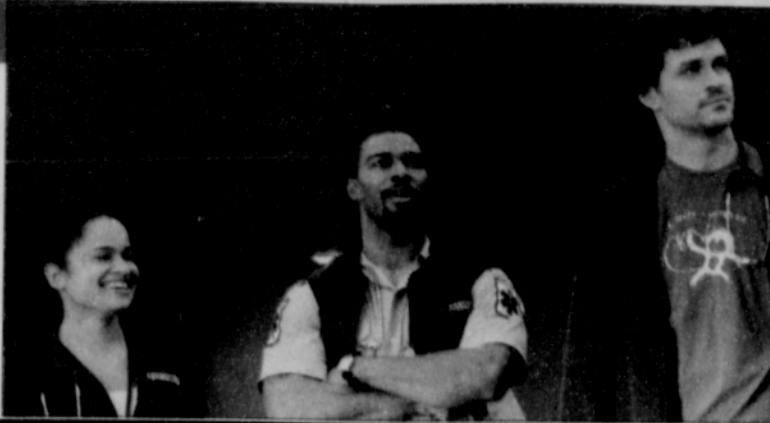


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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Juneteenth Celebration

Celebrate Juneteenth with good food, R&B, hip hop, blues, jazz and spoken word, raffles, games and job information and opportunities from statewide employers, Friday, June 16 through Sunday, June 18 at Peninsula Park, 700 N. Portland Blvd.

Business After Hours

The Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs Business After Hours takes place from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15 at OAME Cascade Plaza, 4134 N. Vancouver Ave.

How's Your Memory?

A free community forum hosted by the Providence Center on Aging addresses the topic of aging and forgetfulness, 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 15 at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center, Souther Auditorium, 9205 S.W. Barnes Rd.

Foursquare Houses

Experts explore the American Foursquare house, a popular and very un-square turn-of-the-century design found in every older Portland neighborhood. Pre-register for the event on Saturday, June 17 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Architectural Heritage Center, 701 S.E. Grand Ave. by calling 503-231-7264 or visiting www.VisitAHC.org.

Vancouver Junior Symphony

Support the future of music in southwest Washington at a fundraising concert for the Junior Symphony of Vancouver, featuring Bach, Handel and others, Saturday, June 17. Early auction begins at 7 p.m. and concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20, available at the door.

Hate Crimes Conference

Many feel powerless to stop hate crimes, but there are ways to effectively combat this community problem. Portland Community College will host the 2006 Oregon Hate Crimes Conference, Wednesday through Friday, June 21-23 at the Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth St. To register or get more information, visit oregonstate.edu/conferences/hatecrimes2006 or call 503-614-7621.

Summer Hoops Camp

Skills and Drills Summer Basketball Camp, presented by Miss Oregon Teen USA 2006 Kelci Rae Flowers and in association with Portland Trailblazer Jerry Moss, takes place June 24, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Jack, Will & Rob Boys and Girls Club, Camas, Wash. The camp is \$20 with lunch provided, and is open to Boys and Girls Club members ages six to 16. Free memberships are offered; for more information call Veronica Alberti at 971-409-8687 or Joelle Camacho at 360-817-9966.

Tibetan Cultural Festival

Tibetans will share their ancient culture on Saturday, June 24 at the 5th Annual Tibetan Cultural Festival, sponsored by the Northwest Tibetan Cultural Association, at Oaks Amusement Park on the east end of the Sellwood Bridge. The festival runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is free.

Interstate Farmers Market

The Interstate Farmers Market features a variety of fresh local produce, baked goods, cut flowers, artisan cheese, meat and fish each Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., next to Overlook Park across the street from Kaiser Permanente Interstate Campus.

36
years of
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Musician Chata Addy will teach African drumming at Saturday's Day of the African Child festival at the World Forestry Center.

Festival is Passport to Africa

African drumming, foods, storytelling and arts and crafts will pull people together for the good of the global community at the Day of the African Child festival on Saturday, June 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the World Forestry Center in Washington Park.

The celebration, co-sponsored by the Harambee Centre and the Portland Rose Festival, honors the African Child — past, present and future — through entertainment and educational activities for families and children of all ages.

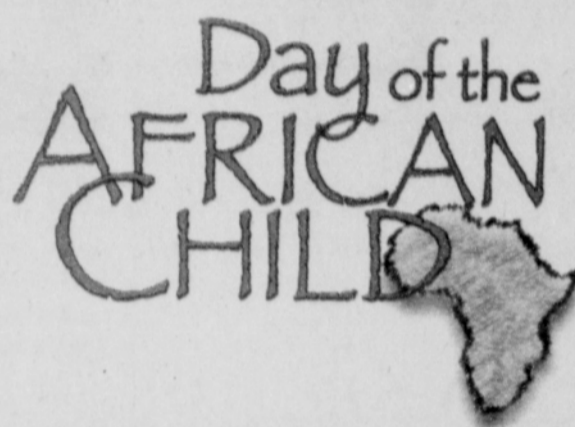
A variety of family-friendly activities — both outdoor at the World Forestry Center Plaza and inside the Discovery Museum — include musician Chata Addy and his African drumming and marimba workshops in the outdoor plaza.

