

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

GED Close-Out Community Event

Adults who need to finish their GEDs are invited to a Free GED Info Event, Saturday, July 27, 10 a.m. to Noon at Londer Learning Center, 421 SW 5th Ave. in downtown Portland.

Get transcripts, take practice tests, and find out about free tutoring opportunities in Portland. Adults are encouraged to finish their GEDs before the test changes.

More information about this event and where to go for GED tutoring: 503-319-1899.

Help Plan Commemoration of March on Washington

The AMA Coalition for Justice and Police Reform hosts a community meeting Thursday, July 18, at 6:30 p.m. at Allen Temple 4236 NE 8th Ave, Portland, to plan a march and rally commemorating the 1963 March on Washington.

The commemoration is Saturday, Aug. 24 in Portland. All interested organizations and individuals who would like to help in the planning and implementation of this historic opportunity are welcome.

The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom took place in Washington, D.C., on August 28, 1963. Attended by some 250,000 people, it was the largest demonstration ever seen in the nation’s capital, and one of the first to have extensive television coverage.

50 years later the issues of jobs, justice and equality for African Americans has not been realized. With the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling gutting Section 4 of the voting rights act and the acquittal of neighborhood watch volunteer in the death of an unarmed teenager Trayvon Martin, we know there is a lot of work still to be done.

For more information call Rev. Dr. Leroy Haines at 503-287-0261 or Rev. Dr. T. Allen Bethel at 503-288-7241.

Africafest 2013 this Weekend

African immigrant communities in Oregon and southwest Washington will host their first African Festival on Saturday, July 20, at noon in the South Park Blocks at Portland State University, and everyone in Portland and Southwest Washington is invited.

The event is organized by African immigrant community leaders in Oregon and the Portland State University Black Studies Department. Some of the countries participating are Burundi, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Sudan and Togo.

During the festival there will be a special dedication to a highly successful African immigrant artistic performer, Nii Obo Addy, highlighting the Obo Addy Legacy Project, a nonprofit that is carrying forth the work started by Obo Addy through the Homowo Africa Arts and Cultures. We hope that you will support our efforts by informing your communities and friends about AfricaFest.

Admission to AfricaFest is Free. The event kicks off at 12 noon and close at 5 pm.

For further information, call 503-725-9082 or 503-725-5080.

Protect Your Loved Ones from Diabetes and Obesity

A “Reversing Diabetes and Obesity” seminar, with free snacks, is Saturday, July 20, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the June Key Delta Community Center, 5940 N. Albina St. Portland.

The event features Dr. Steven Bailey, nationally renowned naturopathic physician and lecturer, and author of “Juice Alive: The Ultimate Guide to Juicing Remedies.” All seminars this year will also include new kids club programs. So kids ages 7 to 13 are especially invited for a fun talk on health and fitness. All seminars will include a free door prize for one lucky attendee.

For more info, www.freshstarhealth.org.

Building Topper



PHOTO BY ABE PROCTOR

Portland Community College Cascade Algie Gatewood signs the final beam of the campus’ new academic building before it is hoisted into place by a contruction crane. The signing of the final beam is part of the ironworkers’ tradition called “topping out,” which symbolizes that a new structure has reached its ultimate height, and that the steel work was completed without injury to any of the workers. The new building is part of the campus build-out funded by the 2008 PCC bond measure, and is scheduled to open in 2014.

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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

Thursday July 18

CHESS FOR SUCCESS AT DIRECTOR PARK. The lower terrace will have space set up for regular games and the larger set (25" tall) will be in the Southeast corner of the park. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. SW Park Ave.

Saturday July 20

5TH ANNUAL VANCOUVER FIRE FIGHTER'S FIRE IN THE PARK. This year's activities include firefighter competition, chili cook off, kid's zone, music and much more. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Esther Short Park, Downtown Vancouver, WA

Friday July 26

FLICKS ON THE BRICKS RETURNS TO THE SQUARE THIS SUMMER. The square will be transformed into Portland's largest outdoor movie theater for the entire community to enjoy. "Finding Nemo" kicks-off the 4-week Friday night movie series. 7 p.m. Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Saturday July 27

THE SUMMER AFRICAN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL CONTINUES. Films will take place in Portland Community Media's parking lot in the Eliot Neighborhood in NE Portland. The movie The Whiz will start at sunset. Come early and get a good seat.

Sunday July 28

THE BIG FLOAT. Paddlers parade, beach party, live music, food carts and much more. The Big Float is open to all ages. Life jackets are required for all floaters. Registration is \$8. Register at www.thebigfloat.com. Ends at the Tom McCall Bowl on the West bank.

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FOURTH PLAIN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL. Discover International: Join us for family fun, music, dancing, food and games. Local vendors, non – profits and community organizations will be sharing summer opportunities. Free for all to enjoy. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Warriors Field, 2100 Norris Rd. & Fourth Plain Blvd. Vancouver, WA

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