

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Swimming Lessons Still Open at Portland Parks & Recreation

Miss out on summer swimming lessons? Want your children to develop or improve swimming and water-safety skills throughout the year?

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) offers swimming lessons year-round. Registration for the fall lesson sessions at 6 PP&R indoor pools and begins August 8th. Lessons are available for swimmers of all skill levels from age 6 months through adult. Group, semi-private and private lessons are offered.

For rates, registration information, certification classes or a fall lesson schedule, call any of the pools below:

Columbia Pool, 7701 N. Chautauqua Blvd., 503-823-3669
Buckman Pool, 320 SE 16th, 503-823-3668
East Portland Pool, 740 SE 106th, 503-823-3450
Dishman Pool, 77 NE Knott, 503-823-3673
Mt. Scott Pool, 5530 SE 72nd, 503-823-3183
Southwest CC Pool, 6820 SW 45th Ave., 503-823-2840
Call the Portland Parks & Recreation Aquatic Division at

503-823-5130 for more info.

Somalia Famine Donations Doubled After Crisis

Griffin Outreach International announced this week it was giving \$25,000 immediately to Medical Teams International to care for those suffering from famine and disease in Somalia. In addition, the Washington-based foundation also offered \$90,000 as a dollar-for-dollar match to Medical Teams International donors to help an additional 36,000 people in the immediate future with care and medicines.

The matching grant comes at a critical time when the worst drought in 60 years has hit East Africa, leaving 11 million people malnourished and sick. It's estimated that 30 to 40 percent of the children are suffering from acute malnutrition.

Medical Teams International has already delivered medical supplies to help treat the sick to Somalis who are walking for days toward Kenya in search of food and water. A volunteer medical team is expected to leave next week for

Somalia to help staff on the scene with provide emergency care.

People wanting to provide gifts toward the matching grant may do so at the Medical Teams International secure website at: www.medicalteams.org/drought. Or you may call 800.959.4325 and mention the matching grant for east Africa famine.

PACE Prog Graduates 13 Teachers Friday

The Pacific Alliance for Catholic Education (PACE) program will graduate 13 teachers Friday, Aug. 5 in a ceremony in the Chapel of Christ the Teacher on the University of Portland campus, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd.

The PACE program is a two-year graduate service-training program through the University of Portland. PACE teachers earn graduate degrees in education as they take university courses and teach in under-resourced Catholic schools.

During the two-year program, participants teach in under-resourced Catholic elementary, middle and high schools.

Art & Felines at "Furs Thursday" in the Pearl



A special "Furs Thursday" event at Tufenkian Artisan Carpets in the Pearl on Aug. 4 will feature feline artists from the Oregon Humane Society. The evocative abstract paintings by such cats as Jackson Pawlock and Pablo Purcasso will be available for purchase, and the cats themselves will be available for adoption. "We will have kittens and adult cats for adoption. What better way to bring living art into your life?" said OHS Adoption Outreach Coordinator Stephanie Kittrel. Oregon Humane Society (503) 285-7722

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If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at info@theskanner.com

Saturday August 6

OREGON BUDDHIST TEMPLE PRESENTS OBONFEST 2011: A free community festival. New this year: live music for the Bon Odori dancing by acclaimed HAPPYFUNSMILE. 3 - 9 p.m. 3720 SE 34th Ave.

25TH ANNIVERSARY FREMONT FESTIVAL! Beaumont Business Association and local businesses in the upper NE Fremont are proud to present this festival. Event kick-off at 10 a.m. beginning with a bike and pet parade. Then much more fun for the whole family. NE Fremont between 42nd and 50th.

FREE BEGINNING BALLET SERIES! The Portland Ballet is recruiting 6-10 year old girls and 8-12 year old boys for entry level curriculum ballet. Sign up for this free introductory series. Space is limited to

register call 503-452-8448 or email michelle@theportlandballet.org

Thursday August 11

PCC HOSTS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AT THE CASCADE CAMPUS: PCC and the Humboldt Neighborhood Assoc. are joining forces to throw a party for the people of North Portland. 4 - 8 p.m. Borthwick Mall, Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth.

Thursday - Wednesday August 11 - 17

LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES AT ALPENROSE DAIRY: Alpenrose Dairy will have the world's attention and you can be a part of it as the best 11 and 12 year olds from around the globe go head-to-head in softball. Admission to the week-long event is free and no tickets or passes are needed. The series kick off at noon at 6149 SW Shattuck Rd.

Friday August 12

FLICKS ON THE FOUNTAIN: Beaverton City Park will be transformed into an outdoor movie theater. Free activities and fun for the entire family! Pre-movie entertainment begins at 7 p.m. The movie Tangled will begin at dusk. 12375 SW 5th St.

Friday - Saturday August 12-13

QUIET MUSIC FESTIVAL OF PORTLAND: The Quiet Music Festival showcases many exclusive acts by

musicians performing outside their normal milieu. Friday and Saturday 8 p.m. Ticket info \$7 per day or \$12 for both days. To purchase please visit disjecta.org

Saturday August 13

NAMI MULTNOMAH CORDIALLY INVITES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO OUR ANNUAL PICNIC! Food, prizes, games, fellowship and fun! Hot dogs, veggie burgers and soda will be provided. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Laurelhurst Park.

ALBERTA STREET FAIR! Come out and have some fun on Alberta. The festival runs from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will occupy Alberta St. between 10th St all the way to 30th St.

FIRST ANNUAL MARANATHA CHURCH REUNION! Everyone is invited to the reunion even those who went there shortly or visited and were influenced by the church or its ministry. 1 p.m. 4222 NE 12th Ave. Those attending are asked to please bring a dessert of any kind.

Sunday August 14

LEISURE HOUR GOLF INVITES YOU! You are invited to the unveiling of an important piece of history for Portland's African American Community and beyond. 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Social & Premier viewing. N. Portland Library, 512 N. Killingsworth St. RSVP required to attend. For registration please email nakashimav@mac.com or call 503-516-3505.