

Family Living

Free Immunization Clinic at Southeast Fred Meyer

Free immunization against diseases which typically target children are being provided at the Southeast Fred Meyer store on Saturday, March 20th from 10 AM until 2 PM. Vaccines include measles, chicken pox and mumps for young children and Hepatitis B for older children and adolescents. No appointment is needed, but previous immunization records should be brought to the clinic. Please note that flu shots will not be provided.

Clinics are sponsored by Fred Meyer stores and provided by the Multnomah County Health Department, NW Medical Teams and Fred Meyer pharmacies as part of an ongoing program designed to target children from uninsured and underinsured families living in Multnomah County. Many of these children are not allowed to attend school until their immunizations are current.

Upcoming immunization clinics

include:

April 17, 1999

Gresham Fred Meyer
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

May 15, 1999

Glisan Fred Meyer
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

June 19, 1999

Burlingame Fred Meyer
10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Fred Meyer began working with Multnomah County on this project in 1997 and has helped immunize more than 800 children. Through this initiative, the immunization rate of children in Multnomah County who have reached their second birthday has increased from 50% to 73% over the past three years.

For more information regarding this program, please contact the Multnomah County Health Department at (503) 248-3816.

Violence Free Spring Break Collaborative Effort For Youth

Youth will have the opportunity to participate in the sixth-annual Violence Free Spring Break, March 22-26, 1999, in sites throughout the metropolitan area. A group of individuals and non-profits have joined together to provide a coordinated effort among community-based organizations, youth counselors, and local community centers to reduce the potential for violent activities by youth during Spring Break.

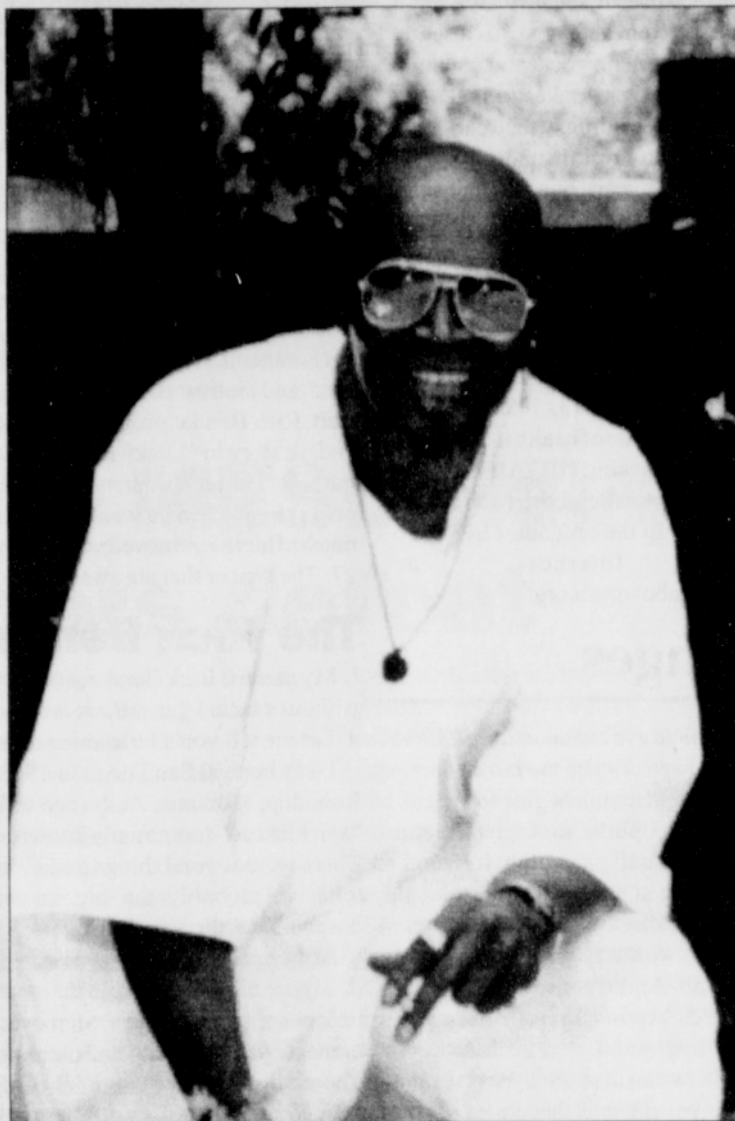
For youth, the week will kick off on Monday, March 22, 1999, at various locations including the PAL Youth Center (424 NE 172nd), Robin Hood Theater (Sherwood), and at local community centers. It closes with a barbecue open to the public on Friday, March 26th, at 1 PM, at the

PAL Youth Center.

An emphasis this year will be increasing awareness that providing alternative activities to youth is an excellent way to prevent violence, and prevent alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse. "Many people underestimate the value of keeping kids active and involved during the hours they aren't in school," said PAL Assistant Director Maria Honl. "Programs like Violence Free Spring Break help us spread the message that prevention is a crucial piece in creating a healthy and safe community."

