

The pleasure of your company  
is formally requested to attend the  
**Bethesda Christian Church Women's Department**  
"A Night of Elegance Dinner Banquet"

To be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel  
7900 NE 82nd Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97220  
Saturday, October 20, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Tickets are now available with \$40 donation each or \$75 per couple  
Semi Formal-to-Formal attire.

There will be music and a fashion show/silent auction.  
Come prepared to have an evening of elegance and fun!

For more information or RSVP, please contact:  
Sister Karen Coleman at 503-282-9603



## Africa Fest

A Family & Children Friendly  
Cultural Event & Community Gather-

Filled with...Food, Fun, Music, & More

ACTIVITIES DURING FEST INCLUDE

- PANACO Sale-A collection of cultural and unique gifts and other items i.e. African and American clothes, art, books, stationary, small appliances, & much more.
- Enjoy traditional African & American Food - Hot dogs, hamburgers, sambousa, meat pies, & more!
- Auction- Chance to bid on one of a kind novelties
- Dance competition for children- 1st, 2nd, 3rd place gifts
- Raffle-Opportunity to win Color TV

Africa-Fest-An African Community Gala Gathering

Saturday

October 6, 2007

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

New Columbia

4625 New Columbia Ave., Portland, Oregon

Sponsored by the Pan-African Community  
Organization (PANACO), formerly known as  
the African Community Coalition of Oregon

Questions, Call 503.761.0243



**AFRICAN AMERICAN  
MEN'S CLUB, INC.**

Presents an

# Appreciation Dance

Saturday

October 13, 2007

9:00 pm until 1:30 am

at

Billy Webb's Elks Lodge

6 North Tillamook

Casual Dress

21 and over

No Cover Charge

Music

Raffle

D. J.

FUN

## Celebrating 50 Years of Service and Friendship

You are cordially invited to join

The Portland Chapter of **The LINKS, Inc.**

for

2 Evenings of Celebration & Fun

### Community Reception

Presenting The Western Area Meritorious Award To:

Pastor Mary Overstreet Smith

On Friday, November 2, 2007

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Legacy Emanuel Atrium

2801 M/Gatenbein Street

Portland, Oregon 97227

Free Admission

### Gala Dinner & Dance

On Saturday, November 3, 2007

6:00 PM - No Host Social Hour

7:00 PM - Dinner & Program

9:00 PM - Dance

Embassy Suites

319 SW Pine Street

Portland, Oregon 97204

\$75.00 per person

RSVP by October 5, 2007

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Contributions may be Tax Deductible

# Landfill Site Becomes Park Dream

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to prevent children from entering the chutes needed to release methane-gas pressure during emergencies. Other major difficulties they discussed include where to place parking, how to prevent homeless encampments, the noise of Columbia Boulevard and access to a site bordered by other physical barriers.

The Cully Neighborhood Association did hold a dream of reserving a corner of the site for community gardens, which officials see as possible given the regular tests for chemicals in the soil.

The acreage's potential for a large number of ball fields represent its primary asset, according to officials. They hope to relieve the environmental pressure on Whitaker Ponds Natural Area off Northeast 52nd and Columbia Boulevard, by encouraging the bulk of its Lakeside Little-League activity to take place at the future Thomas Cully Park.

Little-leaguers have pledged to resist any move, but the parks department responded by promising that no one would be forced to do anything.

So far the Cully Park planning process has yielded many more limitations and concerns than ambitions. Some think any negative dynamic could soon shift with a change in priorities.

"If people want an Olympic-sized swimming pool, it's probably not going to happen," says KC Cooper, a consultant contracted for the site, "but it's a good thing to do to turn what was essentially a damaged landscape into something that will be a jewel, not only for that neighborhood, but also for the entire city."

The first of three public meetings on the Cully Park master plan will provide an opportunity for involvement. The session is scheduled Nov. 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Word of Life Community Church, 4927 N.E. 55th Ave.

