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Community Calendar

The race is on

"It's Time for the Cure," is the theme of this year's Race for the Cure, a walk and run in the fight against breast cancer. Portland runners and walkers will take to the streets for the event on Sunday morning, Sept. 21. Registration forms are available at JC Penny, Pier 1 Imports, Lady Foot Locker or in the Oregonian.

Building discipline

A series focusing on child development and parent education will be presented this fall by the Oregon State University extension service in Washington County. "Building discipline habits in children below the age of 14 takes time, planning, and a knowledge of what behavior will be healthy in your family," says Sue Cook, extension service program assistant. For classes, dates, times and locations call 725-2101 and request "Fall 1997 Parenting Schedule."

Fair at Ainsworth church

Ainsworth United Church of Christ presents the Ainsworth Fall Festival Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 20-21 at 5:30 p.m. Many neighborhood artists will share their talents and items will be on sale. There will be wonderful barbecue lunches and dinners, storytelling, games, balloons and prizes for kids.

Free bike clinic

A free legal clinic for bicyclists with bike lawyer Ray Thomas will be held Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Intel Rohr Acres Auditorium, 2501 NW 229th, Hillsboro. Call Terry Crawford at 264-6664 to register.

Wilderness weekend

You can discover Opal Creek Wilderness, one of the Pacific Northwest's largest and most pristine ancient forests, during an outdoor adventure sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation, Oct. 3-5. Contact the park bureau's outdoor recreation at 823-5132.

Help serve meals

University Park Loaves and Fishes needs help to deliver meals-on-wheels to seniors and homebound persons. If you can give your time, talent and energy, please call 285-8199.

Street fair fun

Local artists, merchants and residents will be celebrating in the Belmont Street district of inner-southeast Portland, Saturday, Sept. 6. A street fair will feature live music, carnival games, street performers, sidewalk sales and a food pavilion.

Dance at Rexall Rose

Portland's only dance forum at Rexall Rose Theatre, 2403 N.E. Alberta St. is held Sunday, Aug. 31 at 7 p.m.

Rally on equality

Equality on the Equinox, a rally celebrating fatherhood, motherhood and family will take place Saturday, Sept. 6 at noon at Pioneer Courthouse Square. Live bands will perform. The event will encourage communication and harmony between men and women, making divorce less adversarial and champion joint custody of children.

Kids Games Friday

A host of events for kids with special performances by the Buffalo Soldiers, Clown Around, Dragon Dancers and rapper L.G. Wise, will take place during the fifth annual King Games, Friday, Aug. 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Alberta Park. The festivities are sponsored by the Youth Gangs Program.

Banners to wave over Alberta



Aaron McPherson puts an iron to work assembling a brilliant banner for Alberta Street.

Summer youth hoist artworks over northeast

Artistic and colorful banners are jettisoning a splash of brilliance upon the canopy known as the Alberta corridor - between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and 23rd Avenue on Alberta Street.

A ceremony to mark the hosting of the artworks, created by kids employed in a summer youth program at Sabin Community Development Corp., was scheduled Tuesday at Roslyn's Garden Coffee House at northeast 14th Place and Alberta.

The program, in its second year, was called creative, innovative, and fun for the 11 youth who participated, according to Robert Coley of Sabin Corp.

Adriene Cruz, a local banner artist, as well as other mediums, of great renown saw the challenge and grasped the opportunity to teach design, plan, conceptualize, construction, machine sewing and monster application to the 11 neophytes, eight of which were young men 14 to 18 years old.

Modern culture rooted in eroding families



Mary Pipher

issues, Pipher is the author of several best sellers, including "Reviving Ophelia" and most recently, "The Shelter of Each Other, Rebuilding Our Families."

The symposium takes its title from her latest book, in which Pipher explains how the overwhelming impact of modern culture erodes the family unit every day - from the overworked, harried existence of most parents, to the plight of children raised by appliances.

Parents are undermined by a host of influences that invade their "houses without walls," she says, and beleaguered families blame themselves for what is essentially a cultural problem.

