

NEWS AROUND TOWN

Nickelodeon Takes Over Portland Elementary School

Ten-Year-Old Portland Girl Wins National Contest

Nickelodeon, the only network just for kids, will arrive in Portland, Oregon on Thursday, April 9th, to take over the Harvey Scott School. The students will have a day filled with scientific fun, obstacles galore, musical treats, cartoon characters, and much, much more. It's the "Nickelodeon Takes Over Your School Sweepstakes" and ten-year-old Samantha Moreland of Portland is the lucky Grand Prize Winner of this prestigious kid event.

The day begins at Nickelodeon's stars arrive on a school bus to take Samantha to school. Once at school, Mr. Lippman (Mike Speller), the Principal from "Welcome Freshman," will announce over the P.A. system that Nickelodeon has taken control of the school for a day that will go down in educational history.

In honor of the event, Mayor Bud Clark has declared April 9th "Nickelodeon Day" in the city of Portland and will make a special presentation at the school. Students will run the infamous "Double Dare" obstacle course and will attend a NICK stage show featuring Marc Summers of "Double Dare" and "What Would You Do?" Mr. Wizard (Don Herbert), Melissa Joan Hart of "Clarissa Explains It All," and Corky Martin, Robyn Ross and Laura Harris-Dylan, Brooke and Ashley from "Fifteen." In addition, Mr. Wizard will personally present the Mr. Wizard's Science Library to Lou Tesch, Principal of the school. Every student will receive a special "Nick Took Over Scott School" t-shirt, a Flik-Flak alarm clock from Swatch, U.S.A., plus other fun premium items. The grand finale will be at a concert event by Perspective recording artists "Mint Condition" whose top 10 smash "Breakin' My Heart (Pretty Brown Eyes)" is climbing the music charts.

Emanuel's 'Healthy Kids Fair' Features Free Fun, Games and Easter Egg Hunt

Emanuel Children's Hospital and Healthcare Center will host its fourth annual "Healthy Kids Fair" from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, April 18.

Free activities for families include a **Bike Rodeo**--where children can ride their own bikes through a special road skills course, a **Teddy Bear Clinic**--for children to bring their stuffed animal friends for repair, **Easter Egg Hunts**--scheduled so children can join with others in their age groups, **Life Flight helicopter and ambulance tours**, **bike helmet decorating**, **thumb cast setting**, **button making**, **face painting** and **cookie eating!**

The Portland Wheelman Bicycle Touring Club will be on hand to check Bike Rodeo participants' bicycles for safety and maintenance, and guide them through a skills course where they'll be tested on the "rules of the road." Bike helmets are required; Emanuel has extras available for those who don't yet have their own.

Easter Egg hunts are scheduled throughout the day to accommodate a number of age groups: 10:30 a.m. and

1:30 p.m. for ages 3 and under; 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. for ages 4-6; 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. for ages 7-8.

Children can meet the Life Flight crew, take a look inside a Life Flight helicopter and get a close-up look at an ambulance.

Emanuel Hospital & Health Center is located at the east end of the Fremont Bridge.

Emanuel Children's Hospital and Healthcare Center is a full service hospital with more than 100 beds dedicated to children and is the most comprehensive private children's hospital in Oregon. It provides a full spectrum of care from mending broken bones to treating seriously ill or injured infants, children and teenagers from throughout the region.

For more information on the Healthy Kids Fair, call 335-3500.

Emanuel is part of the Legacy Health System, which also includes Good Samaritan Hospital & Medical Center, Holladay Park Medical Center, Meridian Park Hospital, Mount Hood Medical Center, and the visiting Nurse Association.

Needs Headline

The Home owners affected by the Dominion Capital Scam, Fred Stewart, Board Member of the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods and Chairperson of the King Neighborhood Association, and representatives of the Portland Organizing Project held a news conference Tuesday, April 2nd, 2:00 p.m. at the Offices of the Portland Organizing Project (4610 N. Maryland Ave.).

The purpose of the conference was to demand the immediate relapse of information about Mr. Michael Debman's repurchase plans for the Dominion Capital properties and his intentions for its homeowners. The immediately investigation of the relationship of Mr. Debman and Mr. C. J. Worm of Dominion Capital is also being called for.

Mr. Debman is currently bidding against PCRI which has a well organized plan of refinancing for these homes, and they have released their plans to us.

Tri-Met Earth Week Offer

Tri-Met will mail coupons to 500 downtown Portland employers this week to encourage people to ride Tri-Met during Earth Week.

The coupons will invite employees to pick up a free pass to ride Tri-Met during Earth Week, April 20-24. The passes are only available at the transit fair running 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 15 at Pioneer Courthouse Square. Transit and carpool information will be available.

Tri-Met hopes the promotion will encourage non-riders to try Tri-Met and become regular passengers during Earth Month and beyond. If the promotion is successful, it may expand to other major business districts next year.

