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Community Calendar

Wellness Within Reach

Wellness Within REACH Walk will draw more than 500 people to the streets of northeast Portland at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6. The African American Health Coalition event encourages donations to support community health activities. Register for the walk by sending a \$15 check to 2800 N. Vancouver Ave., Ste. 100. For more information, call 503-413-1850.

Volunteers Needed

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Victims Assistance Program is seeking on-call rape victim advocates to provide support to victims of sexual assault. Advocates are on-call for evenings, weekends and holidays. Nineteen hours of training will be provided in October. The application is available at www.mcda.us/ya. Applications are due by Sept. 8. For more information, call 503-988-5598.

Lifting Voices

Voices of the Cross presents "Occupy Til He Comes," a musical singing and praising event at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23. 517 E. 4th Plain, Vancouver. For more information, call 360-737-6929.

Back to School

Jefferson High School is requesting that freshman register for classes from 9 to 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 22, with sophomores registering the same day from 1 to 3 p.m. Juniors register from 9 to 11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 25 followed by seniors registration from 1 to 3 p.m.

Award-Winning Produce

The City Garden Fair features homegrown tomatoes, beans, squash, herbs and flowers for judging and display from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6, at the South Park Blocks, across from Portland State University.

Treasure Hunt for Buried Groundwater

Join the Columbia Slough Watershed Council and Portland Water Bureau for Adventure in the Well Field: The Groundwater Treasure Hunt is held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23 at the 40-mile Loop Trailhead at 16550 N.E. Airport Way. For more information, call 503-281-1132.

Bones and Brews

This festival may sound violent, but it's really just about beer, barbeque, music and neighborhood fun on Flanders Street between 13th and 14th Avenue, on the weekend of Sept. 6 and 7. Admission is \$5.

Zoofari Signups

The Oregon Zoo invites you to a behind-the-scenes night tour on Sept. 12 to learn more about animal care. For registration, call 503-220-5738 or visit www.oregonzoo.org.

Flower Days Bloom

Kruger's Farm presents Flower Days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Aug. 23 and 24. Build a bouquet or tour the farm at 17100 N.W. Sauvie Island Road.

Heated Discussion

The World Forestry Center presents Talking Fire, a series covering the mystery, science and personalities of fire. The first discussion is on historic fire lookouts from 9 a.m. to noon, Sept. 20 at Cheatham Hall at the World Forestry Center, 4033 S.W. Canyon Rd. Free. For more information, call 503-228-1367.