Maintaining that "much of our modern unhappiness involves a crisis of meaning and values," Pipher contends technology and consumerism have become the gods of the '90s.

"We really underestimated the effects of TV and other tools," she says. "For the first time in history, children are not being socialized by their parents."

Lewis & Clark hosts dialogue

Best-selling author Mary Pipher talks about "rebuilding our families and communities during a Sept. 12 lecture and at an all-day symposium, Sept. 13, at Lewis & Clark College. A national authority on family



Maria Wilson-Figueroa, professor of sociology and international studies and Ruben Sierra, professor of performing arts and humanities guide PSU's Chicano-Latino studies program.

Chicano-Latino studies opens

When Ruben Sierra was a child in the "Tex-Mex" (Texan-Mexican) culture of San Antonio, Texas, there was a lot of love within the family.

But in the schools the perception he too often encountered was that Mexicans were lazy or savages.

"Yet the roots of Chicanos are found in the Aztecs, Maya and Toltecs--complex civilizations with tremendous skill in math and science," says Sierra.

Now, as Director of Portland State University's newly established Chicano-Latino Studies program,

his duties include helping people to learn and giving them accurate information which doesn't foster stereotypes.

Beginning this fall, PSU students can enroll in the program which offers a cohesive body of study on the forces that shaped Mexicans and Latin Americans in the United States over the past 300 years. Students work towards a minor or a certificate in Chicano-Latino Studies.

Sierra, who was hired in 1995 to direct the program, says, "It's one of very few such programs in the nation. And we've had the chance to define and refine it over the last two years."

Panel sees many looks for MLK Boulevard

By LEE PERLMAN

When it comes to a new street design for the four miles of Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard between Broadway and Columbia Boulevard, one size does not fit all.

That was the direction indicated by consultants and staff at a meeting of the Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard Transportation Project Citizen Advisory Committee last week.

The committee is examining how and where to add \$1 million worth of physical improvements to the street.

"There is no single clear cut, black-white, A or B solution," consultant Lloyd Lindley told the committee. Instead, he said, staff is looking at different treatments for different parts of the boulevard.

The committee will fine-tune a series of design alternatives prepared by staff at its next meeting Sept. 11, and these will be discussed at a public workshop on Sept. 18, consultant Elaine Cogan said.

One all-or-nothing solution concerns bike

Wholesale removal of the street's medians to make room for on-street parking appears to be growing less likely

lanes, will either be added to all of the boulevard or to none of it.

Lindley said that one design alternative will show how the street would work with bike lanes and only two lanes of traffic. However, he added, "What we've heard traffic-wise is that bike lanes just won't work here."

The committee is working with the Bicycle Transportation Alliance on a plan to install bike lanes on North Williams and Vancouver avenues, he said.

A long-cherished goal that seems to be growing less likely is the removal of the street's planted medians, and its center left-turn lanes, to make room for on-street parking.

An analysis prepared by the consultants listed several negative results of such actions. These include the elimination of refuges to help pedestrians cross the street, elimination of any chance to widen the sidewalks, and forcing cars to make left turns from travel lanes and thus obstruct traffic.

The committee raised another negative: the removal of the median's large trees.

Cogan said that if the median was removed, "The trees will be victims, but maybe there's a greater good."

Geri Ethen of the Piedmont Neighborhood Association retorted, "You'd have to show me a lot of greater good to justify tree removal."

Aviva Groner of the Eliot Neighborhood

Association suggested a compromise: narrowing the median and replanting smaller trees.

The committee also tried to classify the character of boulevard segments as a way to determine what treatment they should receive.

There was general consensus that the Walnut Park area at Northeast Killingsworth Street, and the area near Northeast Knott and Russell streets, are commercial nodes; that from Northeast Shaver to Alberta streets has become a housing area, and from Northeast Stanton to Ivy streets is destined to become one based on its zoning; and that from Northeast Lombard Street to Columbia Boulevard is part of the industrial area to the north.

There was less certainty about other parts of the Boulevard. Michael McElwee of the Portland Development Commission commented, "I don't think there's any one big solution. You have to look at little solutions block by block."