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Youngest Ever Hoists Golf Championship Cup

The Women's Amateur event makes a star
out of 16-year-old Kimberly Kim
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Community Calendar

Concerts at Blue Lake

Enjoy waterside entertainment with the 'Music by Blue Lake' series, featuring the group Moondance, Friday, Aug. 18 and the eclectic South African group Fools in Paradise, Friday, Aug. 25. Both concerts run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Blue Lake Regional Park, located between Marine Drive and Sandy Boulevard off Northeast 223rd Ave. For more information, visit www.metro-region.org/bluelake or call 503-797-1850.

Women's Rights Day

Join the Portland branch of Radical Women in a celebration of women winning the right to vote, with a forum held Saturday, Aug. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bread and Roses Center, 819 N. Killingsworth. A summer buffet will be available at 6 p.m. for \$8 to \$10 on a sliding scale. For more information, call 503-240-4462.

Pet Adoption Events

The Oregon Humane Society will host adoption events on Saturday, Aug. 19 at Jantzen Beach Home Depot; Dog Star, 1313 NW Kearney; and the Woodstock Neighborhood Picnic. For more information, visit www.oregonhumane.org.

Golf Tourney Volunteers

SEI is looking for volunteers for the Jeld-Wen Tradition at the Reserve Vineyards and Gold Club, Aug. 21 through 27. Roles include Expo Tent and Putt for Charity staffing, and caddy and standard bearers. Volunteers will receive a weekly ticket to the tournament, as well as a SEI hat and shirt and food and beverage. For more information, call 503-249-1721, extension 264.

Women's Caregiving

A free health forum 'When is it Time to Take Charge? Women and Caregiving' will help participants recognize red flags, cope with caretaking and provide community resources every woman can use. It takes place Thursday, Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center's Souther Auditorium, 9205 S.W. Barnes Rd. For more information, call 503-513-8404.

YWCA Needs Advocates

Clark County YWCA is looking for adults who can serve as mentors for sexual assault victims and domestic violence support groups, court-appointed advocates for abused and neglected children and volunteers for incarcerated women transitioning back into the community. Fall training and orientation begins Tuesday, Sept. 2 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 360-696-0167.

Family Fun at Irving Park

Portland Parks and Recreation and First Steps Sports Academy welcome all to Family FunDays, on Fridays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 18 and 25 at Irving Park, 7 N.E. Knott St. There will be food and entertainment, health screenings and more.

Economic Empowerment

PDX Confidential hosts DEED: Diversity Economic Empowerment Day, a conference to celebrate diversity, explore individual skills and develop leadership in the global economy, Tuesday, Sept. 12 at the Portland Hilton and Executive Tower, 921 S.W. Sixth Ave. The conference takes place from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., followed by a Masquerade Ball at 6 p.m.

36
years of
community service



Grammy-winner and Latin jazz pianist Eddie Palmieri will join his orchestra at the Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival.



Harmonica man James Cotton is scheduled for opening night of the three-day wine and jazz extravaganza in Vancouver.

Vancouver serves up a cultural event

Excitement is building for the ninth Annual Wine & Jazz Festival, coming to downtown Vancouver for the weekend of Aug. 25, 26, and 27.

Over the past eight years, the event has become one of the most important jazz festivals in the Northwest. This year's celebration is expected to attract more than 15,000 people enjoying major Grammy-winning jazz and blues artists, up-and coming performers and regional jazz and blues greats from throughout the Northwest.

Each year there is a commitment to presenting internationally acclaimed jazz artists, as well as local and regional jazz musicians, said Dr. Michael Kissinger, Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival's artistic director.

Opening the 2006 edition on Friday, Aug. 25 is an "all blues" evening, headlined by blues legend, seven-time Grammy nominee and harmonica man James Cotton. Cotton began his career in 1944 at age 9, and has performed with great stars from Muddy Waters, Elvis, B.B. King and the Steve Miller Band.

The lineup for Saturday, Aug. 26 includes Spyro Gyra (11 million albums sold to date), R&B and Gospel diva Mavis Staples, and 4-time Grammy-winner and New Orleans jazz giant Dr. John.

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Mixing Fine Wines, Jazz



Mavis Staples, fresh from a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, will take the Wine & Festival stage at Esther Short Park in Vancouver.

Rosa Parks School Opening Set Achieving principal leads way

Registration for kindergarten through sixth-grade students started this week at Rosa Parks Elementary School, a new school opening Sept. 6 in the New Columbia neighborhood of north Portland.

The signups are taking place at the old Ball Elementary School, 4221 N. Willis Blvd. through Friday, but will move to the new school at 8960 N. Woolsey Ave. on Monday, Aug. 28.

Registration is primarily for new students who reside in the recently constructed New Columbia neighborhood. Students who attended Ball Elementary last year will attend Rosa Parks, and their school records have been sent. Tamala Newsome, an African American educator honored for raising student achievement at Ball, will serve as principal at Rosa Parks.

Families must provide the following information when registering: two pieces of proof of residency, with address; one piece of picture identification, different from the first two items; for kindergartners, an origi-

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Tamala Newsome

Neighbors Step Up for Livability

Taking action to improve Dekum

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Ross Danielson remembers when his wife, Annie, would arrive home upset after falling into deep potholes as she stepped off the Tri-Met bus on Northeast Dekum Street.

The holes that hid beneath overgrown grass were remnants of an unfinished thought of trees lining the street. Compounding those absentminded pitfalls was the trash and graffiti plaguing streets in their Woodlawn community.

Many of these empty patches of land between the street and sidewalks are the homeowners' concern, the city's concern, and Tri-Met's concern.

—Ross Danielson

Several other neighbors agreed that the disrespectful behavior made Dekum an unsafe and unsightly route for transit riders.

Danielson said when he approached the city of Portland and TriMet he was told there was no money or government help available to solve the neighborhood livability issues.

"The city wouldn't fill the holes or clean up the

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Ross Danielson (far right) takes a seat on a bus stop bench built by Matt Cartwright (second from right) for their neighborhood on Northeast Dekum Street in Portland's Woodlawn community. Also pictured are neighbors Zac Reisner (far left) and J.L. Quentin.