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## Community Calendar

### Comic Convention Helps Doernbecher

Kids and comic books go together so well that the Pacific Northwest Comic Convention is donating a portion of their proceeds to Portland's Doernbecher's Children's Hospital Foundation. The convention is scheduled Sept. 10 - 11 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. The goal of the show is to offer a high-quality, community-based entertainment convention which succeeds in helping children in need. Events for children and adults of all ages are scheduled.

### International Festival This Weekend

Lake Oswego's Third Annual International Festival takes place this weekend, Sept. 9-11 at the east and west ends of the city. The festival is more than just good food and entertainment as events combine cultural awareness and appreciation for other counties with non-stop fun and activities. Festival highlights include a concert on Friday, a parade and sports activities on Saturday, and a talent and variety show on Sunday.

### Friday Brown Bag Series

Metropolitan Family Service, 830 N.E. Holladay, presents a Friday Brown Bag Series beginning Sept. 16 with the topic The Balancing Act: Work, Family and Self with Judith Werner. The seminars are held from 12:15 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch. Coffee will be provided.

### Creative Conference Planned

The 5th Annual Portland Creative Conference: A Celebration of Film, Television and Advertising is one-of-a-kind forum featuring internationally recognized professionals working in the film, television and advertising industries. The celebration will be held Sept. 22-24 at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts.

### University Displays Paintings

A series of oil paintings inspired by five generations of Northwest family stories will be on display in the University of Portland's Buckley Center Gallery, Sept. 12 through Oct. 6.

Kay Buckner, the feature artist, focus on what she calls "the gestural figure" gardeners, crafters and construction workers laboring in familiar Northwest settings. For gallery hours call Michael Miller at 283-7258.

### YWCA To Host Wellness Fair

The YWCA of Portland's Fitness and Swim Center will host their 5th annual Wellness Fair Wednesday, Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the YWCA of Portland's Downtown Center at 1111 S.W. 10. The event is free and open to the public to increase awareness of health, nutrition, exercise and a balanced lifestyle in the community. The fair will feature information and services, including gait analysis, blood pressure screening, massages, body composition tests and samples of healthy foods. There also will be the chance to join the center for a reduced initiation fee.

### Portland Community College Is Hosting A Series Of Meetings

Portland Community College is hosting a series of meetings in September to solicit community comment about PCC's programs, tuition policy and budget priorities. Invitations have been sent to thousands of community leaders and PCC encourages anyone interested in the college to attend.

For more information you may call Jan Coulton at 977-4374.

## "LEARNING THE BASICS"



Roy Pittman for Portland Public Schools answers parents and kids' questions about going back to school at the recent "Learning the Basics" event held at Lloyd Center. The program was designed to provide practical answers to kids, teens and parents' questions about going back to school.

## What Will They Eat For Lunch?

In the next few weeks, children will be heading back to school in your community. What will they eat for lunch?

Every school day, 25 million children across the nation take part in a federal meals program called the National School Lunch Program. Last June, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which funds and oversees the school meals programs, proposed sweeping changes intended to bring the meals into line with the government's official policy on nutrition, the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Because this is important public policy, the Department would like to hear from people interested in these proposed changes. A poll conducted by USDA showed that most people contacted had heard of the proposed changes. We would also like to be sure they realize they have an opportunity to comment on the proposals.

You can help by telling your readers of this opportunity to voice their support or concerns about this important proposal, especially if your food section has not recently done so. Please help us get this message out by reminding readers of the opportunity to



comment by the September 8 deadline, and by providing the address for mailing comments, included in the attached one page background.

Please send comments to: Robert M. Eadie, Child Nutrition Division, Food and

Nutrition Service, USDA, 3103 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302. Comments may be sent via the internet to: helthykids.esusda.gov. To be assured of consideration, comments should be postmarked or transmitted by September 8, 1994.

## Documentary Looks At Gang Influence

Oregon Public Broadcasting airs Moving Targets on Thursday, September 8th at 10:00pm. This unique documentary takes a personal look at the influence of gangs on three Oregon youth.

OPB producer Claudia Brown and videographer Greg Bond offered three at-risk youth a home video camera to get a personal look at circumstances that lead many young people to become involved with gangs. Robert Monterrosa, Riki Moss and Gihan Ali worked with Oregon Public Broadcasting mentors Greg Bond, Gary Schiedel, Frank Swanson and Todd Sonflieth to shoot and edit their own stories.

This unique approach to a difficult problem gives viewers insight into the rough circumstances such as insecure home environments, racism and violence

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## Fair Gets Children Ready For School



Two children and their mother receive information about school and immunizations at a back-to-school fair held in the Cully neighborhood of Northeast Portland.

back-to-school fair in the Cully neighborhood of Northeast Portland got a good number of children, especially Hispanic children ready for school last Wednesday.

Portland public school officials were

there to register kids. Appointments for inoculations were also made with health department officials.

Music, food, health, information, animals, face painting and school supplies were available to get the children excited about learning and ready for a new school year.

There's a problem with many Hispanic



Smokey Bear was a favorite for hugs by youngsters at the Cully neighborhood back to school Fair.

children not getting registered for school, said Clara Padilla Andrews, special projects manager for the Multnomah County Community and Family Services Division.

Andrews said the fair at Cully Boulevard and Killingsworth Street offered a way to bring school enrollment information to the children and also celebrate cultural diver-

sity. Timothy Swanson, Youth Program Coordinator at the nearby Villa de Clara Vista apartments, worked with health, education and social service agencies to plan the fair and make it a fun and informative event.

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