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## Community Calendar

### Especially For Kids Program

Leisure summer days are just ahead and so are great summer programs at Blue Lake Park. The eight-week **Especially For Kids** series runs from 2 to 3 pm Wednesday June 22 through Aug. 10. The programs feature fun, interactive and informative entertainment for youngsters ages 4 to 12 years. Admission is \$3 per car or \$6 for buses. The series runs rain or shine. In case of rain, programs are held in the Chinook shelter.

- **Wednesday, June 22, Ramblin' Rod Show.** A perennial favorite, Ramblin' Rod from KPTV Channel 12 kicks off the series. He is joined by clown friends and Multnomah County Sheriff's public safety officer. This taped program will air the following Friday on KPTV. Plan to arrive by 1:30 p.m. for a good seat. (Sorry, no cartoons will be shown.)

- **Wednesday, June 29 Northwest Birds of Prey.** View magnificent raptors such as owls, eagles and hawks up close. Learn about their habitat, behavior and why raptors help keep our environment healthy. The show is presented by the John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center. Multnomah County Bookmobile will be on hand with great summer reading from 1-4 p.m., too. Bring your library card.

- **Wednesday, July 6 Rainshine the Clown.** Magic, fun and laughter will fill the stage with Rainshine's sparkling presence. She incorporates songs, stories and hilarious antics to share positive messages with kids.

- **Wednesday, July 13 Urashima Taro and the Sea Princess.** Based on a Japanese folk tale, this puppet show follows the journey of a young fisherman to the magical Underwater Dragon Palace. This classical myth weaves beauty, romance, adventure and fate, and is portrayed with authentic Japanese imagery by the Oregon Puppet Theatre.

- **Wednesday, July 20: Rainforest Wonderland.** Learn about rainforests and why they are considered the lifeblood of planet. OMSI brings unique rainforest animals for hands-on learning.

- **Wednesday, July 27: La Cancion De Libertad.** Traditional Cuban dance and original music is featured in this bilingual play about young Cubans, a dance competition and a chance for freedom. The youngsters face obstacles and each must choose between their dreams and loyalty to their homeland. Presented by the Miracle Theatre.

- **Wednesday, Aug. 3: The Monster, the Maiden and More.** A talented music trio, Strings Attached, use violin, viola, cello and interactive games to teach youngsters about music. Using these instruments, the trio tells the story of The Monster and the Maiden, a fairy tale in which youngsters perform a variety of roles.

- **Wednesday, Aug. 10: Meet Dr. Wilderness.** Multnomah County Bookmobile will be at the bandstand area, too. Bring your library card.

Blue Lake Park is located between Marine Drive and Sandy Blvd. off Northeast 223rd Ave. Take I-84 to 181st Ave. (Gresham/Fairview Exit 13), turn north to Sandy and follow the signs to Blue Lake Park. Sorry, pets are not permitted.

For more information on the **Especially for Kids** series, or to receive summer events calendar, call 797-1850.

## Trading Places



From left to right: Rahwa Fessehazion, Quayuana Washington, Adina Ionica, Mr. Brannon, and Nick Blasingame



L to R: Maradee Koster and Shanna Long

On Friday May 13th eight grade students at Whitaker Middle School "Took Over" classes. Each eighth grade student had the opportunity to apply for a position in the school. All staff positions in the school were open. The staff were the one who made the final selection for the student who took over their class. The teachers met with the students to go over the days lesson plans. Some of the students had to come early because of the fact that their staff position had morning duty. "It was a wonderful thing to see the students on duty," said Edna Mae Pittman, the coordinator of the project. "We have a few bugs to smooth over but it was an opportunity that these students will cherish. I hope that this experience will cause some of these students to become teachers." "Next year, I would like for all the Eighth grade students to participate. What an ending for the final year of school for these eighth grade students."



L to R: Mrs. Porter and Alika Nathan

## Portland CSD Manager Named For Division

The administrator of the Children's Services Division's Portland-area Metro Region has been named administrator of the entire division, whose administrative offices are in Salem.

She is Kay Dean Toran, Portland, who will succeed Bill Carey, CSD administrator since 1990, who is retiring. Toran was named by Kevin W. Concannon, director of the Oregon Department of Human Resources of which CSD is a division.

CSD's responsibilities include strengthening at-risk families, foster care and other child protective services, juvenile corrections and adoptions. It operates Hillcrest and MacLaren schools for juvenile offenders in Salem and Woodburn, respectively, as well as camps in Corvallis, Florence, LaGrande and Tillamook.

