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## Community Calendar

### Radical Women Meeting

On July 13, Patti Duncan, feminist professor at Portland State University and Mary Ann Curtis, Radical Women activist from Seattle will both report on their travels in South Korea and China. The event will take place at 6:30 pm at the Bread and Roses Center located at 819 N. Killingsworth. Food will be served for a \$6 donation. To arrange childcare, rides, work exchanges or more information call 503-240-4462.

### Reading: Why White Kids Love Hip Hop

On Monday July 18, come hear readings from the book that has been praised as a bold bombshell. Author Bakari Kitwana argues that hip-hop has broken down more racial barriers than any other social development of the past three decades. With this brave tour de force, Kitwana takes his place alongside the greatest African-American intellectuals of recent history. "Eschewing tired clichés, refusing racial pieties, and resisting old habits of thought, Kitwana clears a brilliant path to fresh insight." This free event will be at the Powell's bookstore located on 37<sup>th</sup> and Hawthorne Blvd at 7:30PM.

### Family Fun Days

Local families will attend a series of Family Fun Days at Irving Park in northeast Portland this summer, sponsored by First Step Sports Academy, the Northeast Coalitions of Neighborhoods, Portland Parks and Recreation and other supporters. Each Friday afternoon from July 15 to Aug. 5, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, siblings and everyone else under the sun are invited to learn about issues like health, community housing and local services. Health check-up clinics, pamphlets and not-profit representatives will be on hand.

### Geek Fair Five!

On July 16 starting at 1 p.m., come let out your inner geek with Free

Geek, an organization that recycles and refurbishes donated computers to make them available to volunteers. They are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> year anniversary with a community fair and street party. One of the highlights will be the "Beat-the-Geek" game show and the Smash-tacular: inspired by the movie "Office Space" attendees will get the chance to beat computer printers to pieces. For more information visit [www.freegeek.org/geekfair](http://www.freegeek.org/geekfair).

### Problem Pooch

On July 16 at 11 a.m., there will be an information session is for those interested in adopting a new dog or simply just wants to find out why dogs do what they do. There will also be a question and answer forum facilitated by the Oregon Humane Society Behavioral Department. The event will take place at the Oregon Humane Society located at 1067 NE Columbia Blvd. For more information visit [www.oregonhumane.org](http://www.oregonhumane.org) or call 503-285-7722

### Free Homeownership Orientation

Portland Community Land Trust (PCLT), is a non-profit community organization that helps first time homebuyers with limited incomes to purchase a single family home. Becoming a homeowner may not be as hard as you thought. This event is on Monday July 18 at 6 p.m. at the PCLT office located at 3109 NE Broadway. For more information visit [www.pclt.org](http://www.pclt.org) or call 503-493-0293.

# ZOO Concerts Fill the Summer



The soothing and uplifting voices of Blind Boys of Alabama will warm hearts Aug. 26 when the group performs at the Oregon Zoo.

## Big name musicians featured each week

Animals aren't the only ones that'll be cooing and cawing at the Oregon Zoo this summer. This year's Summer Concert Series will host a variety of popular musical acts sure to wake up Portland's wildlife with Chris Isaak, Blind Boys of Alabama, Indigo Girls, Ozomatli, Bruce Hornsby and many more.

The season kicked off July 6 with Ladysmith Black Mambazo and will continue through Aug. 31. All shows begin at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 13 will feature a Chicago Blues Reunion with Harvey Mandel, Nick Gravenites, Sam Lay, Tracy Nelson, Barry Goldberg and Corky Seig. A popular group in the '60s, the players observed greats like Muddy Waters and Howlin' Wolf with a style all their own – and they're back to jam once again.

Guitar heartthrob Chris Isaak will take the



Grammy winning singer Suzanne Vega performs at the Oregon Zoo on Friday, July 22.

stage on Friday, July 15 with Brandi Carlile. Soulful and intelligent, Isaak has moved toward a modern pop-rock style, but is still crooning with those recognizable vocal chords.

Socially conscious folk duo the Indigo

Girls will perform with Girlyman on Sunday, July 17. Grammy-winners with a loyal fanbase, the Indigo Girls offer revolutionary, political messages strong enough to inspire change through song.

Put on your dancing shoes for some Zydeco lovin' with Rosie Ledet on Wednesday, July 20. One of the genre's up and coming stars, Ledet's rural upbringing helped shape her style – full of tradition, energy and Creole-French attitude.

