

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Rupert Kinnard Speaks at Black Bag Event

The upcoming Black Bag Speaker Series, Wednesday Nov. 9 features speaker Rupert Kinnard, who will speak on his experience as a gay Black paraplegic man and his longest running African American gay comic strip in the country.

The talk is in the Multicultural Center, Room 228, Smith Memorial Building at Portland State University from noon to 1:30 p.m.

This event is co-sponsored by the Black Studies Department and the Multicultural Center.

The mission of the Black Bag Speaker Series is to create a place where community organizations and activists whose work focuses on issues related to the communities of Black people in Portland, Oregon and the nation can engage in critical insightful discussions with the Portland State University community.

Local Soul Food Cafe Brings Chitlins Back For Benefit Festival

Po'Shines: Cafe de la Soul, a non-profit soul food cafe in North Portland, will be hosting a Chitlin Festival on Friday, Nov. 11, through Saturday, Nov. 12, at the cafe on 8139 N. Denver.

Po'Shines will feature a variety of chitlin dishes for both seasoned and curious eaters to try, including fried chitlins, traditional stewed chitlins, and more. All proceeds from the event will go toward the launching of the official Po'Shines culinary training program for at risk youth and young adults.

Since Po'Shines opened its doors in the summer of 2007, its mission, in addition to providing great food and service, was to give at risk youth and young adults an opportunity to get job training and experience in the culinary world. Over the last 4 years, Po'shines has not only grown into an established Portland soul food restaurant, but has also helped many individuals on their road back to success.

With the help of community sponsors and donations, Po'Shines looks to update their facilities and launch the program in summer of 2012.

This is the third year that Po'Shines has brought the rare southern cuisine of chitlins to Portland diners. Chitlins (pig intestines) are not something often seen in the city, let alone the northwest, however staff at Po'shines haven't been surprised by the growing turnout to previous events, and the increasing requests for chitlins throughout the year. In addition to plenty of good food, the two day festival will also feature local music and other chitlin festivities. For more information call Po'Shines at 503-978-9000 or email poshines@gmail.com.

Request for Nominations: Sisters Of The Road Nonviolence and Economic Human Rights Award

Sisters Of The Road invites the community to celebrate nonviolence and economic human rights by nominating local leaders for the Second Annual Genevieve Nelson Nonviolence and Economic Human Rights (NVEHR) Award. The recipient will receive

Kaiser's New Dental Care Chief

Kenneth R. Wright, DMD, MPH, is Kaiser Permanente Northwest's new executive director of dental services. He will lead clinical and financial operations for the Dental Care Program, which serves more than 190,000 members in 17 facilities.

Prior to joining Kaiser Permanente, Dr. Wright served as the chief of dental services for Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Alexandria, La. Kaiser Permanente and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs have two of the largest electronic medical record systems in the country. Dr. Wright also had a distinguished military career with the U.S. Navy that spanned nearly 30 years.

Wright, a native of New York City, received a bachelor's degree from Columbia University. He received a master's in public health and DMD from Harvard University before completing his residency at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He is a board-certified periodontist.



this award on January 14, 2012, during the annual Martin Luther King holiday weekend.

Nominations are open through Nov. 18, forms to nominate honorees are on Sisters Of The Road's website (www.sistersoftheroad.org) or at the Sisters Of The Road Cafe. Please submit a completed nomination via email to the link on our site, or mail or drop off the form at 133 NW 6th Ave., Portland, OR 97209

The first NVEHR Award was awarded to

Genny Nelson, co-founder of Sisters Of The Road, in September, 2010. Her legacy of 30 years leading Sisters Of The Road includes creating community-driven solutions to the calamities of homelessness and extreme poverty.

All are invited to submit nominations for leaders in our community who have made an impact in the areas of Nonviolence and Economic Human Rights.

Candidates for this award will also have demonstrated action towards creating a

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Saturday November 5

SOMETHING'S COMING! WEST SIDE STORY HISTORIAN TO VISIT PORTLAND CENTER STAGE! Misha Berson will be discussing her book "Something's Coming: West Side Story and the American Imagination." 5 - 6 p.m. This is a free event for all to enjoy. 128 NW Eleventh Ave. For more info call 503-445-3763.

Sunday November 6

A NIGHT OF FAMILY FUN! Join us for a night of

comedy basketball & fun with the Harlem Ambassadors. Tickets in advance are \$8, \$6 for seniors. Tickets at the door will be \$10 Fun starts at 6 p.m. at Hudson Bay High School in Vancouver, 1601 E. McLoughlin Blvd. For tickets please call 360-773-6697.

Sunday & Monday November 6 & 7

FREE PORTLAND NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR! This is an opportunity for students and parents to get college information at no cost. Oregon Convention Center. Sunday hours 1 - 5 p.m. Monday hours 9 a.m. - Noon.

Tuesday thru Wednesday November 8 through the 23

TRANSFORMING THE HUMAN SPIRIT: A special exhibit from a culture of violence to a culture of peace. Free and open to the public. Tuesday - Friday 7 - 9 p.m. Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Oregon Buddhist Center, 17555 Bryant Rd. Lake Oswego. For more info call 503-699-1679.

Wednesday November 9

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experience as a gay black paraplegic man and his longest running African American gay comic strip in the country. Noon - 1:30 p.m. P.S.U. Multicultural Center, Room 228, Smith Memorial Building.

Thursday November 10

COMMUNITY FORUM ON THE CITY'S 2012 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA! Commissioner Fritz is inviting you to participate in a community forum regarding the upcoming 2012 State of Oregon Legislative Session. Please RSVP to maxberstein@portlandoregon.gov or call 503-823-3992.

STIMSON LUMBER TREE ARRIVAL! Come downtown to welcome the arrival of Portland's 75-foot Douglas fir to start the holiday season. Festivities start at noon at Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Friday November 11

VETERANS DAY PARADE: NABVETS will participate in the Veterans Day Parade which starts at 40th & Sandy Blvd at 9:45 a.m. and will proceed to 49th & Sandy Blvd. Come out and show your support for our servicemen and women.