

Sand At Pioneer Square????

The Kids' on the Block Awareness Program got a treat from this year's "Sand In The City"



See Metro, inside.

Order In The Court!!

A soon-to-be talk show host has a new album out and is ready to blow up the charts!



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Mrs. Oregon America 1998-Sandra Lee Herder

Sandra Lee Herder of Portland, Oregon was crowned Mrs. Oregon on May 22, 1998. She has held various pageant titles in the past three years, Ms. United States of America 1995, Mrs. Portland International 1997, Ms. Asian Universal of Oregon 1997 which lead to the National Ms. Asian Universal title and a trip to the Philippines. After three years of experience, placing as runner-ups, she is very honored to have the Mrs. Oregon America title. "Through these years pageants have been very positive for my family and I. Being involved in the vari-

ous systems have helped me set short and long term goals, motivate me to strive for excellence in who I am and what I stand for as a mom, wife, and as an individual. My children see me having goals and going for that and also the many opportunities that come with it. My family is involved in parades, travel and the educational part in learning more about our communities, states and meeting wonderful people everywhere.

Born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii she came to Portland to attend the University of Portland. She graduated from the

University of Portland in 1990 with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and an Early Childhood Certificate. She worked as a class room teacher for seven years at Woodlawn Elementary School which is part of the Portland Public School District. She also works for Barbizon model and talent school and agency.

Sandra has been married for almost nine years to her husband Robert M. Herder and together they have two sons, Hayden Vaughn 6 years and Eldon Warren 3 years.

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"Part of my life's philosophy is to count your blessings and continue to move forward with a positive attitude and perseverance."

The Mallory Avenue Blockwatch Bring Closure To A Major Drug House

Neighborhood residents, the Portland Police, The City Attorney, and The Mayor's Office work together to successfully bring closure to a major drug house.

Four years of continual cooperation and sheer determination has paid off. The Honorable Roosevelt Robinson (Multnomah County Circuit Court) granted the City of Portland authority under the Specified Crime Property Ordinance to shut down the structure at 4715 NE Mallory Avenue. Any persons remaining on the property after Friday, July 10, 1998 at 5:00 PM will be removed by Deputies of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office and the Portland Police. The City of Portland will take control of the home at 5:00 PM.

The home has been a source of continual drug and vice activity. Criminal Activities at the home were previously reported by The Oregonian, KATU Safe Streets and other television and print media two years ago when Mayor Vera Katz and Chief Charles Moose celebrated with neighborhood residents during the first phase of the battle to combat crime in this northeast community. The block party occurred after Judge Anna Brown ordered those individuals conducting the illegal activities be evicted. However, despite the best intentions of Judge Brown and then presiding Circuit Court Judge Donald Londer to restrict the premises, individuals at the home continually and openly defied the court. Neighborhood residents credit the courage and wisdom of Judge Robinson to reinforce the legal authority of The City Attorney to bring closure to these types of nuisance properties that wreak havoc in our Portland neighborhoods.

Linda Law, attorney for the City of Portland effectively argued before Judge Robinson that "families and children in the Neighborhood had suffered enough." Both she and city attorney Nancy Ayers requested



Neighborhood residents volunteer to board up a major drug house located at 4715 NE Mallory.

(Photo By Ronnie Washington.)

to the court that the structure be closed down immediately because of continual and repeated violations of the Stipulated Judgement and Order issued by Judge Londer. Both attorneys presented evidence from a massive casefile reporting the Diligent Efforts of the Portland Police, Neighborhood

Response Team, Drugs and Vice Division, Gang Enforcement Team, the Neighborhood Crime prevention office and local citizens in documenting and reporting the illegal activities. Mallory Avenue is representative of most Portland communities. There is a wonderful mix of diverse cultures, children and

elderly Citizens and most of the neighborhood residents are homeowners and contributing taxpayers. The Blockwatch credits the diligent organizational skills and leadership of James and Elizabeth Kent. Mr. and Mrs. Kent along with their three young

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Stockyards Exchange Building Move Takes Step Forward

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The Kenton Stockyard Exchange Building is still three quarters of a mile from Heron Lakes Golf Course but last week it came a little closer to being moved there - or at least part of it.