An outside African Market will feature food by Horn of Africa Restaurant, African products for purchase and information about non-profit organizations involved in development projects in Africa.

African storytelling will take place inside the Discovery Museum, along with the Harambee Centre presentation of "Africa is Not a Country" and the summer exhibit "Ebony! Carvings of the Makonde," a presentation of over 50 hand-carved ebony sculptures by the Makonde tribe of East Africa.

The festival is designed to promote community awareness about the plight of the African child who often is the first victim of Africa's calamities like HIV/AIDS, civil war, armed conflict, draught, famine, and poverty. The gathering will bring attention to what can be done to improve the welfare of children in Africa, who make up between 50-60 percent of the population.

Admission to the celebration in the outdoor plaza is free to the public. Admission to the Discovery Museum is free for children under 18, adults are \$7 and Seniors are \$6. The World Forestry Center is located just off Highway 26 and the MAX light rail line. Visitors are encouraged to ride MAX or take TriMet bus #63.



Top Prep Players in Nation to Battle

Rose City Showcase to kick off Friday

The fourth annual Adidas Rose City showcase presents grassroots basketball at its finest, along with courtside entertainment, from Friday, June 16 to Sunday, June 18 at Grant High School in northeast Portland.

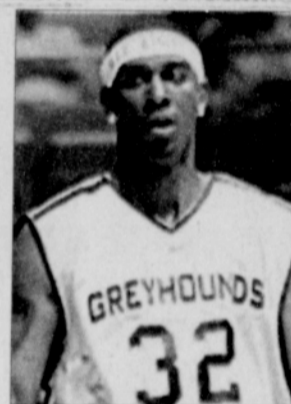
The nation's top AAU basketball teams and some of the best prep players in the country will battle it out for the Adidas Rose City Showcase title. The nationally-ranked teams include DC Assault from Washington, D.C.; D-I Greyhounds from Ohio; Pump N Run All-Stars, SoCal All-Stars and Shakur Village, all from California; and the Atlanta Celtics



Bill Walker



Kevin Love



O.J. Mayo

from Georgia. The Northwest will be well represented by Washington's Friends of Hoop and Seattle Rotary Select.

The tournament is one of the most anticipated basketball events of the year. It will be the only time you will see the four of the consensus top five players in the country in one gymnasium, as well as other Top 50 prospects.

The talent includes No. 1 ranked O.J.

Mayo, No. 2 Bill Walker, No. 4 Michael Beasley, No. 5 Kevin Love, No. 11 Austin Freeman, No. 19 Jullian Vaughn, No. 31 Senario Hillman, No. 39 James Harden and No. 41 ranked Alex Tyus.

Additionally, some of the nation's top rising juniors and sophomores will also be in the house, including Brandon Jennings, Harold Thompkins, William Buford and Renardo Sidney, who is considered by many to be the best player

in the country in the Class of 2009.

Previous participants have included the likes of current NBA players Dwight Howard (Orlando Magic), Josh Smith (Atlanta Hawks), Marvin Williams (Atlanta Hawks), Martell Webster (Portland Trailblazers), and Gerald Green (Boston Celtics). Scores of current and future college stars have also played in this exciting event.

The action all begins Friday with opening ceremonies at 4 p.m. at Grant High School with the first of four matchups following at 5:30 p.m. Tournament games begin at 3:15 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday with the Sunday championship game at 7 p.m.

Divisional tournaments for other teams, ages 9 to 16, from Portland, Seattle and across the nation will take place Saturday and Sunday at Grant, Benson and Franklin high schools.



Basketball skill development camp at Irving Park

Hot summer days lie ahead, and Portland parks are at their busiest when the rain is gone and school is out.

Irving Park at Northeast Seventh Avenue and Fremont Street will be home to two big months of basketball fun, a jazz festival, health fairs and family fun days for kids and adults.

Hosted by the First Steps Sports Academy, the All-American Youth Basketball Clinic and Summer Program takes place June 26 through Aug. 24, each Monday through Thursday from noon to 3:30 p.m.

p.m. Friday, July 28, featuring youth jazz and arts. Health fairs are Fridays, Aug. 4 and 18, with a community services day on Friday, Aug. 11.

The program's health days will feature full dental screenings, ear and eye care, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings. The community fair is a free and informative way for elderly and youth to access a number of participants and health providers, who will be on site.

This summer program is presented by First Step Sports Academy and cospon-

Irving Park Summer Fun Coming Includes basketball, jazz and health fairs

and Friday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

A skill development camp will focus on passing, dribbling, defense and offense and scrimmaging, with a tournament at the end of the summer. Spots are still available but filling up quickly.

Family Fun Days are open to everyone, with a jazz festival from 2 p.m. to 9

sored by Portland Parks and Recreation, the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods and Youth Employment Institute.

Coach E.J. Penn operates First Step Sports Academy as an after-school sports program out of Vernon Elementary, and this will be the fourth year of the summer

program. First Step is still seeking volunteers, health care participants, local musicians and anyone interested in sponsoring or donating to this summer's day camp and family fun days.

To register for the camp or for more information, call Melissa Knight at 503-604-1718.



First Step Sports Academy hosts two month of music, health and sports June 16 through Aug. 14 at Irving Park, Northeast Seventh and Fremont.