"Kay Toran has done an exemplary job of managing CSD's Metro offices, and she will bring to the full organization her commitment to strengthening families and promoting the welfare of children," Concannon said. By starting now, Concannon said, Toran will be able to lead development of the agency's 1995-97 budget proposal.

The search for the new CSD administrator was conducted nationally.

As Metro administrator, Toran has been responsible for services to 2,500 people, supervising a staff of 350 and managing a budget in excess of \$58 million. The Children's Services Division, which has field offices statewide, has more than 2,000 employees and a 1993-95 budget of about \$380 million.

Toran, CSD Metro Administrator since 1992, was the region's assistant

administrator during 1991-92 and worked as a manager of CSD's Clackamas branch during 1990-91. She directed the governor's affirmative action office from 1979 to 1987, after which she was administrator of the purchasing division in the state Department of General Services.

She joined state government in 1971 as an assistant professor of social work at Portland State University and worked for the Adult and Family Services Division from 1976 to 1979.

The new CSD administrator holds a master's degree (1970) in social work (social welfare planning and administration) from Portland State University and a bachelor's degree (1964) in sociology, psychology and philosophy from the University of Portland.

She has two grown children.

As CSD administrator, Toran's annual salary will be \$84,096.

Toran's community services include present or past membership on boards of directors of the Portland chapter of Links Inc.; Children and Families Commission, all current; and Business Youth Exchange, Oregon Art Institute, Oregon Law Foundation, Catlin Gable School, PSU Foundation and St. Vincent Hospital Advisory Committee.

Carey, whom Toran will succeed, began his career with CSD as a caseworker in Klamath Falls in 1962. He moved to the state mental health division in 1975, became superintendent at MacLaren School in 1984, acting director of CSD client services in 1988, acting administrator in 1990, and administrator in 1992.

### SafeTeen, Inc., Announces It's Vehicle Monitoring Service

SafeTeen, Inc., a non-profit organization, is dedicated to promoting safer driving practices among teens and working with families on a positive basis. Families with teenager drivers can now call SafeTeen, Inc. to register their vehicles (\$15.00 annual fee) and obtain bumper stickers that display a vehicle ID number and a toll-free number, 1-800-Saf-Teen. The toll-free number is available 24 hours for information about the service and for motorists to call and report any incidents they have witnessed involving vehicles displaying SafeTeen, Inc. bumper stickers. SafeTeen, Inc. will contact parents within 48 hours of any report-call on their vehicle.

Teens who exhibit safe driving practices and show a clean driving record are recognized and awarded annually. For more information Call 1-800-Saf-Teen.

### Governor To Kick Off First Annual SOLV CUP

The first annual SOLV CUP (Clean Up Program) will be kicked off by Governor Barbara Roberts on the steps of the Oregon State Capitol in Salem on Tuesday, May 24. This program will provide materials and guidance to individuals and groups to organize cleanups around the state of Oregon in 1994. A similar program held in 1993, the Great Oregon Trail Celebration Cleanup, provided cleanup assistance to more than 160 Oregon communities, making this the largest cleanup program in Oregon history.

Sponsors for this year's program are Chevrolet Truck Outdoor Program, NIKE, Pacific Gas Transmission, Taco Bell and Waste Management of Oregon. The program is supported by the Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon Economic Development Department, Division of Tourism.

Participants in the program will have the opportunity to enter their cleanups in six different categories. Winners in these categories will receive an award to display in their communities. The categories are:

- Best Cleanup of a Rural Natural Area
- Best Cleanup of a Small Town or Neighborhood
- Most Trash Collected per Capita
- Largest Number of Participants per Capita
- Best Development of Partnerships
- Best Cleanup Organized by a Government Agency

The SOLV CUP logo, a tire complete with a sail crossing the finish line, was designed by Dan Underhill and Mahlon Davis of White Space Design, Inc., as a donation to SOLV.

Samples of projects undertaken during the Great Oregon Trail Celebration Cleanup included a complete cleanup of the Columbia Gorge, a cleanup of the Deschutes River Crooked River Gorge, parks and school grounds cleanups, beach cleanups and numerous city and town-wide cleanups.

Anyone wishing to participate in the first annual SOLV CUP should call SOLV at 503-647-9855 or 1-800-322-3326 for more information.