

Community Calendar

Art on the Peninsula

The North Portland Neighborhood Services present Art on the Peninsula Rummage Sale, Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Historica Kenton Firehouse, 8105 N. Brandon. Find art and art supplies, household items, fabric and clothing, and much more. For more information, call 503-823-4099.

Gourmet Popcorn Sale

Scouts from the Cascade Pacific Council, Boy Scouts of America will be popping up all over north-west Oregon and southwest Washington during October as they kick off their annual Trail's End Gourmet Popcorn sales. Proceeds provide the council and Scouts units with additional funds to serve more than 48,000 youths in the area. To place an order for caramel, butter, chocolate, cheese, Kettle flavors and more, call 503-225-5718.

Jefferson Homecoming

The Jefferson Alumni Association kicks off with a Homecoming Tailgate Party, Wednesday, Oct. 20. The group is looking for one car from each class to circle the Jefferson campus. Individuals interested in organizing their classmates can bring a grill, some food and music and have fun. The Alumni Association meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Jefferson High School. For information or to host a class car, contact Phoebe Tyeskey at 503-490-0985 or Maggie Mashiat at 503-331-7507.

Personal Transformation

Portland Community College hosts a class to achieve a healthy and more energetic lifestyle. Pathway to Personal Transformation meets from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays from Oct. 3 to Nov. 21 in room 105 at the Portland Metro Workforce Training Center, 5600 N.E. 42 Ave. Cost is \$59. For more information, call 503-978-5205.

Stroller Class for Moms

Are you a new mom or have a toddler? Get some exercise, and meet other moms at the free Stroller Strides class, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursday at Peninsula Park. All you need is a stroller, water, a mat or towel and comfortable shoes. Call Helen at 503-260-5018 for information.

Girls Fest at Expo Center

Girls of all ages will gather at the Portland Expo Center in north Portland Saturday, Sept. 30 to participate in hands-on activities and learn about resources and opportunities for girls in our community. Interactive activities will include everything from high adventure sports to science and technology to singing and dancing. Girls Fest is free and is open to all girls and their families. Visit girlscoutsrc.org for more info.

Memory Walk for Alzheimer's

Join more than 500 people across the metro area for the Alzheimer's Association's annual Memory Walk takes place Sunday, Oct. 1 at Pioneer Courthouse Square at SW 6th between Morrison and Yamhill streets. Registration begins at 9 a.m., and can be done in advance by visiting <http://mw06.kintera.org/PDX> or by calling 1-800-733-0402.

Lents Homeowners Help

Members of the Lents Homeownership Initiative and partners will host "How to Repair Your Credit", a free home buying workshop on Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Kelly Elementary, 9030 SE Cooper St. If you'd like to attend please RSVP to Amie Diffenauer at 503-788-8052 or amie@rosecdc.org.

Hatha Yoga Class

In Other Words Books and Resources hosts Hatha Yoga classes every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at In Other Words, 8b N.E. Killingsworth. All genders, ages and donations welcome.

Promise Dinner, Auction

Housecall Providers will host its third annual Pearls of Promise dinner and auction, Sunday, Sept. 24 at 5 p.m. at the Governor Hotel, 614 S.W. 11th Ave. This benefit supports primary medical care for homebound elderly and disabled in Portland. Call 503-988-5303.



Rev. Edward Bacon Jr., (center) rector of All Saints Church in Pasadena, Calif. and his parishioners. (AP photo)

Church Defends Anti-War Sermon

Feds go after tax-exempt status

(AP) - A liberal church that has been threatened with the loss of its tax-exempt status over an anti-war sermon delivered just days before the 2004 presidential election said it will fight an IRS order to turn over documents on the matter.

"We're going to put it in their court and in a court of law so that we can get an adjudication to some very fundamental issue here that we see as an intolerable infringement of rights," said Bob Long, senior warden of All Saints Church in Pasadena, Calif.

He said the church's 26-member vestry voted unanimously to resist IRS demands for documents and an interview with the congregation's rector by the end of the month.

The church's action sets up a high-profile confrontation between the church and the IRS, which now must decide whether to ask for a hearing before a judge, who would then decide on the validity of the agency's demands.

Religious leaders on the right and left have expressed fear that the dispute could make it more difficult for them to speak out on moral issues such as gay marriage and abortion during the midterm election campaign.

At a news conference Thursday, church officials were flanked by about 40 representatives of mosques, synagogues and other churches.

"We smell intimidation, it smells rotten, and we should not allow any

aspect of intimidation to be directed to any member of our great country," said Maher Hathout, senior adviser of the Muslim Public Affairs Council.

Under federal tax law, church officials can legally discuss politics, but to retain tax-exempt status, they cannot endorse candidates or parties.

The dispute at the 3,500-member Episcopal church centers on a sermon titled "If Jesus Debated Senator Kerry and President Bush," delivered by a guest pastor.

According to the IRS, the only church ever to be stripped of its tax-exempt status for partisan politicking was a church near Binghamton, N.Y., that ran full-page newspaper ads against President Clinton during the 1992 election season.

Blues Guitarist Dead at 93



Etta Baker

(AP)--Etta Baker, an influential blues guitarist who recorded with Taj Mahal and was awarded by the National Endowment for the Arts, has died at 93.

Baker died Saturday in Fairfax, Va., while visiting a daughter who had suffered a stroke.

Baker was raised in a musical family in western North Carolina. She made her first mark in music in 1956, when she appeared on a compilation album called "Instrumental Music of the Southern Appalachians." The recording influ-

enced the growing folk revival, especially her versions of "Railroad Bill" and "One-Dime Blues."

She worked for 26 years at a textile mill in Morganton before quitting at age 60 to pursue a career as a professional musician.

Baker became a hit on the international folk-festival circuit, playing Piedmont blues, a mix of the clattery rhythms of bluegrass and blues. She won a 1991 Folk Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Gospel Singing Group Reunites

For more than half a century, The Caravans have been an unwavering source of traditional gospel music. Unfortunately, the ladies hadn't recorded any new songs as a group in 40 years. And now the long wait is over.

The founder of The Caravans, Ms. Albertina Walker, "The Queen of Gospel Music" has been reunited with her royal court of gospel superstars from The Caravans; Dorothy Norwood, "The World's Greatest Gospel Storyteller," Deloris Washington, "The Sweet Songbird" of gospel music, and Inez Andrews "The High Priestess" of gospel music on the forthcoming Malaco Music Group CD, "Paved The Way."

This classic new release includes 6 new songs and 7 gospel standards, including The Caravan's legendary hit: "Mary Don't You Weep."

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The Caravans

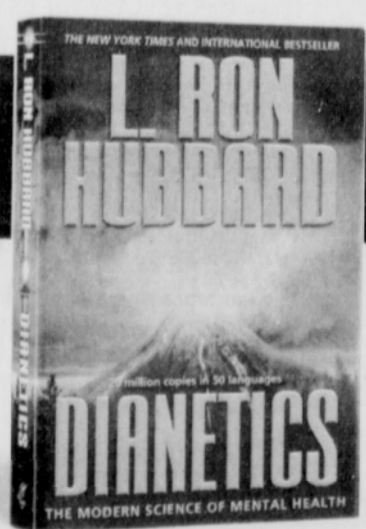
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