

# METRO

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SECTION B

## Community Calendar

### Waterfront Blues



Leon Blue

The 17th annual Waterfront Blues Festival opens at noon on Friday, July 2, and concludes at 9 p.m., Monday, July 5, at Tom McCall Waterfront Park. The Northwest Film Center will also present Reel Blues, a series of blues films at 10 p.m., Friday, July 2, and Saturday, July 3. For more information and a full line up, visit [www.waterfrontbluesfest.com](http://www.waterfrontbluesfest.com).

### Writing Frees

Free your writing spirit with a free writing workshop by Write Around Portland from July 5 through Aug. 12 at locations in and around north Portland. To register or contribute, call 503-796-9224.

### Fireworks at Blue Lake

Pack a picnic lunch and loved ones for a Fourth of July celebration of music and fireworks at Blue Lake Regional Park, between Northeast Marine Drive and Sandy Boulevard off 207th Avenue. Live music begins at 4 p.m. and continues through 10 p.m. Parking is \$7 per vehicle.

### Interest in Adoption?

A free information meeting for prospective adoptive parents is held the third Wednesday of every month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Belmont Public Library, 1038 S.E. 39th Ave. For more information, call 503-226-4870 or visit [www.openadopt.com](http://www.openadopt.com).

### Health Support

Sankofaa Health Institute offers a free diabetes support group from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every third Thursday at Alberta Simmons Plaza, 6707 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. For more information, call 503-285-2484.

### Work For Change

Community Advocates invite those interested in protecting children from abuse to become an event volunteer, event outreach, technology expert, graphic artists or office support team member. For more information, call 503-280-1388.

### Home Improvement

The Community Energy Project holds free workshops on water conservation and weatherization. For more information, call 503-284-4962.

### Government Powers Reviewed

An open discussion about freedom and the Patriot Act put on by Radical Women will be held Wednesday, July 14 at 7 p.m. with a \$6 buffet at 6:30 p.m. at the Bread and Roses Center, 819 N. Killingsworth. For questions regarding childcare or rides, call 503-240-4462.

### Eat Right, Stay Healthy

Join a Heart Wise Living Class of Exercise and Nutrition, where experts give exercise and healthy eating tips to people battling heart disease. Class will be offered at Providence Portland Medical Center from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on July 7. For more information, call 503-215-8039.

### Be Smoke Free

The American Lung Association's "Freedom from Smoking" program is designed to help smokers quit for good. Learn a systematic approach to quitting, including how to prevent relapses. Eleven 90-minute classes will be offered, starting on July 12, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Providence Portland Medical Center. The cost is \$15 to Providence Health Plan members and \$225 for the general public. To register, call 503-574-6595.

## Local Grads Boost Business Along Max

### Future entrepreneurs share skills

Graduates of a college entrepreneurship program are helping boost business along the new Interstate Avenue Max Yellow Line.

The students are 25 of the most skilled graduates of the past three years Mini-Masters of Business Administration immersion program at the University of Portland. Their goal is to develop marketing strategies, create financing plans and help businesses succeed in the north and northeast Portland corridor.

With Tri-Metridership predicted at 10,000 per day on Max, the students are studying alongside UP professors, members of the Interstate Avenue Business Association, Tri-Met, the Youth Employment Institute and other local groups, to attract these riders off the line and into stores.

Most of the students are from north and northeast Portland communities and are home for summer after attending colleges such as Howard University, Temple College, George Washington University and UP.

"Our goal is to be a pathway to permanent careers for these students. This careful development of youth creates the desire to succeed and give back to our community," said Heidi Sause, director of the University of Portland Center for Entrepreneurship.



Young experts in business are developing marketing plans for local stores and restaurants along the new Interstate Max Yellow Line to help them profit from new foot traffic.