Alternative activities include playing basketball at the Salvation Army, bowling at Interstate Lanes, horseback riding at various locations, inner tubing on Mt. Hood and boating on the Willamette

Askari the Storyteller



Askari the Storyteller Performs At Blazers Club For Spring Break March 23, 3:30-5 PM.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the Blazers Boys & Girls Club proudly present Askari the Storyteller, continuing the celebration of Black History Month during the Spring Break Week. Nyewusi Askari, founder of the Sojourner Truth Theater, will lead the children on a journey into Afro-American culture through music and storytelling on Tuesday, March 23rd from 3:30 - 5 at the Blazers Boys & Girls Club. The event is free and open to the community.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was founded in 1906 at Howard University and is the oldest African American organization in the Greek system. AKA is dedicated to promoting social services and the well-being of society.

The Blazers Boys & Girls Club provides sports, recreation, education and cultural activities for youth ages 6-17. For more information, call the Blazers Club at 282-8480.

with the Boy Scouts, swimming at Clackamas Aquatic Park, and more.

The PAL Youth Center, 424 NE 172nd, will be open for drop-in activities, Monday-Friday, 10 AM - 5 PM. Activities on site will include: reading books, watching movies,

working on computers, participating in gym sports like basketball, and arts & crafts like making paper and creating books, making picture frames, & bead making. Youth ages 8-17 are welcome to participate, call 823-0250 or 256-3479.

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Federal Grant to help reduce class size

The U.S. Department of Education has notified the Oregon Department of Education that Oregon schools will receive a federal grant of about \$11.6 million this year to hire teachers and reduce class size.

Early estimates indicate that approximately 300 new teachers could be hired before next school year.

The Oregon Department of

Education will learn more about the grant when Sharon Toland of the Department meets with federal officials Thursday, March 11.

The Department will provide school districts with an estimate of their allocations as soon as possible.

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New PSU Child Care Praised by Clinton

(Portland, OR) March 10, 1999 - Many PSU students will breathe a sigh of relief on Monday, March 29 when the ASPSU Children's Center opens its door for the first time.

The Center, designed for PSU students, faculty and staff needing part-time childcare assistance, was funded by a student-approved fee increases. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton praised PSU students to increase student fees to pay for on-campus childcare. "What you're doing at this University is important not only for students, but for the example it sets."

Fees at the childcare, which can accommodate up to forty-two children at a time, range from \$2 to \$3 an hour.

Students, faculty and staff can schedule in two-to four-hour blocks, or they can use occasional drop-in care.

Portland State University is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in the region by providing an array of undergraduate, graduate, professional, and continuing education programs especially relevant to the metropolitan area. PSU, a nationally acclaimed leader in "community-based learning," serves more students and confers more graduate degrees annually than any other institution in the Oregon University System. For more information, please contact Jeanie-Marie Price, Office of Marketing & Communications (503-725-3773).

Do You Know A Teenager Who Needs A Second Chance?

The Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program will be starting its next class on July 17, 1999. Applications are now being accepted. Student's ages 16-18 can earn the GED or 8 high school credits. This is a cost free, CO-ED, 22 week residential program that offers a "second chance" for at-risk teens. You can go back to high school after completing the program. The main branches of military accept our graduates with a GED or Diploma. The goals of this program are to provide young people with values, self-esteem skills, discipline, education, and to succeed as students and young adults. The program is conducted at the Central Oregon Training and Education Facility (COTEF) in Bend, Oregon. If you have any questions regarding the program or would like to enroll, please write or call for more information. You can obtain specific information and an enrollment application at our website at www.ycporg.org

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8th Annual Derby Day

The Kentucky Derby comes to Portland! On Saturday, May 1, 1999, Tucker-Maxon Oral School will host its 8th Annual Derby Day.

The event, a major fundraiser for this school where deaf children learn to talk, centers around the 125th Running of the Kentucky Derby.

The celebration begins at noon and will be held at the Tiffany Center located at 1410 SW Morrison. This event will include such festivities as a silent and an oral auction, a hat contest, a buffet, a "people race," and live viewing of the Kentucky Derby on a theater-size screen. At the end of the day, guests will have a chance to win a variety of gift baskets, each with its own theme.

Major sponsors for Derby Day are Hessel Tractor and Equipment Company and Meritage Mortgage Corporation.

Tucker-Maxon Oral School, which celebrates its 51st anniversary this year, is one of only five such schools in the United States who educate deaf children from birth through high school. Every child admitted into the program regardless of their family's ability to pay. Funding from Derby Day helps support scholarships for those students and the programs offered by Tucker-Maxon.

Tickets for Derby Day are \$35 per person; tables of 8 are available for \$280. For more information on Derby Day and to receive an invitation, please call Charissa R. Butler at



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