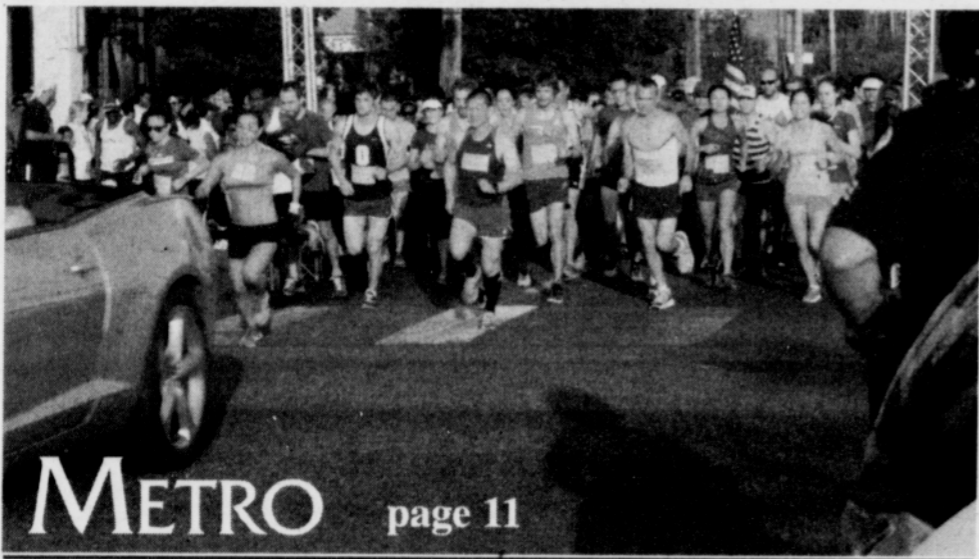


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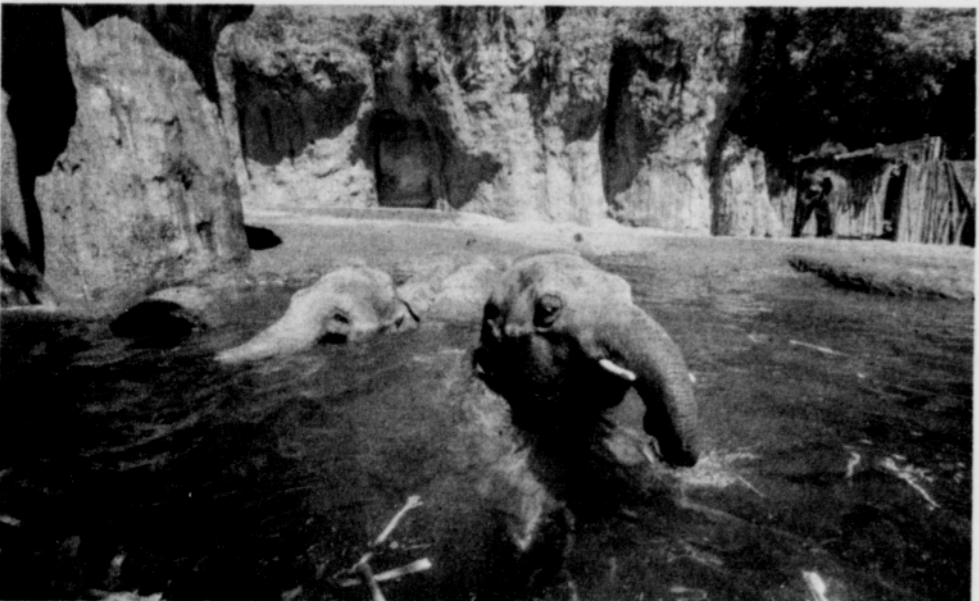
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Artist Gwenn Seemel's portrait of Portland street performer and comedian, Kirk Reeves.

Mural Ready for Debut

The Kirk Reeves Mural is complete, the scaffolding has finally come down, and a celebration is planned.

During the last two weeks of July, artist Gwenn Seemel spent all day every day painting her first professional mural, a memorial for Reeves, the black Portland musi-

cian beloved by commuters for his street performances at the foot of the Hawthorne Bridge in southeast Portland.

At 10 feet by 38 feet, it's the largest painting Seemel has ever done, and it is also one of the more emotional works she says she has ever created.

"I'm grateful to the Regional Arts and Culture Council for the funding it provided to make this piece happen," she said.

If you want to see the work up close, enjoy some food, and celebrate Reeves and art, you're invited to an open air art opening in the parking lot of the building where the mural is located at 430 N.E. Lloyd Boulevard. It's set for Friday, Aug. 15 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.



An artist's rendering shows the future 2.4 acre 'Khunamokwst Park' at Northeast 52nd Avenue and Alberta Street, the first developed park in the Cully Neighborhood.

Native Name Picked for Park

'Khunamokwst Park' first for Cully Neighborhood

Portland Parks Commissioner Amanda Fritz joined neighbors, partners and special guests to reveal the name of the first developed city park in the Cully neighborhood as a word that values inclusion,

diversity and fun for all ages.

The 2.4 acre park being built at Northeast 52nd Avenue and Alberta Street will be called Khunamokwst Park (pronounced KAHN-ah-mockst), a Chinook name meaning

"together".

"Chinook wawa is the language commonly used by the original people of this area," Fritz said during Thursday's groundbreaking celebration. "The name fits well with our goal of invoking a sense of community and unity."

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