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## Turning on the Drama

### THEATER GROUP FILLS SCHOOL CUTS GAP

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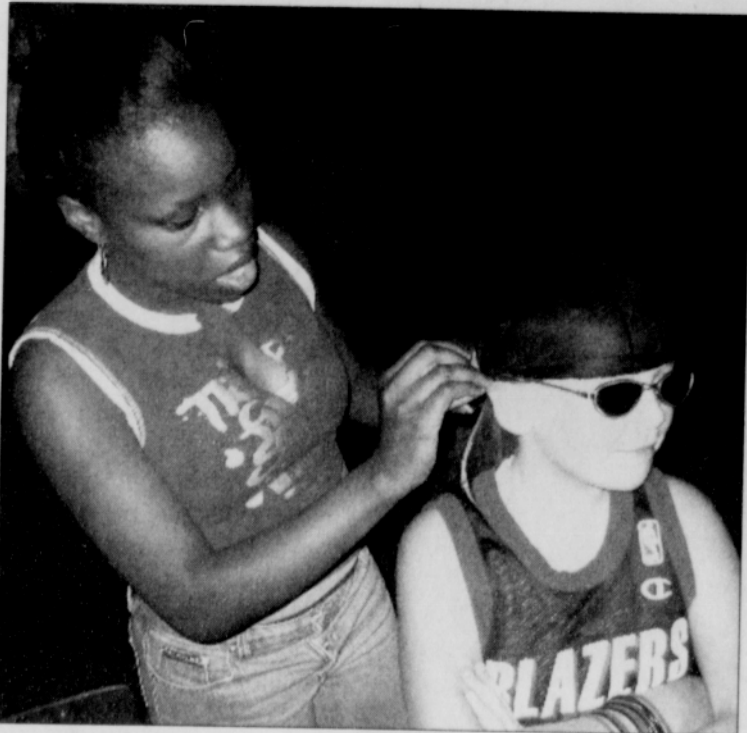
High school and college theater students are once again conducting a summer theater camp to bring arts education to younger kids who may not otherwise have had the experience because of budget shortfalls in local schools.

"A lot of us had the benefit of terrific drama programs in middle and high school and we saw those

being cut. We wanted to make sure this was available to youth despite budget cuts," said Kris Wallsmith, artist director and founder of A Child's Eye Playhouse.

The theater group makes drama education available to all kids, regardless of their ability to pay.

The three week long summer camp is for 10 through 14 year olds to participate in workshops including voice, movement, improvisa-



Theater Camp Counselor Foluke Denis helps Claire Tannler Brewer get into costume at the Mosaic Church in northeast Portland.



Camper Jay Brannon makes a paper mache mask for a theater production.

tion and acceptance of the ideas of others.

"We like to hear that camp helps young adolescents explore their personalities, become more communicative and more confident. That makes us feel like we've succeeded," said Wallsmith.

The cost of the camp is \$75, but no one will be turned away because

of inability to pay. The camp, which takes place at the North Star Ballroom in north Portland and at Pacific Crest Community School in northeast Portland, is in its fourth season.

A popular lesson with campers is a mask workshop, where participants make their own masks and perform in them. The camp con-

cludes with a community presentation of plays written, directed and acted in by campers.

The first session of Theater Summer camp started Monday and continues through July 16. A second session is held from July 26 through Aug. 13.

For information, call 503-358-9598 or visit [www.CEPlayhouse.org](http://www.CEPlayhouse.org).

## Shining Light On Domestic Violence

An expert on family violence will have a multicultural perspective on intimate partner violence during conferences in Lincoln Performance Hall at Portland State University.

Dr. Carolyn West is an associate professor of psychology at the University of Washington. She is known for her teaching on family violence, human sexuality and the psychology of women.

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The Multnomah County Domestic Violence Office and the Woman's Studies Department of Portland State University are co-

sponsoring the July 16-17 event, titled Illuminating Pathways: Multicultural Perspectives on Intimate Partner Violence.

Workshop topics include outreach to battered immigrants and Latinos, domestic violence in Russian-speaking communities, sexual and gender minority domestic violence and becoming an ally to the African-American community.

For more information or to register, contact Margi McCue at [mccue@pdx.edu](mailto:mccue@pdx.edu) or call 503-725-3516.



Carolyn West