

Family Living

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Shady Grove School Reunion

Calling All Alumni From The Shady Grove, Louisiana Area

The 1996 Reunion has planned a Dinner/Dance for Friday, July 12, 1996 at 7:00 PM in the Civic Center in Ruston, Louisiana. Saturday, July 13, 1996 at 10:00 AM a Fish Fry-Picnic is scheduled. Sunday, July 14, 1996 will culminate with worship service at the St. Mary Baptist Church at 11:00 AM.

Help spread the word by notifying all your friends, relatives, former teachers and staff of Shady Grove School of this memorial event.

Your Northwest Area Contacts Are: Valorie Peoples Morgan 503-281-5016; and Bernice Satcher Martin 503-287-9760.

Garlington Wants Customer Feedback

May is National Mental Health Month and for in accordance to its new vision statement, Garlington Center Behavioral HealthCare plans to increase customer satisfaction. Garlington's theme for May is "Tell Us What You Think."

During May, Garlington's customers have an opportunity to rate the center's services and comment on new services through written surveys and focus groups.

Garlington's new vision state-

ment, "Impact Locally ... Connect Globally," was recently developed to reflect their recently revised strategic goals. The organization wants to direct its plans for change and growth within managed health care; providing high quality service and affordable prices. Their newly revised "values" will emphasize people development, enhance cultural competency and diversity training and team building in the organization.

May 21 Garlington staff members will speak to the Concordia Neighborhood Association on the issue of "Not In My Neighborhood, Valuing Those With Mental Illness As Neighbors. On May 29 the center will team up with Portland Community College for a panel discussion on Measure 11 and its meaning. Police Chief Charles Moose will participate on the panel.

For more information call 249-7990.

Minors Buying Tobacco Getting Harder

The odds that an Oregon minor can illegally buy tobacco slipped to four in 10 during the most recent state-sponsored attempts for minors to buy tobacco in five counties.

That is still double the state's goal to reduce successful purchases to 20 percent of attempts by year 2000, however.

"Fifty-eighty percent of clerks said 'no sale' to minors who wanted to buy the nation's leading cause of preventable disease, disability and death," said Jeffery N. Kushner, director of the Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs in the Oregon

Department of Human Resources. "That is hardly a win, but I want to believe it's cause for optimism."

Forty-two percent of 31 clerks in Columbia, Josephine, Lake, Lincoln and Tillamook counties sold to minors ages 16 or younger during inspections through April 25, he said. The legal age for purchasing tobacco is 18.

Kushner said one clerk asked a 16-year-old youth his age and, even though he acknowledged he was only 16, the clerk sold anyway. Since last fall, he said, 17 percent of 165 clerks have asked under-age kids for iden-

tification but then sold anyway.

In 14 counties where under-age youths have attempted to buy tobacco since last fall, Kushner said, half of clerks sold.

"Be assured that in those stores that sold, we'll be back to make sure it doesn't happen again," Kushner said.

These are the stores where clerks sold or declined to sell in the five latest counties checked. In all cases a minor age 16 or younger attempted to buy tobacco; clerks who sold were cited by a plain-clothes police officer. In Columbia County, the minor was 14 years old.

Conference Addresses Living With Diabetes

On Saturday, May 18th, youths with diabetes and their families will have an opportunity to learn "how to keep it together" at the American Diabetes Association, Oregon Affiliate's 8th Annual Youth Conference. The all day conference will be held at the Emerald Valley Resort in Creswell, Oregon.

As part of the Growing Well With

Diabetes series, the conference addresses basic elements of diabetes management and how to maintain those basics given the fast lifestyle many families face today, as well as, strategies to help families keep it together when faced with problems or circumstances that could effect their emotional and physical well being. Highlights include: develop-

mental stages and the impact physical growth and sociological changes have on the management of diabetes; how to help youths make good decisions in tempting situations; being part of a support team and what that means; and, working through the grief process to find meaning in the challenge of living with diabetes. Call (800) 234-0849 for more information.

Portland's Farmers' Market Opens

Portland Farmers' Market announced that its fifth season will begin Saturday, May 11. The market will be open every Saturday from 8 a.m. to p.m. through October 26. The market is found along the Willamette River at 1200 NW Front Ave., just north of the Broadway Bridge.

At the Market, customers can buy

fresh produce directly from the farmer who grew it. In May, along with early season vegetables, vendors will be selling a wide selection of starts and bedding plants. There will also be plenty of cut flowers and bouquets. Specialty products sold at the market include wild mushrooms, goat milk cheese, jams and jellies, honey

bread, pies and other baked goods.

Five garden talks are scheduled at 10 a.m. for the beginning of the season. The Chefs in the Market program will begin June 22 with 16 local chefs giving cooking demonstrations using fresh market produce.

For more information call 705-2460.

Child Abuse Death Rates Rise

Last Year, 8018 Oregon Children were victims of child abuse or neglect. Thirty-six of them died.

According to data from a report released by the Stat Office for Services to Children and Families (formerly Children's Services Division), more children died of abuse and neglect in 1995 than in the previous year. Twenty-eight percent of the 36 deaths were from neglect and most from lack of supervision and poor and inadequate child care. Most of the victims were younger than five.

"This is a tragedy," said agency director Kay Toran. "It means all of us must accept the responsibility of supporting families and trying to keep children safe and protected."

Portland's metro region reported

1747 victims down 161 from 1994 figures but still higher than 1993. The western region, excluding metro, ranked lowest with 7.4 per 1000 cases. The southern and eastern regions reported more than 12 cases per 1000. In general reports of abuse and neglect have leveled over the past seven years. However, the figures should take into consideration limits in the system's capacity to respond to reports.

The data showed 3178 cases of neglect, 29 percent. Fifteen percent of the cases were physical abuse and 14 percent were sexual abuse. Infants make up the largest single age group of victims including those who were drug affected at birth. And girls represent 53 percent of all abuse victims and 79 percent in sexual abuse

cases, which dropped 10.7 percent lower than 1994.

In most incidents the father or mother committed the acts and 90 percent occurred within the family. A father figure accounted for 37 percent of sexual abusers. Friends, neighbors and other non-family make up 32.7 percent of abusers.

The report also showed an increase in all stress factors that contribute to abuse or neglect of children. The major problems -- being a single parent, abusing drugs and alcohol, domestic violence and criminal activity -- all contribute. In addition, those who were abused as children are likely to abuse their children. Drug and alcohol abuse were found in 73 percent of neglect cases.

Jefferson Student Finished Basic Training

Air Force Airman Laura C. Sanchez has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman received special training in human relations.

Airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Sanchez is the daughter of Naida Sanchez of 8756 N. Wilbur, and Peter Sanchez of 36 N.E. Buffalo, both of Portland.

She is a 1994 graduate of



Laura C. Sanchez

"A Learning Laborer For The Lord"

Greater Portland Community, Portland, Oregon.

It is with great pleasure that we, the Vancouver Ave. First Baptist Church Family extend a jubilant invitation to the community at large in celebrating our Pastor's Second Anniversary, Pastor Amzie Bailey.

Please join us on Thursday, May 16, Friday May 17, 1996 at 7:00PM. We will culminate the Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 19, 1996 at 10:45AM and again at 3:00PM. Our guest speaker is the electrifying Rev. Stoot from Everett, Washington.

Please bring your family and friends; Vancouver Ave. First Baptist Church, 3438 N Vancouver Ave., Portland, Oregon 97217. Phone: 503 282 9496.

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