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## Music Walk Begins 2nd Year

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### Community Calendar

#### Shamrock Run

The Shamrock Run takes off from Waterfront Park, Sunday, March 12. Sign up at [www.ontherunevents.com/shamrock](http://www.ontherunevents.com/shamrock). Group rates are available. Register with four or more and save \$4 of entry fee.

#### Business Networking

Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) Business After Hours Quarterly Networking event is scheduled Thursday, March 16 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the OAME Cascade Plaza, 4134 N. Vancouver Ave. Cost is \$5 members, \$10 nonmembers, \$10 display table and \$20 display booth. For more information, call Patricia Garcia at 503-249-7744.

#### Kells St. Patrick's Day

Celebrate at the city's largest St. Patrick's Day festival at Kells Irish Restaurant and Pub. Three jam-packed days of Dublin bands, prizes, and authentic Irish dishes. Festival kicks off at 1:30 a.m. on Friday, March 17 through Sunday March 19 at Kells, 112 S.W. 2nd Ave. For updated information and cover charges, call Kells at 503-227-4057 or visit [www.kellsirish.com](http://www.kellsirish.com).

#### Anti-War Peace Rally

Mobilize against the war to mark three years since the Iraq invasion. A network of over 125 organizations issues call to action for a march and rally on Sunday, March 19 at Waterfront Park. Gather at 1:30 p.m. Event begins at 2 p.m. For more information or to cosponsor or endorse, call 503-236-3065 or [iraq@pjw.info](mailto:iraq@pjw.info).

#### Packy's Birthday at the Zoo

Celebrate Elephantastic! It's Packy's 44th birthday party, Saturday, April 8 and Sunday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Oregon Zoo. Birthday cake for everyone, Packy too! Cake served at 2 p.m., free with zoo admission. For more information, call 503-226-1561.

#### Get Wet Indoors at Parks

All March, spring break extended hours are scheduled at Columbia, Matt Dishman, Mt. Scott and Southwest Community Center pools. Open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. with open swim times starting at 1 p.m. Register for spring classes by calling Portland Parks and Recreation at 503-823-5130.

#### Animal Secrets at OMSI

Where does a chipmunk sleep? Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) provides answers in a new exhibit opening March 14. Features text panels in English and Spanish. OMSI, 1945 SE Water Ave. For more information call 503-797-OMSI (6674).

#### Al-Anon Meeting

"Solutions and Serenity" for anyone affected by another person's drinking. Every Tuesday at 7 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 147 N.W. 19th at Everett. Free, enter through courtyard. For more information, call Julianna Tassone at 503-367-6115.

#### Radical Women

Defend Lovejoy Surgicenter, protecting a woman's right to choose. Show support for clients and staff of the women's health center on Saturday, March 18, 8:30 a.m. Meet at northwest corner of Northwest Lovejoy and 25th Ave. Contact Radical Women at 503-240-4462.

36  
years of  
community service

# Women Making Movies

Cascade Festival celebrates with five films

The Cascade Festival of African Films presents five short films by African-American women as part of Women's History Month on Thursday March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Portland Community College, Cascade Campus, Room 122, 705 N. Killingsworth St.

"Chronicles of a Lying Spirit" by Cauleen Smith is an exploration of the implications of the mediation of Black history by film, television, magazines and newspapers. Using her alter ego Kelly Gabron, Smith



"Picking Tribes" is a short film about a girl trying to chose between her African and Native American heritages.

fabricates a personal history of her emergence as an artist from white-male-dominated American history and American film history. The 1992 film runs 13 minutes.



The documentary "Cycles" explores the psycho-spiritual journey of a young woman.

"Cycles" by Zeinabu irene Davis tells the story of Rasheeda Allen as she waits for her period, a state of anticipation familiar to all women. Davis, an independent filmmaker and full Professor of Communication

at University of California, San Diego, is passionately concerned with the depiction of women of African

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## Revolutionary Voices to Sing in Portland

### 'In Other Words' hosts free concert

Charming Hostess is a band of three women in a whirl of eerie harmony, hot rhythm and radical braininess.

Jewlia Eisenberg, Marika Hughes and Cynthia Taylor will sing from and discuss their new CD, Sarajevo Blues on Thursday at 7 p.m. in a free performance at In Other Words, the feminist bookstore and community resource center that moved to 3 N.E. Killingsworth St. from the Hawthorne District last month.

Eisenberg's boldly original voice brings the sexy, soulful sound of 1960's girl groups to the 21st century avant-garde, rocking out along the way. Her group takes off where Jewish and African Diasporas collide, incorporating Pygmy counterpoint, Balkan harmonies, Klezmer riffs and Sufi melody. The music is rooted in the body—voices and vocal percussion, handclaps and heartbeats,



Jewlia Eisenberg, Marika Hughes and Cynthia Taylor form the band Charming Hostess. The trio will perform Thursday at the new In Other Words bookstore at 3 N.E. Killingsworth St.

*Their voices radiate female energy and their singing transforms the spirit.*

— San Francisco Chronicle

sex-breath and silence.

In Sarajevo Blues, some songs explicitly speak of war, and others of cafe culture, underground sexuality and freedom under extreme constraint. It sounds heavy, but the group swears it's mostly about the triumph of the human spirit.

The Portland performance promises to be informal with both song and conversation.

## Toxic Riverfront Restored

### Volunteers plant native trees, shrubs

Over 250 community members took time from their busy weekends this winter to be down on the Willamette River in north Portland to plant native trees and shrubs at a former polluted industrial site.

The groundbreaking work represents the latest step in restoring the McCormick & Baxter Superfund Site, a federal government designation earned from years of creosotes and other chemicals left behind in the manufacture of treated

lumber. The chemicals were removed from the site in earlier work, removing a serious health threat to people and the environment.

Community members planted over 3,000 native trees and shrubs on the 41-acre site last month, with kids and adults, scout troops and school groups, family and friends all pitching in. Another 17,000 trees and shrubs were then planted around other areas of the property.

Over the coming decades, a diverse riparian forest of Ponderosa pine, Oregon oak, Pacific madrone, cascara,

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Volunteers plant trees along the Willamette River in north Portland near the University of Portland and a former polluted industrial site.