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Community Calendar

Be on 'The Apprentice'

Casting calls for the popular television show The Apprentice will be held on Saturday, July 23. Get your application at www.nbc.com and come to the Bridgeport Hotel in Tigard before 9 a.m. to audition.

Summer in the Garden

The beautiful therapeutic garden at the Oregon Burn Center, normally closed to the public will be open on Monday, July 25 for Garden Arts and Crafts. Come join the Legacy Emanuel Horticultural Therapy students for garden tours and artist demonstrations. The garden is located at 3001 N. Gantenbein on the campus of Emanuel Hospital.

Camps and Classes

Kids can build one-of-a-kind clocks, learn to put on a puppet show and dance to the music each Wednesday and Saturday until Aug 31 at the Portland Children's Museum. For more information visit www.PortlandChildrensMuseum.org or call 503-223-6500.

African Music at North Star

The North Star Ballroom, 635 N. Killingsworth Court, hosts beginning drumming and Ghanaian rhythm classes on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays, an intermediate level of the drumming is offered in addition to an African aerobics/dance class. All classes are taught by Chata Addy. For more information call 503-632-0411.

Summer Play Days

All summer long come join other families in Irving Park every Wednesday at 10 a.m. to gather with Waldorf School oriented and inspired families who wish to play, snack and get wet in the new water play area. For more information, contact www.shiningstarschool.com.

Shining Star School

Openings for fall enrollment at Shining Star School, a Waldorf Initiative School near Northeast Sixth Avenue and Prescott Street, are now available for kids going into grade 1 and 2. Twelve children will be accepted for this small community based school. For more information visit www.shiningstarschool.com or call 503-753-4459.

Get Fit, Stay Healthy!

Sankofa 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. Art Camp Help Needed

AIDS Camp Support Sought

Camp Starlight is a program of Cascade AIDS that provides children affected by HIV/AIDS the opportunity to enjoy a caring, safe, recreational camping experience. The camp starts at the end of August, but volunteer camp counselors and donations are needed now. Call 503-223-5907 or visit www.cascadeaids.org.

Creative Space For Dance

Aurora Dance Studio, 5433 N.E. 30th (at 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/aurora for additional information.

Bradley-Angle House

The Bradley-Angle House needs volunteers to help its outreach against domestic violence. Women of color and bilingual women are encouraged to call. For more information, call 503-282-9940.

Minority Donors Urgently Needed

Local community at loss for transplants

BY KATHERINE BLACKMORE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Organ donations are a matter of life or death.

For people like Bernadette Artharee, a local African American whose young life was saved when she was able to get a kidney transplant, the question of whether or not a person should donate their organs isn't a hard one to answer.

When she was only 25, Artharee was diagnosed with polycystic kidney disease, a problem her mother, aunt and uncle also dealt with. Although she was able to keep the disease at bay for many years, the time finally came when she needed a kidney transplant.

Unfortunately, a family donor wasn't possible for her, as the disease was hereditary. She went through dialysis for three years before she was able to find a new kidney from a non-family person.

"It's a wonderful gift that I've received - a gift of life. I feel blessed that someone or their family said yes to a donation," Artharee said.

Since her transplant six years ago, Artharee has been able to see the birth of her grandson, as well as spend more time with her family in general. She's also become the



PHOTO BY KATHERINE BLACKMORE/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Organ recipient Bernadette Artharee was given her life back after receiving a kidney transplant six years ago.

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president of her local family business, Coast Industries. Her life has been renewed.

National Minority Donor Awareness Day is coming up on Monday, Aug. 1, paving the way for education and resources on organ donation and illustrating the growing need for transplants.

"We encourage everyone to really take some time and put the issue on their radar screen," said Warren Becker, manager for programs at the Oregon Donor Program.

African Americans make up 35 percent of those waiting for a kidney transplant, but only 39 percent of the African American population has taken the steps to commit to donating.

According to Becker, African Americans statistically have a better chance of being matched with

someone of the same race, due to genetic makeup.

This is why it's important that volunteers step up. On average, 17 people die every day waiting for a transplant and more than 85,000 people are on the organ transplant waiting list.

Donating, Becker said, is "the ultimate act of charity. It's helping and giving to your fellow man. It's about donating life and people getting second chances. We have one woman who received a new heart when she was 29 years old or she would've died. After the transplant, she and her husband were able to have a child. Her child now has a mom that's going to be around for quite some time."

The idea of giving away a part of one's body may sound scary, but it

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New Time Clock for Vanport Square

Developer gets one more year to develop MLK site

BY LEE PERLMAN
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The Portland Development Commission is giving local developers Ray Leary and Jeana Woolley one more year to develop land on the west side of Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard between Alberta and Killingsworth streets.

