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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Rahsaan Tribute to Air

The Cable TV Channel 22 show NEXT: Generation of Leaders will honor the late community activist Halim Rahsaan on Saturday, Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. with special guests Sen. Avel Gordly and Charles Hopson.

Pet Adoption

The Oregon Humane Society will host several adoption events for those wishing to bring a dog, cat or possibly a rabbit into their homes, Saturday, Aug. 5 at Forever Pets, 1902 N.E. Broadway, and Sunday, Aug. 6 at Wild Oats, 2825 N.E. Burnside. Both events are from noon to 4 p.m.

In Other Words Events

Join In Other Words Bookstore on North Killingsworth and Williams Avenue for a reading by biker-poet Samantha Barrow, Thursday evening, Aug. 3. Also, attend art classes illustrating drawing techniques, open to the community through donations on Saturdays, Aug. 5 and 12 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on these or other events, call the bookstore at 503-232-6003.

Music Millennium BBQ

The 14th Annual Customer Appreciation Barbeque will take place at Music Millennium, 3158 E. Burnside, on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Enjoy free food, live music, beverages and prizes, plus jugglers, magicians, clowns and more. For a complete line-up for musical act or for more information, call 503-231-8943.

Lents Founders Day

Mark the success of the Lents area and surrounding communities on Sunday, Aug. 20 at Lents Park, Southeast 92nd Avenue between Holgate and Steele. A parade begins at noon. Enjoy hot dogs and drinks and music. On Saturday, Aug. 19, catch a baseball game between the City Slickers and the Lents Rebels, 4 p.m. at the Wattles Boys and Girls Club field. To participate or for more information, call Ken Turner at 503-771-3817.

Homebuying Classes

Portland Community Land Trust helps first time and low-income homebuyers purchase homes at below market price. Attend a free, one-hour class to learn more about the program. Contact Kelly@pclt.org or call 503-493-0293 to sign up and ask questions or visit pclt.org.

Drums, Dance for Kids

Chata Addy offers drumming and dance classes for children, Wednesdays through Aug. 30 at North Star Ballroom, 635 N. Killingsworth Ct. Participants can learn the sounds and rhythm of Ghana, West Africa. Healthy lunches and snacks are catered. For more information and to sign up, email chata@pacifier.com

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.

Beginning Meditation

Free yourself from worries and mental discomfort and experience true happiness by learning about meditation in practical, easy, clear and systematic methods each Monday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at In Other Words bookstore.

36
years of
community service

Principal Hired for Jefferson

Administrator has urban school experience

Leon Dudley, a high school principal in Dallas, Texas, has been hired to lead Jefferson High School this fall.

Portland School Superintendent Vicki Phillips said Dudley, a principal at Dallas Independent School District's Roosevelt High School, has a strong track record leading urban middle and high schools and closing the achievement gap.

"Leon Dudley is a dynamic leader who has proven his success at urban schools much like Jefferson," Phillips said. "He has the ideas, the energy, and the inspiration it will take to engage students, teachers, school staff, families and the broader community to meet our common goal: To re-establish Jefferson as a premier high school."



Leon Dudley

Dudley has increased graduation rates, improved instruction, supervised alternative and magnet programs and has engaged the community in schools he has served.

He started his career as a third grade teacher in Dallas, and has spent most of his career in Texas, including two years at the Texas Education Agency working in accountability, development and support of alternative schools and programs.

Dudley will take the helm of a school undergoing transformation beginning Monday, Aug. 14, school officials said.

Based on the recommendations of a 23-member community design team, Jefferson will encompass four academies: The Acad-

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PHOTO BY ISAIAH BOUJE/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Justin Ames, 14, discovers a mostly empty Jefferson High School during summer break.

Mt. Hood Jazz Festival to Jump



Saxophone legend David Sanborn will headline one of Oregon's longest running jazz festivals this weekend as the Mt. Hood Jazz Festival celebrates 25 years.

Weekend brings 25 years of top talent

The Mt. Hood Jazz Festival takes place Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 4, 5 and 6 in downtown Gresham, on the future site of the Gresham Center for the Arts, as well as performances in select downtown Gresham restaurants.

This year's 25th annual event will feature a full lineup, with trumpeter Chris Botti and saxophone legend David Sanborn headlining.

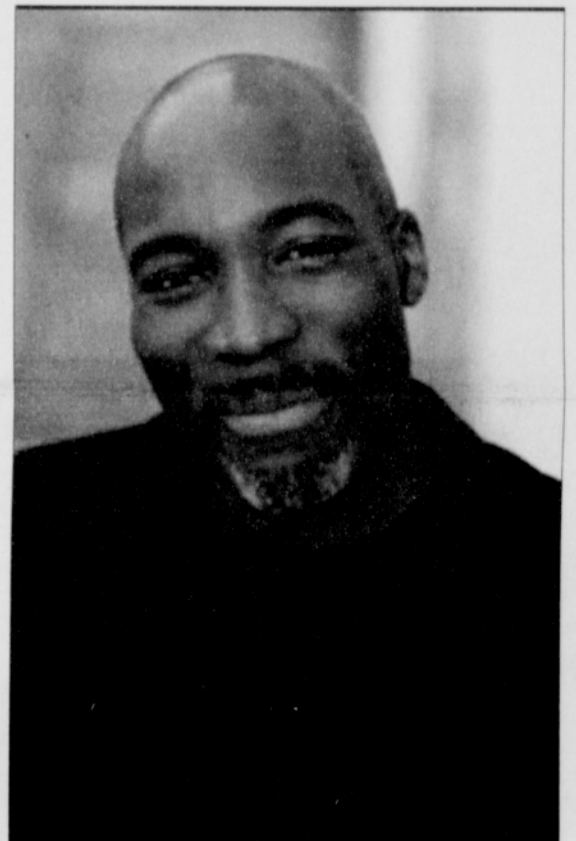
The silver anniversary event is a celebration of all jazz styles that have come through the festival over the last quarter century. The festival has hosted some of the best names in jazz history, including Dexter Gordon, Sonny Rollins, Wynton Marsalis, Chick Corea and Rosemary Clooney.

