

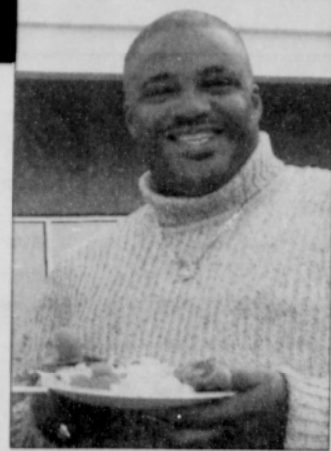
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Soul Food Dinner

Highland Church sets table for Promised Land Building Fund

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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Learn to Swim

Fall Swimming Lessons are available at Columbia Pool, 7701 N. Chautauqua Blvd. and Matt Dishman Pool, 77 N.E. Knott. For information, call the Portland Parks Aquatic Division at 503-823-5130.

Women in NAACP

Women in NAACP meets from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Saturday of each month at the American Red Cross Building, 3131 N. Vancouver. For questions, call 503-249-6263.

Forces of Nature

OMSI presents Forces of Nature, National Geographic Chases Mother Nature's Dark Side, at Omnimax through March. For more information, call 503-797-4000.

Fox Chase Artwalk

The businesses of Fox Chase Corners, at Northeast 30th Avenue and Killingsworth Street, sponsor Artwalk for the entire family, Sunday, Nov. 14 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, e-mail milagros@milagrosboutique.com.

Gallery of Visual Arts

View art from talented local artists of all ages throughout the month of November at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave., from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., free.

Get Fit, Stay Healthy!

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.

Creative Space For Dance

Aurora dance studio, 5433 N.E. 30th (& Killingsworth), offers an array of classes for children, teens and adults at all levels of ability. Call 503-249-0201 or visit online at www.hevanet.com/auroradance for additional information.

Work For Change

Community Advocates invites 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.

Birth Ready

Whether you need childbirth preparation classes, or just a refresher, Providence Health Systems has a workshop for you. Prepare for pain, take a weekend seminar or prepare big sisters and brothers-to-be throughout the summer by visiting www.providence.org/classes or call 503-574-6595.

Aquatic Fitness

Providence has a full schedule of fitness classes including water exercising at the Providence Aquatic Center, 4805 N.E. Glisan. For a schedule, call 503-215-6301.

Rose Garden Opens for School

Students see 'real world' need for math

Ninth graders from north Portland's Roosevelt High School's Power Academy studied statistics, engineering and measurement during a daylong field trip to the Rose Garden Arena courtesy.

Students tracked the acoustics, heating and cooling and general engineering aspects of the building, home to the Portland Trail Blazers and other events. They calculated the capacity for parking and carefully considered statistics for a professional basketball game in the same way that coaches develop strategies to find the hot spots for shooting and productivity of each player.

This was an attempt to bring math directly to the students so they can understand, in ways they find relevant, the way mathematical principles affect their daily lives.

"Our kids need assurance that math is usable in the real world," said Kathy Fong Stephens, a school-work liaison who took the kids on last week's learning expedition.

"This is a fun way to practice everything they're learning in algebra and geometry," she said. "They also got to see the size 16 shoes and eight-foot high shower heads in the Blazers' dressing room."

The students also got firsthand views of issues in science, health, sound, physical education and urban planning related to Portland's sports arena.

Students and staff from Roosevelt High School's Power Academy work on their math skills by measuring the basketball court at the Rose Garden and understanding how it fits together like a jigsaw puzzle on top of an ice hockey rink.



The arithmetic is the height of the shower heads when Ninth graders from Roosevelt High School visit the Blazer's shower room, giving them a sense of the differences in size between the professional basketball players and the rest of us.

World Famous Jazz for Kids Hits Portland

Sunday concert to feature all-stars and rising stars

BY JAYMEE R. CUTI
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

A world-renowned musician will headline The Future of Jazz, a Sunday night of jazz and funk with allstars and rising stars.

The 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. event at the Legacy Emanuel Hospital atrium, 501 N. Graham St., is a fundraiser for the jazz program at Beaverton Arts and Communication Magnet Academy.

Performances include Fred Wesley, an exciting funk and jazz trombonist, formerly with James Brown, George Clinton and the Parliament/Funkadelic and the Count; the Kenney Polson Project and Portland Jazz All Stars.

Polson, the smooth jazz saxophonist, has played in 35 countries with the likes of Little Richard, Phil Walker, James Brown and many, many more.

Polson's song "No More Lonely Nights" reached the Top 40 Adult Contemporary New Music Weekly Chart in 2001.

His band will soon release Serendipity, an album featuring many of Polson's famous friends.

"This particular album I just recorded is a blend between smooth jazz and old school and R & B," Polson said. "I've gone back and called my friends, the old school musicians. There's some famous cats on there, man. It's made it really

special for me."

Polson, a Portland resident, has traveled nationwide to record "Serendipity" to collaborate with musicians such as Michael Henderson, Tom Grand, Fred Wesley, Roger Smith, Larry Gittens, Phil Upchurch, Bruce Conte and members of WAR, Santana, Malo, The Isley Brothers, The Dazz Band and Taj Mahal.

The event doubles as a CD release party for the Kenney Polson Project.

Reserved seats for Sunday's fundraiser are \$45, including a sit down dinner and dessert, and general admission is \$35. For tickets, call Judy Chown at 503-672-3700 or visit www.acmajazz.org.



Kenny Polson will join a group of featured jazz performers in a benefit for jazz education on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Legacy Emanuel Hospital Atrium.