan-Ush-Pum Gala, Celebrating Salmon and Art, from 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 26 at the Governor Hotel, 611 SW Tenth Ave. Auctions will feature internationally renowned Native American art. Enjoy a salmon dinner, live entertainment and Spirit of the Salmon Awards. For more information, call 503-731-1284.

## Development Leaves Doris' Without a Home



An empty space is all that's left of Doris' Café on Northeast Russell Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Owner Rosie Dean is looking for a new site after a dispute with the building's owner resulted in the cancellation of her lease agreement.

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## Revitalized neighborhood loses African American Landmark

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Doris' Cafe, Portland's oldest barbecue and soul food restaurant and an anchor of

the Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard renaissance, is down, if not out.

Café owner Rosie Dean is looking for a new site to operate her business after a rent dispute with the building's owner resulted in the cancellation of her lease agreement.

Dean had operated Doris' at 333 N.E. Russell St. for the past 10 years.

The café became not only one of the first destination businesses on the boulevard, attracting customers from outside the neighborhood, but a catalyst for other ventures

around it. Nike built a new outlet store just a couple of blocks away, the New Song Church renovated the Egyptian Theater building across the street and Bardy Trophy moved into the former Coverall Uniform building to the south.

"Doris' was one of the first businesses to upgrade," Shiela Holden of the North-Northeast Economic Development Alliance recalls. "She helped change the image of MLK and contributed to the revitalization of the Eliot neighborhood. This was what we

wanted to see: local, home-grown businesses on the avenue."

Dean attorney, Sean Hatfield, thinks the increased value of the property may have had a lot to do with the lease cancellation.

"When Rosie first moved there, that wasn't the best location for a restaurant," Hatfield said. "She was an anchor. Now it's become much more valuable and it's become a priority to get her out. People you'd have

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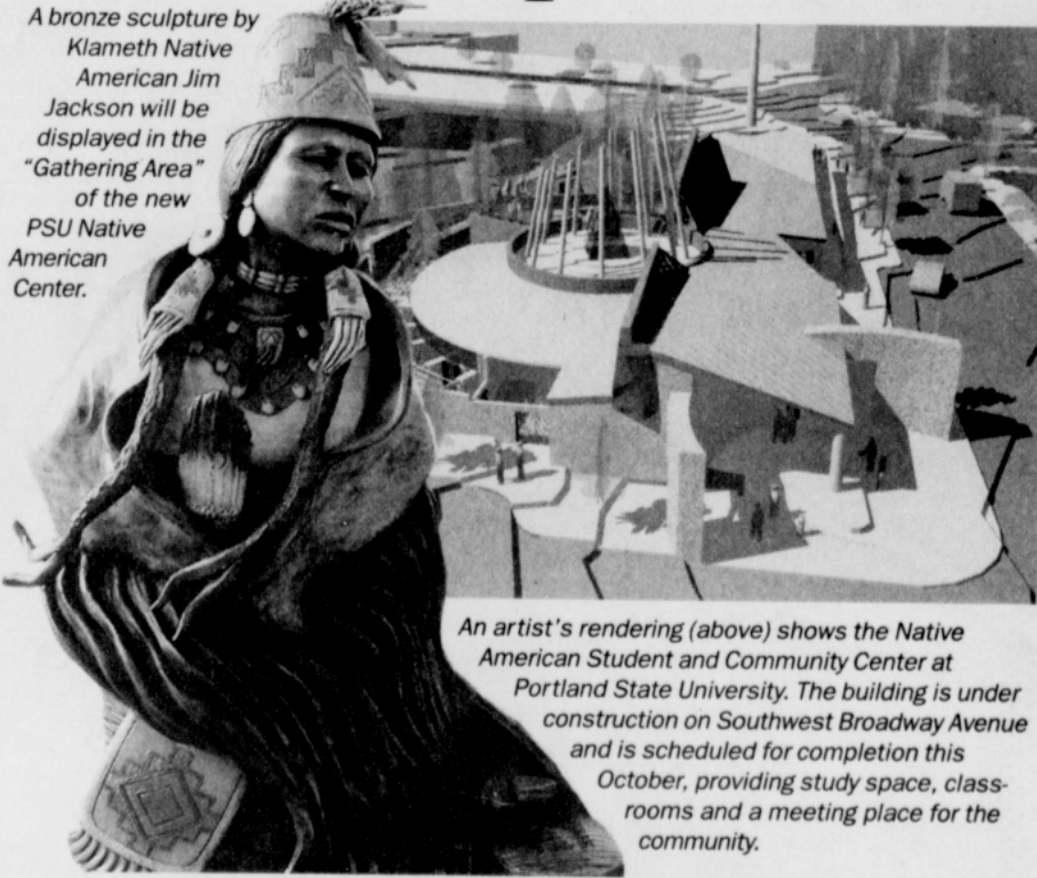


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The Ockley Green Middle School community of north and northeast Portland congratulates Abner Bastida and Ner Bastida for second and third place awards in MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement program) USA's National Engineering Design competition. The students won by setting gliders a-sail. The competition was in Albuquerque, NM.

## Native Culture Center Nears Completion

A bronze sculpture by Klamath Native American Jim Jackson will be displayed in the "Gathering Area" of the new PSU Native American Center.



An artist's rendering (above) shows the Native American Student and Community Center at Portland State University. The building is under construction on Southwest Broadway Avenue and is scheduled for completion this October, providing study space, classrooms and a meeting place for the community.

## Natural Gas Bill May Soar This Winter

Oregon PUC warns consumers of high climbing prices

The Oregon Public Utility Commission is warning that consumers will likely see higher gas bills this coming winter. The warning comes after a briefing to the Commission last week by a number of natural gas industry officials who predicted that higher prices this summer mean consumers will likely pay more for natural gas this winter.

"Normally, wholesale prices come down in the summer, and gas retailers take advantage of these lower prices to store gas for the winter," Commission Chairman Roy Hemmingway said. "However, we haven't seen prices come down much this summer. Unfortunately, I fear consumers should

brace themselves for the prospect of paying more this winter."

"If there is a silver lining in this dark cloud, it's that our price increases should not be as large as other parts of the country might see," added Commissioner Lee Beyer. "We are fortunate to have easy access to adequate supplies of natural gas from Canada. However, I am concerned about the potential impact of higher prices on residential, commercial and industrial customers."

Higher natural gas prices also put pressure on electric companies to raise their rates, because companies use natural gas to generate energy.

## PSU building to serve growing Native American population

Poles are set around the center's "Place of Honor," the eco-roof is being installed and the sky catcher roof is in place as construction nears completion for the Portland State University Native American Student and Community Center.

Located adjacent to the campus on Southwest Broadway, the center should be finished in Sep-

tember with a reception scheduled for Oct. 24.

The university raised nearly \$4 million to construct the building as a place for classrooms, celebrations and preservation of the Native American culture. In addition, the PGE Foundation committed \$50,000, to ensure increased education opportunities for Native American students.

The Native American population at PSU has doubled in the last decade, growing to 243 students in the 2002 fall term. The college expects the trend to continue. It plans several new courses

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