Festivalgoers will be treated to performances by the Cannonball Adderley Legacy Band featuring Louis Hayes, and the Dave Valentin Latin Jazz Ensemble, plus plenty of other local and regional talent.

Jazz fans can also watch performances by up-and-coming student musicians, with all-star college groups from Mt. Hood Community College, Portland State University and Clark College playing in venues around historic downtown Gresham.

The festival main stage is located at 200 N.E. Hood Ave., just four blocks from a Max light rail station. It will host the festival headliners, including jazz musicians from around the country and top Northwest artists. A variety of food and drink will be available on site.

On Sunday, there will be a Jazz Brunch Cruise and



Trumpeter Darrell Grant will take the main stage in downtown Gresham for the Mt. Hood Jazz

an afternoon Jazz excursion cruise on the Sternwheeler Columbia, plus a Jazz on the Patio evening event at Persimmon Country Club.

Tickets to the Main Stage performances are available at Music Millennium, Portland Center for Performing Arts, Safeway and TicketsWest, www.ticketswest.com or 1-800-992-8499.

For information and reservations for other events, including the jazz cruises, downtown restaurants and Mt. Hood Jazz in Scenic Settings concerts, e-mail info@mthoodjazz.org or visit www.mthoodjazz.org.



Chris Botti

Giving Back to His Community

Career traced to outreach program

Terry Kimmons is a Firefighter Specialist at the Portland Fire and Rescue Training Academy, who helps mentor and teach newly hired firefighters the skills of the job.

Before this assignment, he was a firefighter in his own neighborhood at Station 14, located on Northeast Killingsworth Street.

"I grew up just 10 blocks from this fire station, and now I am helping to keep my community safer. My parents still live here, in Station 14's response area," Kimmons said.

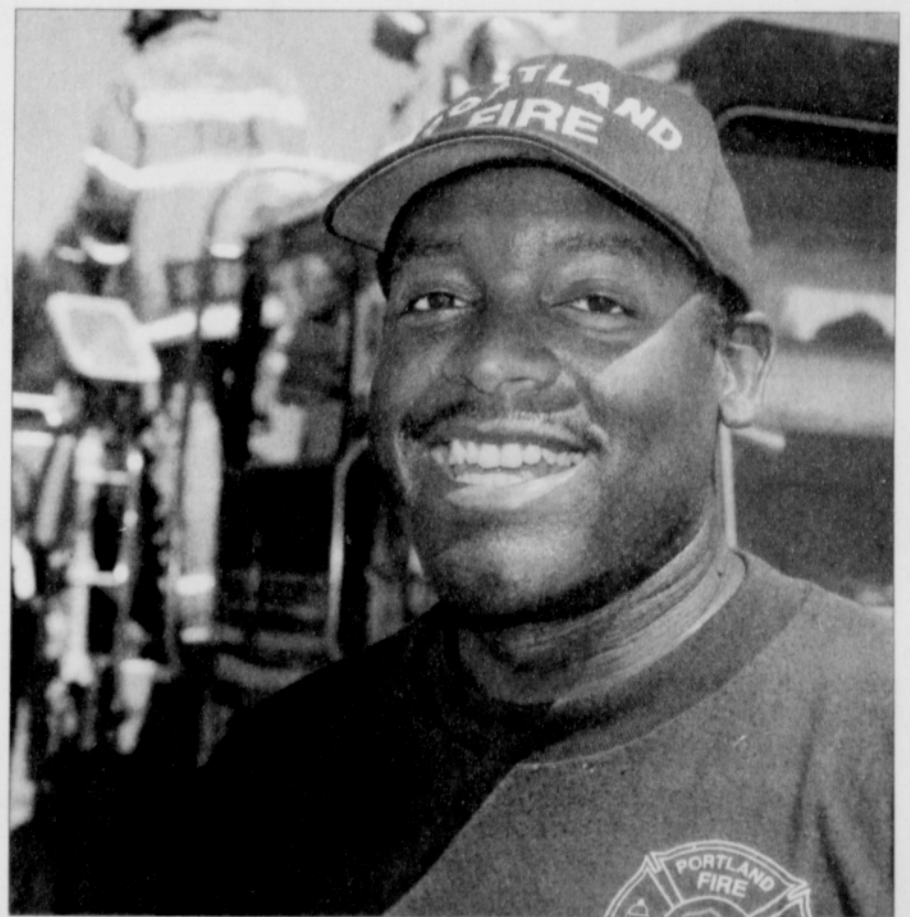
His career can be traced to the city's firefighter trainee program, specifically designed to help people from

diverse backgrounds become successful firefighters. Most of the recruits have no prior experience or education in the firefighting and rescue field.

"Seven years ago, I signed up for this program because I wanted to help people and give back to my community," Kimmons said.

He looks back at one of the best days when some kids from a local school that he had visited stopped by the fire station just to say hello.

"I felt like I had really made a connection with the students that day and I had made a difference," he said. "I believe it's important for Portland Fire & Rescue to reflect the diversity of our community. Stop by and visit your neighborhood firefighters, or better yet, consider becoming a firefighter yourself!"



Portland firefighter Terry Kimmons worked at the fire station in northeast Portland where he grew up before becoming a mentor at the Portland Fire and Rescue Training Academy.