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Warming Hearts for Kids

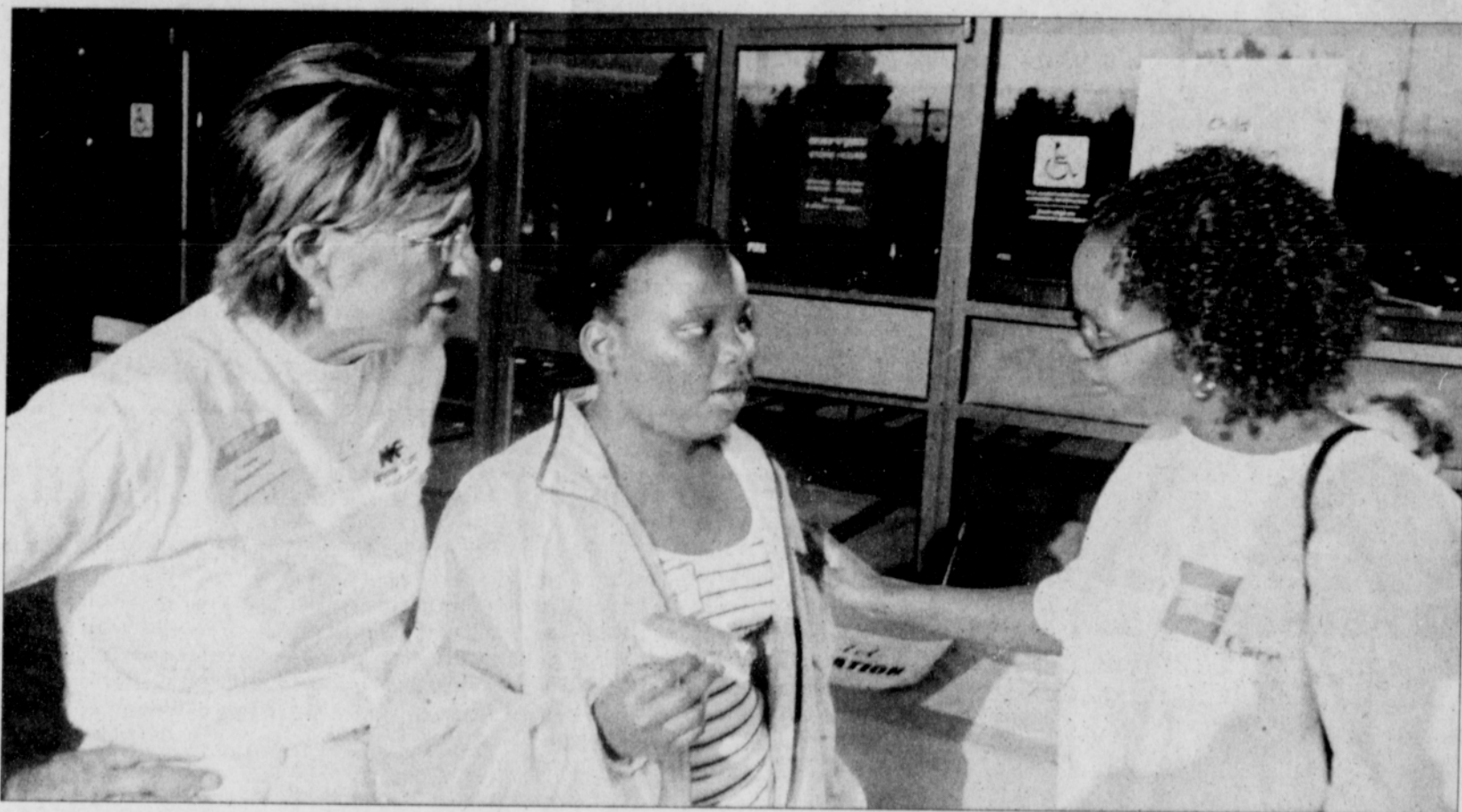


PHOTO BY TONY WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Kidney Foundation of Oregon executive Susan Baumgardner (from left) helps Brianna Solomon and her mother Tunya Scaborough get ready for the school year at the Gateway Mervyns store. The Child Spree Day was for children who have a parent on dialysis or waiting for an organ transport and for other special needs children. Donations provided over 100 children with about \$100 worth of school clothes and supplies.

