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## Community Calendar

### Club Plans Rwanda Relief

A workout and barbecue to raise money for Rwandan refugees will be held Thursday at the Lloyd Athletic Club, 815 N.E. Halsey. About 200 participants are expected. Donations will go to Mercy Corps International for direct relief to Rwanda.

### Lents Parade, Picnic Set

The Lents community of Southeast Portland will hold its Third Annual Lents Founders Day Celebration Saturday. A parade at 12 p.m. will circle Lents Park on Southeast 92nd and Holgate. A public picnic takes place between 1-4 p.m. The parade will include classic cars, children's entries, neighborhood and community floats, music, animals, clowns and more. There will be free food and entertainment at the picnic. A bed race is also planned.

### Youth Fashions Modeled

The annual Youth on Parade fashion show by the Portland chapter of the National Council of Negro Women is Sunday at 2 p.m. at the King Neighborhood Facility, 4815 N.E. Seventh Ave. Young men and ladies from grade school through high school will participate. Refreshments will be served. Tickets may be obtained by calling 282-2789. Everyone is invited.

### Rummage Sale To Benefit Center

A rummage sale will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Volunteer of America Southeast Child Care Center, 234 S.E. Seventh Ave. There will be various items for sale including children and adult items and furniture. Volunteers of America serves the community providing children, family and senior services.

### Horsing Around Helps Waverly Kids

Two days of equestrian events, including show jumping, relay races and cross-country will take place Saturday and Sunday at the 4th Annual Country Days for Waverly Children's Home. The annual fundraiser for Waverly's child abuse prevention programs is being held at the beautiful Malarkey Ranch in Scappoose. Other activities include an arts and crafts trade fair. For more information, call 295-2758 or 234-7532.

### Poet Stafford Featured At Concordia

Oregon Poet Kim Stafford will read selections of his works before an elderhostel gathering Thursday at 7 p.m. at Concordia College's new Luther Hall addition, 2811 N.E. Holman St. The event is free and open to the public. Stafford, son of the late Oregon Poet Laureate William Stafford, uses the Pacific Northwest as the backdrop for his poems. He currently serves as director of the Northwest Writing Institute at Lewis and Clark College.

### Free Health Immunizations

As part of the national immunization campaign underway, Multnomah County Health Department is forming partnerships with community organizations and businesses to offer free immunizations in a series of one-day clinics throughout Multnomah County. On Wednesday, August 17th, a free immunization clinic will take place at St. Johns Community Center, at 8427 N. Central, from 11am to 3pm.

The community center is located in St. Johns, off of Lombard, behind the Safeway Store. Vaccines against nine common diseases will be given. All ages are welcome including teens and adults. No income screenings are done at these clinics. The goal is to immunize all children, particularly those under age two, regardless of race, income, insurance status, or any other potential barriers. This free clinic is being co-sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation. For more information about the free clinic or about immunizations call 248-3816 or 248-3828 ext. 6984.

## Older Men and Women Volunteer For Children



◀ Lucille Sandeberg of Portland works as a volunteer to help young Marshall Alerton learn to read.

She doesn't just look at the pictures. She's learned to read her favorite storybook from cover to cover.

The 8-year-old at Beach Elementary School student in North Portland is getting help in reading from her tutor, Margaret Bailey.

Then there's a 6-year-old boy. He's

home alone a lot. However, he's found a friend at school he can really talk with about bugs and snakes. Larry Griffith is his tutor and friend.

The older men and women are volun-

teers with the Older Adult Service and Information System or OASIS, a civic group sponsored by Meier and Frank and Legacy Health System.

They ease the pain from over-burdened teachers and parents and the stress schools and families face. The older adults have found that being a tutor provides a volunteer experience that matters to them, as well as to the student.

As part of the OASIS program, the adults receive 12 hours of training, a free tutoring kit and follow-up training meetings with Portland School District personnel. They learn to plan and conduct tutoring sessions using their own or their student's life experiences.

The tutoring sessions during the upcoming school year will be held at Chapman, Beach, Lent, Clark, Smith, Capitol Hill and Meek elementary schools. Most tutors will work one hour each week with their student.

To find out more about the program or if interested in becoming a tutor, contact the OASIS office at the Meier and Frank downtown store at 241-3059.