Marc Cohn and Suzanne Vega will wow audiences with inspirational musical storytelling on Friday, July 22. Cohn won a Grammy in 1991 for best new artist, and his hard work shines through introspective lyrics reminiscent of Joni Mitchell or Jackson Browne. Vega, first made popular with her Grammy-winning hit "Luka," has carved a comfortable niche for herself with a thoughtful blend of pop, folk and urban rock.

Norton Buffalo will be wailing on the blues harp with the Knockouts on Wednesday, July 27. Buffalo's wide range of styles allow him to move effortlessly from blues



Zydeco performer Rosie Ledet will headline the Oregon Zoo Summer Concert Series on Wednesday, July 20.

and jazz to country and rock – placing his discography among artists like Johnny Cash, the Doobie Brothers and Steve Miller.

Adventure-seeking pianist Bruce Hornsby will tickle the ivories with jazz, bluegrass, vaudeville and rock on Friday, July 29. With a popular career that spans the last two decades, Hornsby has earned himself three Grammys and has sold more than 10 million albums.

Haitian Queen of Song Emline Michel will belt out traditional but unique rhythms on Wednesday, Aug. 3.

The Gipsy Kings will have feet moving with modern and traditional flamenco on Saturday, Aug. 6. French-born, the group has clapped, sung and plucked their way through beautiful arrangements for more than 20 years.

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## Nurse Advances Profession, Patient Care

### Honored for long career in nursing

The Oregon Nurses Association has honored Registered Nurse Elizabeth "Liz" Washington, 77, of Portland with the 2005 ONA Meritorious Service Award, recognizing her 37 years of outstanding contributions to the profession of nursing, her community and the ONA.

"I believe in finishing what you start," says Washington. "There are many ways to reach your goals—just find the one that best fits you."

Her many years as a registered nurse are sprinkled throughout with a firm motivation to advance the nursing profession and patient care. While with the Multnomah County Hospital, now known as Oregon Health Sciences University, she was known among her staff for her innovative ideas for constant improvement. She was the hospital's head nurse for the psychiatric crisis unit and later head nurse for the orthopedic unit.

In her early years of nursing, Washington learned about the power of nurses' voice as a collective bargaining unit. Today, still supporting nurses' collective action, she



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Washington's career also included the Block Nurses Program, which provides care to older homebound adults in her

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neighborhood. In addition, she was a patient care assessment nurse with the Oregon Mental Health Resource Program where she worked with mentally and physically challenged people living in foster homes.

Related to state nurse leadership experience, in 1977 Washington was appointed by the Governor to the Oregon State Board of Nursing, serving two terms and a stint as president. She also served on the Human Rights and Nominating committees, the Nurse Assistance Network and the National American Nurses Association House of Delegates for the ONA. On the local level, she served on the board of directors for one of ONA's largest districts.

Since 2002, Washington has chaired the ONA history committee, which spearheaded the association's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2004. She continues to lead the committee in overseeing the archiving of ONA historical photos and documents.

Her current community and career activities

center on helping children and older adults. As a member of the Washington State American Legion Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary Honor Society's Eight and Forty, she focuses on services to veterans and children with cystic fibrosis, lungs and other respiratory diseases well as providing scholarships to registered nurses interested in caring for such children. She also serves on the Cascade Mental Health Older Adult Advisory Board and is a consultant to Fire-side Adult Foster Homes.

Washington received her associate degree in nursing from Clark College in Vancouver, Washington, and her bachelor of Science in nursing from the OHSU in Portland.

## Best of Jazz and R&B Album Features All-Star Lineup

Clarence Smith, along with producers Duke Jones and the legendary Norman Connors, is the guiding force behind one of this year's most refreshingly musical, star-studded collections in "Love Pages."

A conceptual album by a collective aptly

named The Café Soul All-Stars, Smith, the co-founder of Essence Magazine, feels it fills a definite void in the musical marketplace.

"Like many others, I love and appreciate two seminal eras in American music: Jazz and R&B," Smith said. "For me, the

idea behind the Love Pages project was simple, create an environment that allows great players and singers who share a similar reverence for the musical traditions I've always held dear to showcase their talents on one fantastic CD."

The recording enlists some of the most respected names in both jazz and R&B: George Benson, Peabo Bryson, Glenn Jones, Vesta, Christopher Williams, Jon Lucien, Maysa of Incognito fame, not to mention the Earth, Wind & Fire horn section.