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SECTION B

Community Calendar

KMHD Jazz Station

KMHD 89.1, Portland's premier jazz station, is kicking off its 15th anniversary with a supporter appreciation party and the unveiling of a new logo and marketing campaign designed by former MHCC student Joshua Berger of Plazm magazine. The event will be on Wednesday, April 14 from 6-8 PM at the Riverside Inn (50 SW Morrison Street). Call 491-7435.

Education Discussion

The Board of Education budget discussions and public hearings will on the following dates at 6:30 PM: Wednesday, April 14; Tuesday, April 20; Monday, April 26.

If you have a disability or are hearing impaired and need assistance for this meeting; please make arrangements in advance by calling the Board Office at 916-3741.

Poets On Campus

Mountain Writers Series and Portland State University are pleased to begin the spring season with a co-sponsored reading by poets James Tate and Dara Wier. Currently professors at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, James Tate and Dara Wier were featured with four other prominent university writers in a six-part educational TV series that aired in the fall of 1998. The Poetry Reading will be on Saturday, April 16 at 7:30 in the School of Business Administration in Portland State University, Room 190. Call 503/236-4854.

Oregon Tradeswomen Network

The next meeting of the Oregon Tradeswomen Network is scheduled for Thursday, April 15, at 6 PM at the State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon St., room 120. The topic of this month's meeting is a B-FIT reunion. Join the graduates of this pre-apprenticeship program as they celebrate their success in the trades. Meeting is potluck - please bring a treat to share. Childcare is provided and everyone is welcome. The meetings are free and no pre-registration is required. Call 503/943-2228.

The Testing Craze

Monty Neill, Executive Director of the National Center for Fair & Open Testing (Fair Test), will be the featured speaker at the Portland Conference on "Why the Testing Craze Won't Fix Our Schools." The conference will take place at Monroe High School Auditorium, 2508 NE Everett, April 16-17. On April 17, at 9 AM, Neill will initiate workshop discussions with a presentation on "Alternatives to Standardized Testing: Building Better Schools." Call 503/282-6848.

Elderly and Disabled

Get a first-hand look at devices to help the disabled or elders regain independence at an exhibit at Kaiser Permanente's Cascade Park Medical Office, 12607 SE Mill Plain Boulevard, Vancouver, on Tuesday, May 4, from 10 AM to 2 PM. A Kaiser Permanente social worker and occupational therapist will be on hand to explain and demonstrate how to find and use lift chairs, reachers, walkers, grab bars, special silverware and many other devices. Call 503/499-5781.

The Soul Of An Addict

In celebration of National Poetry Month, Portland poet and sage Savon Lindsay, author of *The Soul of an Addict* and *Tired of Being Tired* joins Barnes & Noble Bookstore at 1231 NE Broadway in Portland, Wednesday, April 21 at 7 PM. The event is free and open to the public.

Polynesian Cultural Show

Join us for a celebration of Polynesian cultures. Enjoy musical performances and Hawaiian food. Music and dancing performed by Ho'ala, PCC students and community. Lunch will be served 11 AM - 1:15 PM. Entertainment begins at 11:30 AM. Cost of lunch is \$4.50. The show will be on Friday, April 23 at the Sylvania Cafeteria, College Center at Portland Community College. Call 977-4112.

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Gladys McCoy Academy Students Receive Red Cross Training

The Northeast Portland students earn Red Cross certification in First Aid and CPR

Students from the Gladys McCoy Academy will be awarded American Red Cross Standard First Aid certifications at a special ceremony on Monday. The award/certification ceremony will be Monday, April 12, at 11:25 a.m. at the Gladys McCoy Academy, 3802 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Portland.

In an effort to fulfill its mission of helping people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies, American Red Cross has recently been working with the Gladys McCoy Academy, an alternative school in Northeast Portland, to train nearly 80 students in First Aid and CPR. Since February, students have participated in Red Cross Standard First Aid training and are now receiving their certificates for completing the program.

"This program has provided students that might not have received health and safety training the opportunity to learn important lifesaving skills," said Barbara Zeal, an American Red Cross instructor. "Red Cross is proud to teach students from the Gladys McCoy Academy how to be safe and effective when responding to emergencies."

The Gladys McCoy Academy provides comprehensive educational and support services to Portland-area adolescents who have not been successful in traditional school settings. The school serves approximately 80 at-risk students from Northeast Portland and provides students the opportunity to either transition back to public school or graduate from the Academy.

The Oregon Trail Chapter of the American Red Cross trains nearly 26,000 people each year in First Aid and CPR. For more information about American Red Cross health and safety courses call 280-1440.



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Mayor Vera Katz Selects Sue Klobertanz As New Head Bureau Of Purchases

After completing a competitive national search and recruitment process, Mayor Vera Katz announced the selection of Sue Klobertanz as the City of Portland's new Director of the Bureau of Purchases.

"Our extensive search produced a number of strong candidates, but Klobertanz rose to the top because of the diversity and depth of her local government management and leadership experience," said Katz. "She has a track record as a hard working and successful change agent and problem solver, extensive community experience, and I am confident her work with the Bureau of Purchases team will ensure continued provision of great services at the best cost for taxpayers."