Since the first Earth Day in 1970, Tri-Met ridership has more than doubled. People boarded Tri-Met nearly 48 million times last year. While downtown employment levels are 50 percent higher, Tri-Met has helped keep automobile traffic downtown at 1970s levels. Tri-Met carries 37 percent of downtown commuters, a larger percentage than most cities of comparable size.

Citizens' Convention on May Ballot

Multnomah County voters will decide during the May 19th primary if they want a Citizens' Convention to review the services of local governments within Multnomah County.

If Ballot Measure 26-6 is approved, the first step will be the selection of a 13-person steering committee. The Multnomah County Commissioners will choose members from lists provided by the political parties and from at-large applicants who submit voter petitions.

The steering committee will then be responsible for selecting the 500 members of the convention by mid-September. Up to 349 delegates will be chosen from political party nominations; the remaining members will be selected at-large from those who submit voter petitions.

Any non-profit organization may also submit suggested delegates to the political party organizations.

Employees or elected officials of the county, Metro or any city within Multnomah County are prohibited from serving on the steering committee. However, they may be delegates to the convention.

The delegates will review the operations and services of local government within the county, and deliver recom-

mendations for change to the Board of Commissioners. The proposals will be presented before the end of the year.

Within 90 days the commissioners must consider each proposal and either adopt it, refer it to the voters or pass a resolution exhibiting that the recommendation will not improve the delivery of government services within the county.

The measure was initiated by the Coalition for Responsive Government, representing several citizen organizations. Joe Devlaeminck, spearheading the coalition, says the delegates will represent a broad cross section of county opinions and interests.

Devlaeminck emphasized that no taxpayers' dollars would be spent on the convention. Sponsors hope to raise \$200,000 for the grass roots project.

The Citizens' Convention has been endorsed by the following organizations: Citizen Involvement Committee; Oregon American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 75; Central Citizen Budget Advisory Committee and AFSCME 88.

For more information about the convention, contact David Levine at 236-3190.

Vanessa Easter, first In Irvington School History To Win A Seat On The Junior Rose Court



Vanessa Easter, a fourth-grader at Irvington Elementary School, was chosen Wednesday night as the eighth and last princess of the 1992 Portland Junior Rose Festival Court.

Vanessa, 10, was chosen from among 147 girls from Hollywood District 1 who sought to represent the area on the Junior Court.

Born in Vancouver, Wash., Vanessa is the daughter of Vi'Ance and Pat Easter of Northeast Portland. She has two brothers, Vi'Ance, 12, and Jamal, 17, and a sister, Victoria, 22 months.

Vanessa is the first girl in Irvington School history to win a seat on the Junior Rose Festival Court.

She is a member of the Self Enhancement Program which provides individual counseling, promotes self-

esteem and educational awareness for youth from elementary through high school.

Vanessa is the junior head usher at First Thessalonian Full Gospel Pentecostal Church which her father pastors. She is also a leader in her church choir.

A past member of the 4-H club, horseback riding and horse training was her focus. She remains very interested in horses and wants to someday own a training stables.

Vanessa's interests also include, writing, computers, track and field, acting and modeling. She has been in several fashion shows and models for Nordstrom. Vanessa also aspires to professionally apply her acting talent as a film actress.

Ten Mayoral Candidates To Attend NE Neighborhood Forum

Candidates for Portland Mayor will square off in a spirited Public Forum on Wednesday, April 15 in Northeast Portland's Woodlawn neighborhood. Sponsored by the Woodlawn and Piedmont Neighborhood Associations, the Forum will run from 7-9 p.m. at Woodlawn School, 7200 NE 11th.

Confirmed candidates attending are Earl Blumenauer, Vera Katz, Joseph Doyle, Barry Bloom, Sardar Singh Khalsa, Michael Schenatzki, Robert Domenicó, Demetrios Deligiorgis, Tres Shannon and Peter Nilsson.

According to Woodlawn Neighborhood Association President Bill Weismann, "The Forum provides residents an opportunity to go beyond campaign slogans and learn just where the candidates stand on our neighborhood issues. We will be looking for the candidates to offer concrete solutions to some very real problems."

A panel of neighborhood leaders will quiz the candidates on four neigh-

borhood issues: Community policing, affordable housing, jobs and employment, and neighborhood livability. Candidates will also make opening statements and respond to audience questions.

Forum moderator will be Anjala Ehelebe, past President of the Woodlawn Neighborhood Association. The Forum has been endorsed by the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods.

Child care will be provided on-site at the School, with donations encouraged. Parents must pre-register their children by April 13. To pre-register for child care or for more information on the Forum call Bill Weismann at 285-6511.

The Woodlawn and Piedmont Neighborhood Associations are both officially-recognized by the City of Portland as the voice of neighborhood residents. They act to improve neighborhood pride and livability and both having active Foot Patrols to deter crime.

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