## Students Gain School Credit, Work

MICHAEL LEIGHTON

Student John Ao took a jump start on high school this summer.

The middle high school graduate will enter Cleveland High School this fall with some added job experience and extra credit toward graduation.

He was one of 57 summer scholars in a Portland School District program sponsored by area businesses.

A.C. Schommer & Sons, a Portland building contractor on Northeast Sandy Boulevard, gave Ao a \$250 tuition scholarship to attend summer school at Lincoln High. In exchange for the money, Ao is working 65 hours for the firm, helping in the office and at construction sites.

By the end of the month, he will earn one credit for his morning class at Lincoln and a half credit for his experience on the job.

Ao was selected for the position after an interview with 10 other applicants, company officials said.

This is the first year Portland public schools has offered business-sponsored scholarships to students who otherwise might not have been able to afford sum-



On the job at A.C. Schommer & Sons, a Portland building contractor, is student John Ao, who will enter Cleveland High School in the fall with extra credit and scholarship money.

mer school.

Other summer scholars worked at a variety of jobs, from office work at Harsh Investment Corp. to cleaning showrooms at

Neil Kelly Designers to ticket-taker at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI). A consulting engineering firm provided students with glimpse at careers in the

filed of math and science, while the Vintage Plaza offered business office experience and a chance to work under the hotel restaurant's chef.

## Wilshire Park Thriftway To Close; New Store Planned

Wilshire Park Thriftway, 5400 N. E. 33rd St., will close Aug. 19, but a new, larger store is planned in its place, spokesmen for United Grocers, said Monday.

About 50 employees were told of the closing, but United Grocers pledged to consider them for employment at the new store or at a U.G. Food Outlet Store at 162nd and Division.

To retain the loyalty of current customers who have no transportation, United Grocers will soon offer buses to transport them free of charge to other area stores until the

new store can be built and opened.

Roger Staver, real estate division manager for United Grocers, said the company has been meeting with representatives of the Concordia Neighborhood Association to discuss construction of the new store and closing of the old store.

"They realize it will be a loss, but a temporary one," Staver said. "We must first close the store, tear it down and then rebuild. It will definitely not be an overnight process."

"We are doing everything we can think

of to try to make the transition to a bigger, brighter and better store, as painless as possible," he continued. We are concentrating on getting all of the zoning permits and clearances needed to move ahead with the new store.

Staver said the store's community room might even continue to be open for neighborhood meetings until the building is demolished. That will depend upon the type of security that can be obtained, he pointed out.

The new store will be nearly twice as large as the current Thriftway. It will feature

all of the amenities of the newer United Grocers stores, including deli, bakery, fresh and service fish and meat, along with many other specialties.

Staver praised store manager Darin Hayes as being a positive force in the neighborhood, opening up the store to the community and participating in neighborhood activities.

"We hope to have this same spirit when we open our new store, and we certainly hope all of our customers will be patient until we can open the doors," Staver said.

## Garlington Center CEO Bids Farewell

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON

Liam Callen has resigned as chief executive officer of the Garlington Center, a North/Northeast Portland mental health care provider.

The resignation came after a general difference of opinion between the Garlington Center Board of Directors.

Garlington Center Board President Rev. James C.E. Faulkner said Callen rejected the board's offer of less than a

one-year employment contract. Callen was finishing up his current 3-year contract.

Faulkner praised Callen for the tremendous growth Garlington Center has made during his nine years of leadership.

But said Callen decided to pursue other employment options when he failed to win the unanimous support of the board.

Phyllis Paulson will assume the position as Acting Executive Director.

Garlington Center was established in 1980 as North/Northeast Community

Mental Health Center.

Faulkner said Callen built a successful team of professionals. Under his leadership the agency has grown from 35 to 110 employees.

The center recently opened the Garlington Plaza, a 22-room residential facility on Northeast Alberta Street. The Plaza features a skills training component at the Alberta Street Cafe.

Other programs developed during Callen's tenure include: The Connection, a skills training program assisting those with

mental illness to become job ready; the Child and Family Program located in North Portland; the Supported Housing Program which added three community-based residential facilities housing more than 50 clients and the Ryles Center, a 17-bed short-term, inpatient facility developed jointly with Mental Health Services West.

Garlington Center Officials said Callen will be sorely missed. The Board of Directors will conduct a nation-wide search for his replacement.