Klobertanz has 20 years of local government experience, including service with

Metro, the Office of Finance and Administration in the City of Portland, the Portland Development Commission and currently as Manager of the Contractor Development Division in the Bureau of Purchases. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Urban and Regional Government and Political Science from Willamette University and a Masters of Urban Planning from the University of Oregon.

Recently, Klobertanz and her team have been recognized nationally for their work to develop and implement the city's Fair Contracting and Employment Strategy. Locally, she chairs the Regional Consortium for Historically Underutilized Businesses (RCHUB). In 1997, she was awarded the Minority Small Business Advocate of the Year for the northwest region by the U.S. Small Business Administration.



Sue Klobertanz

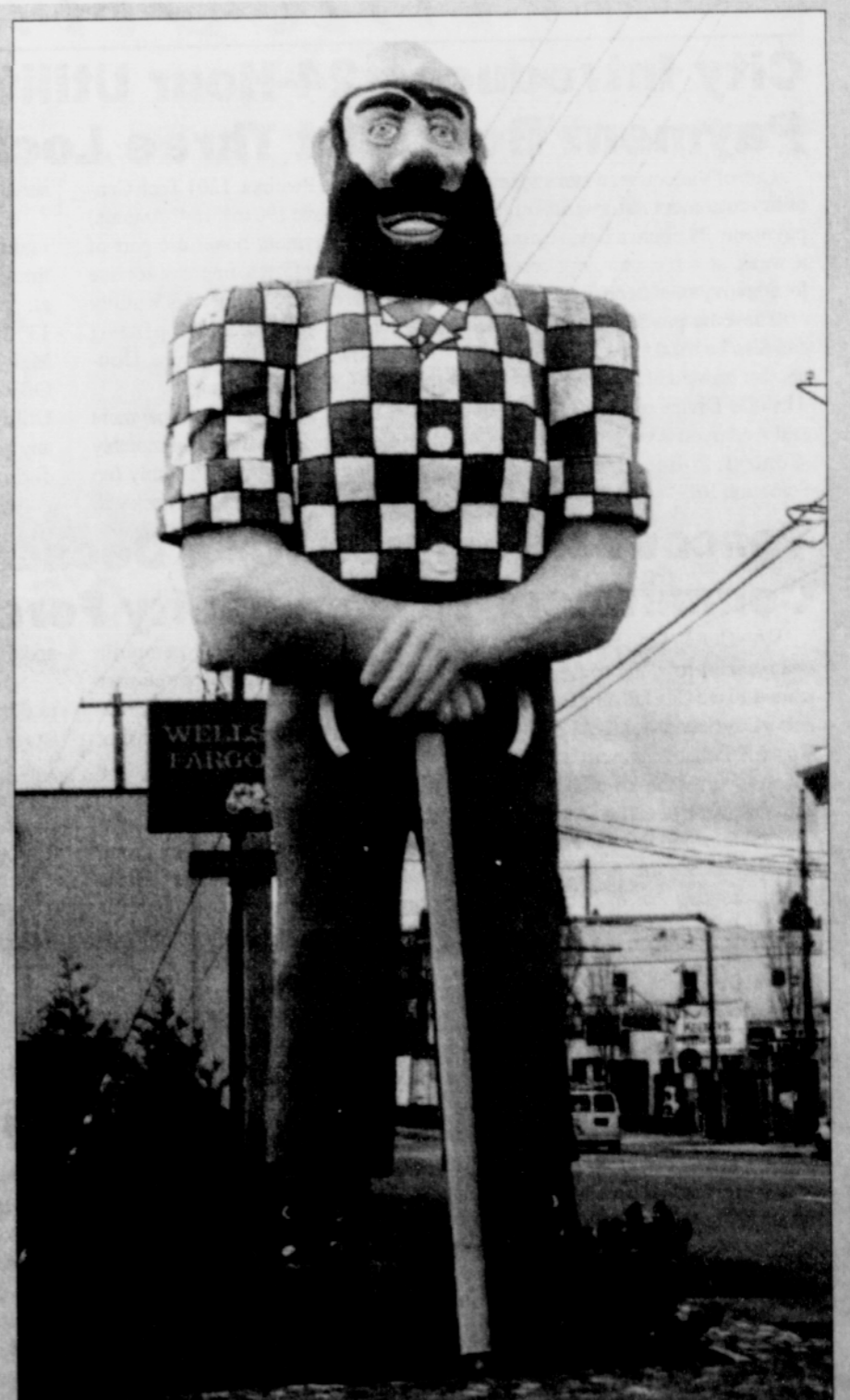


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The Paul Bunyon statue has graced the Kenton Neighborhood since 1959 to commemorate the centennial celebration of Oregon. It weighs 40 tons - built with steel, chicken wire and high beams. Under the Kenton Revitalization Plan, the Paul Bunyon statue will be moved to a location nearby Denver and Interstate St. For more on Kenton Neighborhood, read about it in Focus.