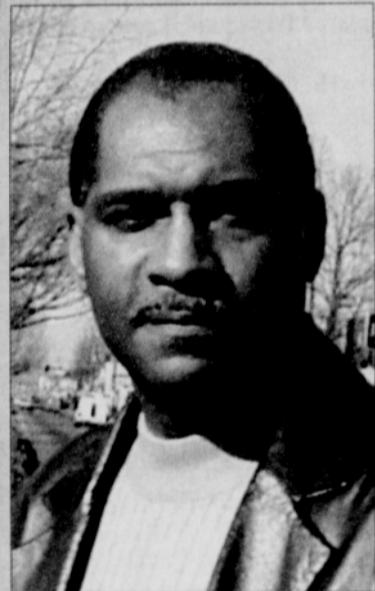
Phase One of the project will be the renovation of the abandoned Marco Machineworks building as a 22,000 square foot commercial center, divided into spaces of 1,000 to 5,000 square feet. To this effort, PDC committed \$4.4 million in urban renewal funds and \$1.2 million in new market tax credits.

Subsequent phases would involve expansion of the com-

mercial space to the north through new construction, rowhouse development to the west along Northeast Garfield Street, and later additional commercial and residential development to the south.

The original Vanport project, as conceived in 2001, would have covered three blocks and called for 500,000 square feet of residential and retail development, including a 60,000 square foot grocery, but the project foundered when the developers were unable to secure a grocery or any other sort of anchor. Plans by Portland's Vesta Corporation to operate a call center on the site were the latest to fall apart.

Leary, a local African-American leader and Woolley, a northeast Portland resident, have en-



Ray Leary

listed new partners in future plans, replacing the Gerding-Edlen Company, one of the city's largest developers.

The new associates are Jeff Sackett of Cupstone Partners and Michelle Reaves of Windermere/

Cronin-Caplan. The latter has helped lease properties on Northeast Alberta Street and North Mississippi Avenue, and worked with Woolley on the pending Heritage Project development on MLK.

Reaves told the PDC she was very enthusiastic about one aspect of the new proposal: it will allow occupants to buy their spaces on a condominium basis.

"Frankly, I don't get many calls from people saying, 'I want to rent space on MLK,'" she told the commission. "What I do hear every day is, 'I want space I can buy.' People want live-work space for under \$500,000, and there's nothing there. What I like about this proposal is, you're offering something people desperately want."

Reaves said a beneficial aspect of the new plans involves updating an existing building.

It's something people can put their hands around, rather than

a proposed structure developers hope they can build, she said.

Three Portland business leaders, Marco Shaw of Fife restaurant, John Kim of Living Color and Adam Milne of Old Town Pizza - all have said they would be interested in having space in the building.

African-American developer and King Neighborhood Association Chair Chad Debnun said the earlier proposals for Vanport Square failed due to unrealistic expectations and unrealistic demands placed on the developers, which he implied were motivated by racism.

"All our lives, we've been given just enough to fail," Debnun said.

Neighbor Ken Dragoon said the current proposal contained too many unanswered questions.

Portland Scholar Gains Leadership Skills

Graduate overcomes obstacles

BY LEE PERLMAN
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As her Grant High School career ended, Isata Yansaneh achieved acceptance from her peers and leadership qualities in her drive to excel in her education.

One of her rewards came when the Lloyd District Community Association awarded her a \$1,000 scholarship, beating out 15 other students despite the fact that her grade point average of 3.17, while certainly respectable, was by no means the top mark in her class.

"We didn't want to just restrict this to the class valedictorian, the association's Anne Grimmer says. "We looked at other qualities."

Among her outstanding credentials were her leadership qualities. Her peers voted her class president in her freshman, sophomore and junior years, and student body president in her senior year.

"Grant has a very diverse student body, and I'm very diverse myself," Yansaneh told the Portland Observer. "Everyone I hang around with is from

a different background."

Her parents were immigrants from Sierra Leone, in East Africa, and they separated when she was quite young. Her mother lives in Virginia, and she has lived with her father since age five.

Math teacher Margaret Calvert wrote of Yansaneh, "She faced almost constant pressure from other African American students to assimilate. She was often viewed as an outsider because her father is an immigrant...In the end she remained true to herself and as a result helped to define what it meant to be an African-American student here at Grant. She was unapologetic about her academic success and her ambition to make an impact on her community."

Yansaneh does not agree with all of this - she says she never felt like an "outsider" - but admits pressure to conform. Instead, she remained true to her father's emphasis on education, and won her peers' respect for it.

"I'm very personable," she says. "I'm not very shy and I can talk to people. People feel comfortable around me. If I can help someone out, I do it."



PHOTO BY NICOLE HOOPER/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Isata Yansaneh stayed true to her father's emphasis on education and won her peers' respect for it.

Her public service commitment extends to being a volunteer counselor at a Portland Parks Bureau summer camp.

This summer, she is working for Self-Enhancement, Inc. in a program at Jefferson High School. Mornings, she tutors high school students in math and English. In the afternoons, she works with younger students in a program that combines visits to potential career sites, community service projects, and recreation. SEI has awarded her a \$5,000 renewable scholarship.

In a past summer, she worked as an intern at the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs, where she ran a small store and ultimately learned how to create a business plan.

In the fall, she is bound for Spelman College in Atlanta, Ga.

Yansaneh admits that for someone who prides herself on her diversity of interests, the historically black women's college may seem an off choice. However, she says, "Of the schools I did get into, I decided this was the one for me. If I'm going to put that much time and

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