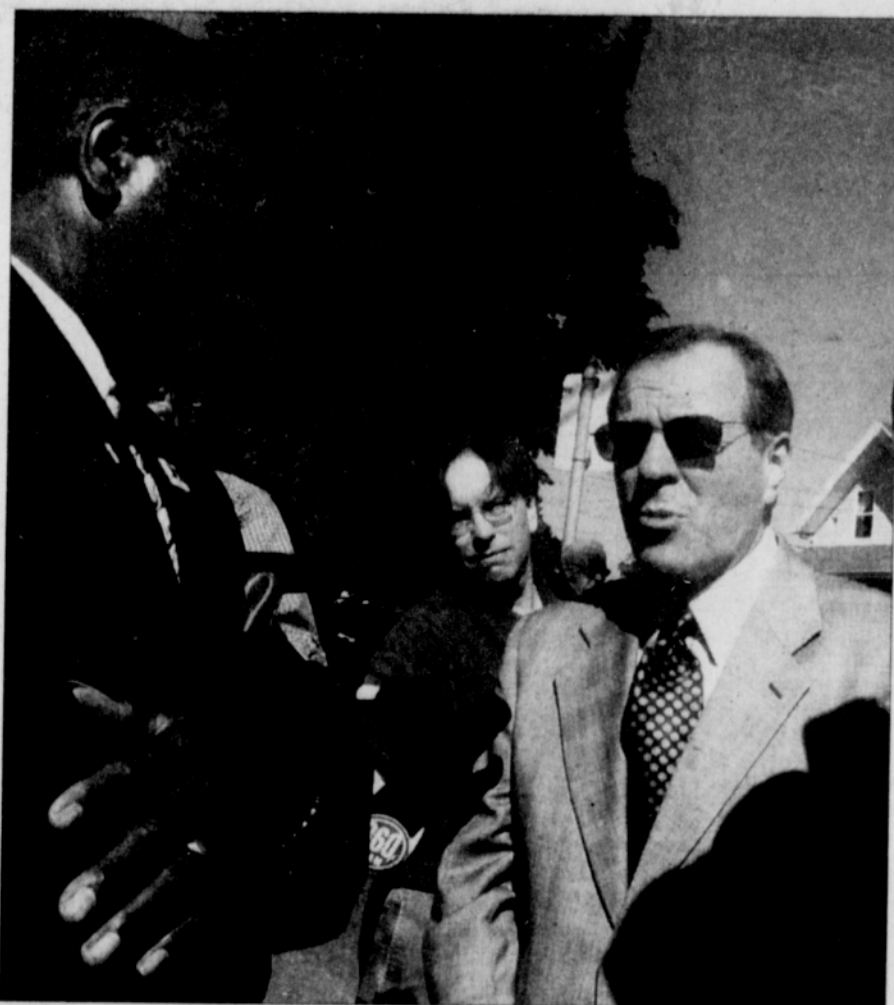


PHOTO BY TONY WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Northeast Portland business leader Sam Brooks takes Gov. Ted Kulongoski on a tour of northeast Alberta Street.

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— Gov. Ted Kulongoski on a tour of Northeast Alberta Street

Alberta Street Stroll

Gov. Ted Kulongoski visits neighborhood on 'Main Street' tour

BY JAYMEE R. CUTI
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Gov. Ted Kulongoski took a walking tour of Northeast Alberta Street Thursday, led by local business owner Sam Brooks.

The walk was part of the governor's "Main Street Walks" throughout the state.

"We tend to get caught up talking to legislators when what's actually happening is here, talking to community members and small business owners," said Mary Ellen Glynn, a spokesperson for the governor's office.

Kulongoski, a Democrat, has been committed to strengthening the economy and

providing jobs to the state by making construction improvements to roads and bridges. Employment, he said, would trickle-down to shops and other minority-owned businesses on Alberta.

"This street tells me what communities can do. Government is a partner but the communities have to want a change," he said.

Kulongoski said that the state's focus on tourism and investing in children would also strengthen northeast neighborhoods.

"I saw the test scores, and if kids cannot stay in school for a full year, I cannot close the achievement gap," the governor said.

His visit landed on the heels of the federal release of a "failing schools" list. Nine elementary and junior high schools in north and northeast Portland made the list, along with every high school in the city.

Peggy Ross, the state's affirmative action

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New School on the Block to Expand

North Portland community hears details for De La Salle

BY LEE PERLMAN
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De La Salle North Catholic High School plans to build itself a new campus a piece at a time.

According to spokesperson Matt Powell and architect Jocelyn Bates Helgerson, the school plans to build new structures on the 60,000 square foot former Queen of Peace property at North Delaware Avenue and Russett Street, just north of Lombard.

As planned, the building will be accomplished in three phases, tearing down existing buildings as they go.

When completed, the school will accommodate 300 students. Currently, the school is operating out of the existing buildings and some temporary structures. Phase one will cost approximately \$6 million, Powell said.

De La Salle intends to formally apply for a master plan for the property with the city of Portland this month. Helgerson said school officials will be asking for the permanent vacation of a block of North Baldwin Street, which bisects the property.

"We need this for the building, but we also want to have a safe school environment," Helgerson says.

The condition of street sidewalks was the only issue at a meeting between school representatives and the Kenton Neighborhood Association.

Local residents complained that North

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De La Salle North is making construction plans for a larger high school at the former Queen of Peace church at North Delaware and Russett Streets.

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