The Portland Bureau of Parks and Harsch Investment, Inc. have agreed to jointly finance a \$77,000 study to assess the feasibility of moving the 40,000 square foot structure from its current location at 2416 N. Marine Dr. At Heron Lakes it could serve as a club house, bed and breakfast and meeting facility, expanding the potential use and desirability of the course.

At one point, a snag in such plans was obtaining financing for the study. The Park Bureau has been willing to foot half of the bill, but insisted that another party pay for the rest. Harsch, which wants to redevelop the current site and the rest of the former stockyards, has offered to contribute \$130,000 toward the move - the price of demolishing the structure - and to advance \$40,000 of this for the study. However, Harsch wanted assurances that it would be reimbursed if the move did not take place.

Parks Bureau facilities manager Gordon Wilson now feels that the basic issue of whether the building can be moved can be assessed for the \$37,000 the bureau has already pledged. "All we're doing is finding out if doing this is feasible," bureau golf director John Zoller says. "If we find it isn't, we don't have to spend any more money. If it is, it's a lot easier to get additional funds."

In a related development, consulting engineer Peter Friesen has proposed moving only the top two stories of the exchange after first building a new first story at Heron Lakes. According to Zoller, the structure sits on a concrete slab with no crawl space beneath it. Moving the whole structure would involve excavating under it, a very expensive process that is "not feasible," Zoller says.

David Myers-Eatwell of the Kenton Ac

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Utilities, Trade Associations Team Up With Portland Public Schools To Develop Trades Training Program At Jefferson



Thomas Jefferson High School

Utility companies and trade associations, in collaboration with the Portland Public Schools, developed the Utility Trades Consortium Project, an innovative program designed to give Jefferson High School students the skills they need to enter rewarding trade occupations such as carpenter, welder, electrician, lineman, and auto technician.

The program is scheduled to begin in the 1998-99 school year; the freshman class at Jefferson High School will be the first students to participate. The

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Al King, PGE community resources specialist

program has two goals: improve the quality of applicants for trade careers and increase diversity in the workplace.

Joe McArthur, PGE vice president of substation and line operations says, "There is a critical need to create more opportunities for young people so they can develop the skills necessary to succeed in technical business programs and trade careers."

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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Hashimoto Resigns

Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto resigned recently leaving a political vacuum in Asia. The sudden and unexpected move by the prime minister sent stocks and currencies reeling across the continent, creating a financial crisis.

Tri-Met Plans

The citizen's committee has developed a plan for extending Tri-Met's reach into neighborhoods and has offered a finance plan calling for higher fares and new allocations of state and federal funds. These plans are expected to be implemented next year.

O.J. Simpson Appeals

O.J. Simpson's lawyers are appealing his \$33.5 million wrongful-death judgment, arguing the five-month civil trial was "fundamentally tainted" by erroneous rulings on evidence. A 96-page appeal was introduced in court.

Breast Implant Payout

A bankruptcy judge recently approved a tentative \$3.2 billion settlement between Dow Corning Corp. and 170,000 women. This settlement will affect 1,000 Oregon women who underwent silicone gel breast implants that left physical complications. Each woman

could possibly receive \$12,000 to \$60,000 under the plan.

Downtown Park Block

The Portland City Council approved a basic schedule and process to plan, design and build the new downtown park block near Moyer's Fox Tower block on Park Avenue. The park might include some commercial space, costing \$1 million. Construction will begin in April 2000.

Dow Closes High

The Dow Jones Industrial average reached a record high close from Japan's political

upheaval. The expectation is that the Japanese Prime Minister's resignation will spur the Asian economy. The Dow was up 149.33 at 9,245.54, beating May's closing of 9,211.84.

Clinic Bomb

Eric Rudolph, the suspect in an abortion clinic bombing in Birmingham, Alabama is suspected to be in North Carolina. He has been the target of a manhunt since late January of this year.

His truck was spotted. It contained six month's worth of food stolen from a Nantahala home.