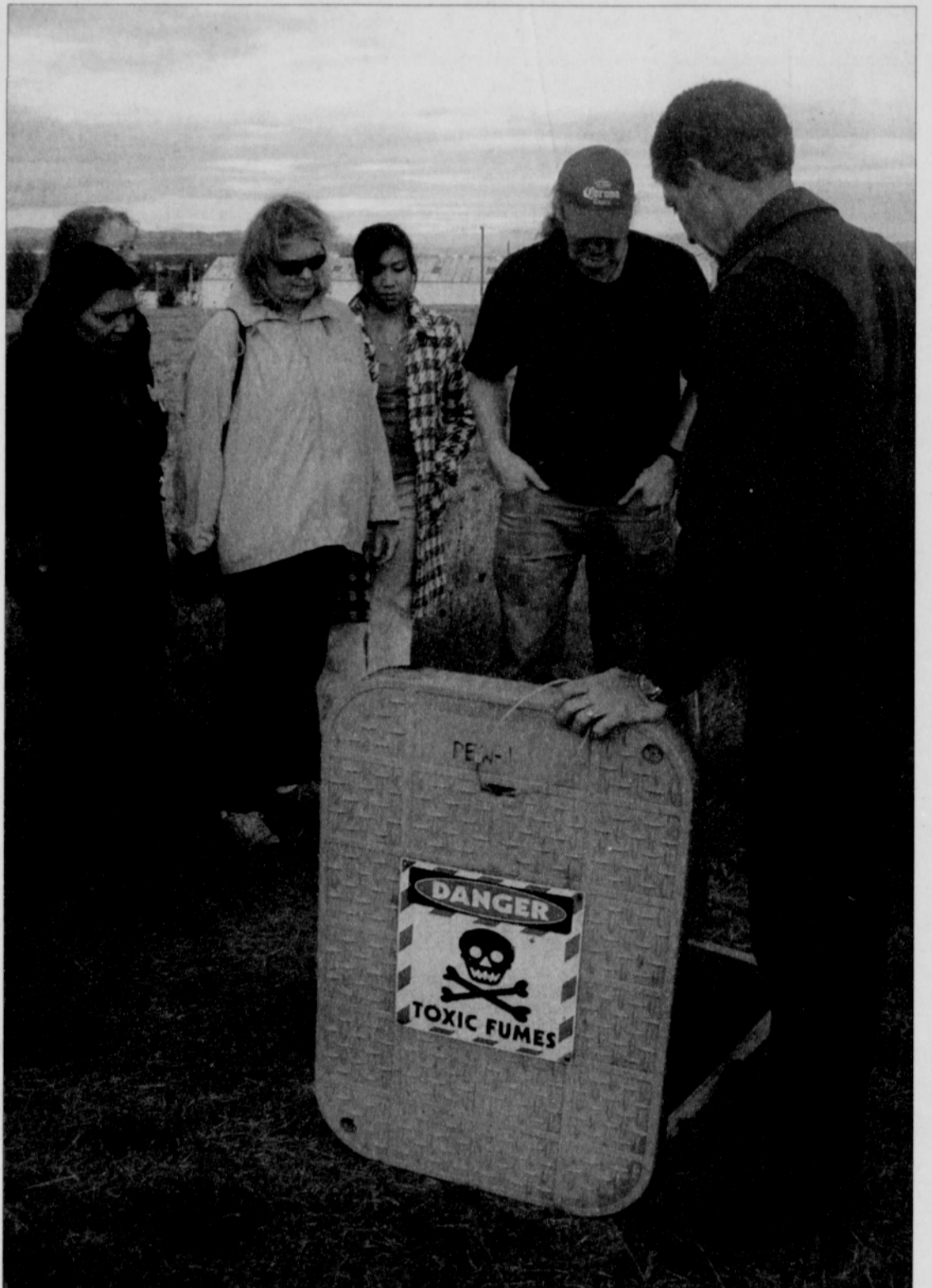


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Chutes that release built-up methane from a former landfill present a concern for community members seeking to build a park over a northeast Portland site reclaimed from its gravel-pit days of the 1920s to its use as a construction-waste dump site until it was covered by a protective membrane in the '80s.

## Nelson Mandela Film Showing at PCC



A political organization fighting against South African apartheid burns its passbooks in a scene from the "Twelve Disciples of Nelson Mandela" directed by Thomas Allen Harris.

Independent filmmaker Thomas Allen Harris will present a free and public screening of his film, "Twelve Disciples of Nelson Mandela," at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 5, in Room 104 of Portland Community College's Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth St.

The showing is a kick-off for the Cascade Festival of African Films, which takes place in February.

Harris, who grew up in the Bronx and Tanzania, will also show excerpts from "Reflections in Black," a work in progress that reveals the way black photographers have helped to create and sustain a sense of community for African Americans amid their struggles.

Since "Twelve Disciples" made its world premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival, it has received numerous awards and honors. Harris' other documentaries include "Vintage - Families of Value" and "Heaven, Earth and Hell."

For more information, call 503-244-6111, Ext. 3630.

## Ask Deanna!



Real People, Real Advice  
An advice column known for its fearless approach to reality-based subjects!

### Dear Deanna!

I got caught shoplifting and it was a traumatic experience. I had to go to court, perform community service and pay a fine. I made it through all of that, but now reality has set in. My friends think I'm a thief; they are always watching their purses, and when things come up missing, they look at me first. I made a mistake; it was one incident, and now

I'm struggling in my personal relationships because I'm being judged. How can I prove I'm not the bad person they think I am? -- Anonymous; On-line reader

### Dear Anonymous:

The crime you committed not only put a scar on your public record but it has also put doubt in your credibility as a person. You're human, and you will make irrational decisions. However, your friends knew you before the incident and they are wrong to treat you in this manner. Use this as an opportunity to become a better person and do some house cleaning with your friendships. If they can't get over it, then personally you need to kick them to the curb, grow and keep it moving.

### Dear Deanna!

I'm in a happy relationship, and I think the world of my fiancé. He's proposed several times, but I keep telling him I'm not ready. After the first year, he began to show his impatience. We've been together over five years now, and I'm comfortable the way things are. I'm not

in a hurry and think it can wait. He recently gave me an ultimatum that he won't wait much longer. I feel offended and want to know if this is considered disrespectful. --T.J.S.; Oklahoma City

### Dear TJS:

There are plenty of women that would love to have your problem. If he loves you, and the relationship has trust, good communication and no issues, then the problem is you. You're selfish, and if you have no intentions on marrying this man, you need to let him go. It's to your advantage from a benefits perspective as well as the spiritual perspective. Don't wait. Marry this man before you lose him and end up looking back saying, "he's the one that got away."

### Dear Deanna!

My mother plays favorites when it comes to my younger brother and sister because of who the father is. She is with my brother's father and she's trying to hold on to a failing relationship. My brother is a terror and gets away with everything

because if he is disciplined, that causes an argument. I am sick and tired of my little sister being miserable, going through punishment while my mother makes a fool of herself. How can I get through to my mom? --Anita; Wilkesboro, N.C.

### Dear Anita:

You're mature enough to see the problem so you should feel secure talking with your mother woman-to-woman. Simply point out the differences she makes between the two children and the harm she's placing upon your little sister. At the same time, you need to show her the flaws in the relationship without making it personal. Have this discussion in a neutral setting and also point out positive things as well as the negative and hope for the best.

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