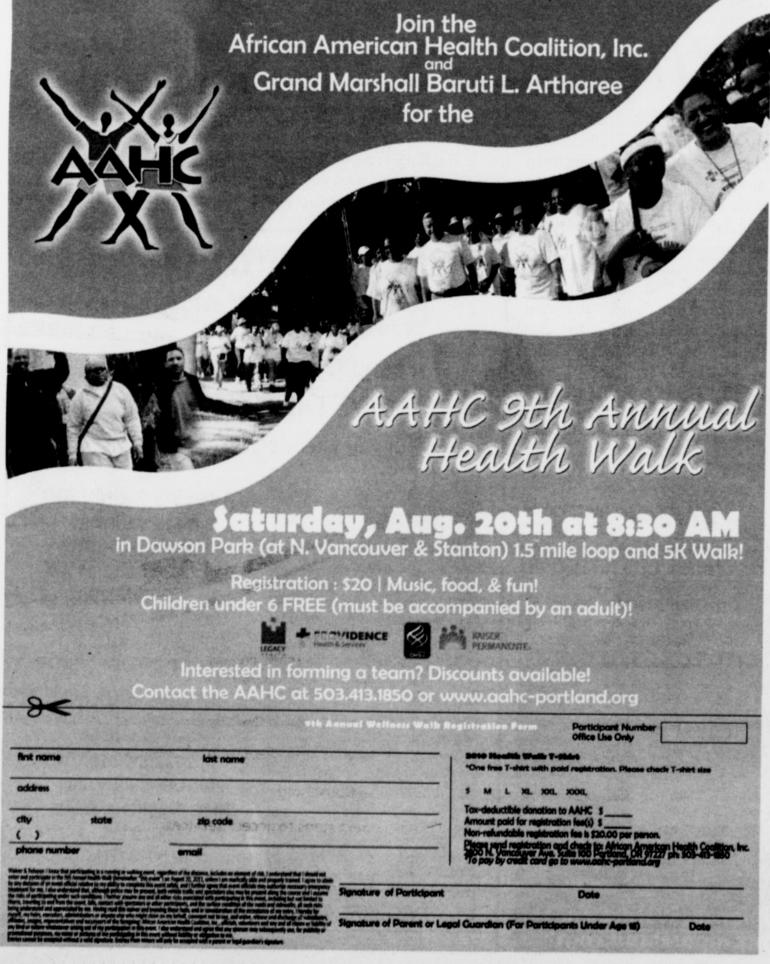


ENTERTAINMENT



Former "OMSI Kid" Astronaut Mike Barratt dons an "I am OMSI" shirt on the International Space Station in 2009.



Space Stories and Star-Gazing Party

Astronomy Day at OMSI with Astronaut Mike **Barratt**

incredible wonders of the unifestival of all things celestial, lowed by audience questions. free with paid museum admission.

the opportunity to learn littleknown facts about the universe, constellations, stars and Space Shuttle Discovery. planets.

pected hot topics as Camas-born, and speaker.

a.m. until 4 p.m., local astronomy experts from local clubs and ortain Observatory, Rose City Astronomers, Columbia River omsi.edu.

Gorge State Parks, Sunriver Observatory, Portland State University Meteorite Lab, and Vancouver Sidewalk Astronomers, will answer questions, lead hands-on activities and discuss space science.

For an in-depth, first person On Saturday, July 23, in cel- account of life in space, local ebration of Astronomy Day, the astronaut Michael Barratt, M.D. will present free public lectures verse become known as OMSI in the Kendall Planetarium at presents a full day into night 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., fol-

With NASA since 1991. Barratt spent 199 days in space Starry-eyed guests will have as a member of Expeditions 19 and 20 in 2009 and most recently served on the final mission for

Topping off the activities is a Space travel and the fascinat- weather-permitting Star Party ing realities of life on the Inter- on site at OMSI's east parking national Space Station are ex- lot. The party begins at 9:30 p.m. with an introductory talk by former "OMSI kid" astronaut OMSI Planetarium Director Jim Mike Barratt is the featured guest Todd, followed by star viewings and a close-up look at Saturn On OMSI's front plaza at 10 and more through binoculars and telescopes.

The day's events are free, but ganizations including Pine Moun- space is limited and reservations are recommended by visiting