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SECTION B

## Community Calendar

### Camp Ky-o-Wa Offers Fun for All Kids

Camp Ky-o-Wa, a summer day camp for children ages 5-11, serves children with and without disabilities. Three one-week sessions are being offered: July 17-20, July 24-27, and July 31-August 3. The camp is located at Roslyn Lake Park, near Sandy, OR. Bus transportation to and from camp is provided from Portland and Gresham. Activities include swimming, fishing, boating, trampoline, songs, field games, and many other fun activities. Cost is \$115 for residents of Portland, \$173 for non-residents. There is limited scholarship money. Call 823-4328.

### Domino's Pizza Stores Unite to Save a Life

All Domino's Pizza stores in the Portland metro area will sponsor a week-long promotion to raise money for Brandy Stroeder of McMinnville, Ore., who needs financial support for a potentially lifesaving lung and liver transplant. Domino's will donate \$1 for each large pizza purchased at regular menu price starting Friday, June 23 through Thursday, June 29.

### Women and Sports

Join Radical Women for a public discussion about women and the politics of sports. Special video clips will be shown from the film, "We Got Next," highlighting the inaugural season of the Women's National Basketball Association. The free meeting will be on Wednesday, July 12, 7 p.m., at the Northwest Neighborhood Cultural Center, Lower Level, 1819 NW Everett, Portland. Call 503/228-3090.

### "Save a Life Summer"

Portland Trail Blazer Damon Stoudamire hosts his fourth annual "Save a Life Summer" for American Red Cross Pacific Northwest Regional Blood Services. This fun, family and youth-oriented celebration focuses on educating youth about the importance of blood donations and participating in their communities. The event will be on Saturday, July 29, from 7:30 am to 1 pm at the American Red Cross Pacific Northwest Regional Blood Services (3131 N. Vancouver Avenue). Call 503/284-0011, ext. 152.

### 2000 Cooking Demo Season

The farmers are back in the park and so are the chefs. South Park blocks will once again play home to the Portland Farmers' Market. The Wednesday season, complete with live chef demos, will be sponsored by Southpark Seafood Grill & Wine Bar and The Heathman Restaurant & Bar. Chefs from those two restaurants will appear each Wednesday through September 27 with special guest appearances from other restaurants. Call 503/241-0032.

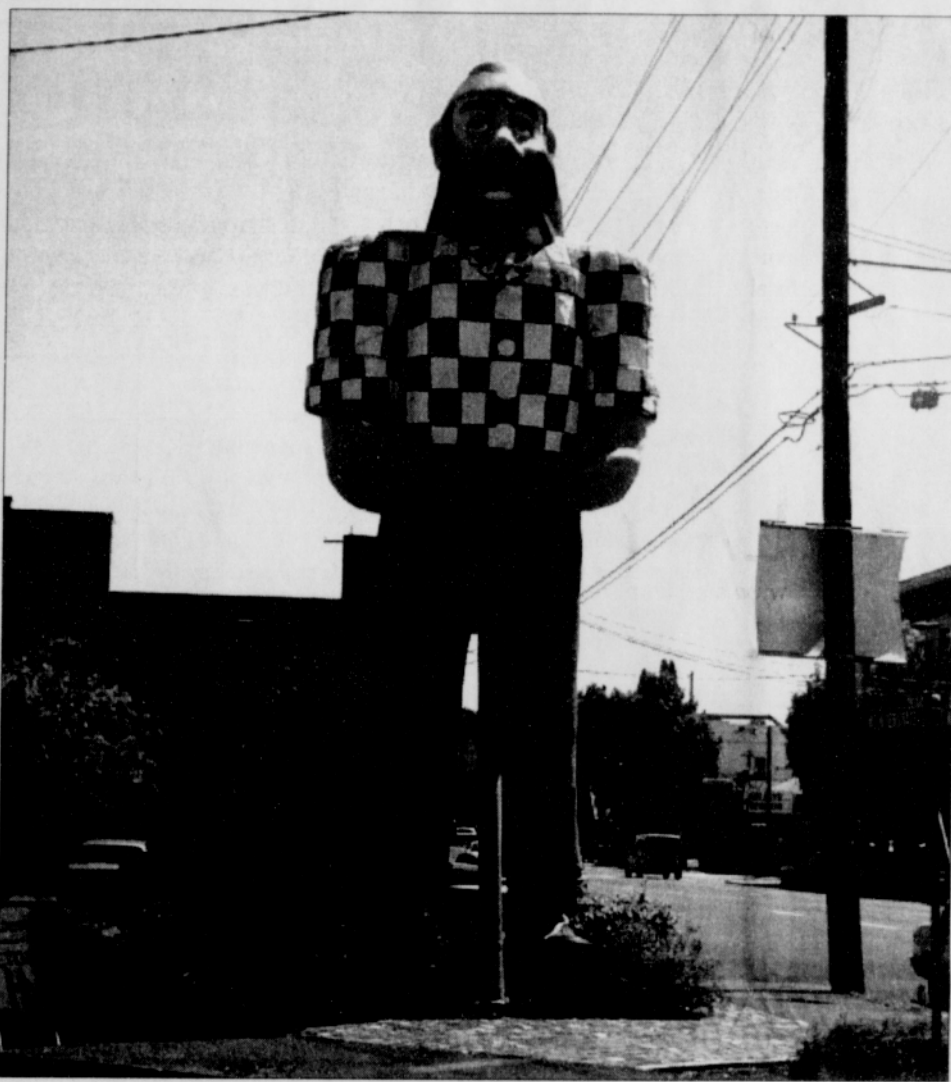
### Summer Tennis Camp

This summer Kids N' Tennis, Inc. will sponsor two tennis camps. One will be held at Irving Park and the other at the St. Johns Racquet Center. Both camps will offer a series of three sessions for you to select from. All sessions will start with programming running Monday through Thursday. The Irving Park camp is for beginners to advanced players (check registration form for times). The camp at St. Johns is for Tournament Players (Junior "A" and Champs). Call 503/823-3629 or 503/823-3630.

### Senior Art Show

The Mittleman Jewish Community Center and Cedar Sinai Park is announcing their first annual Senior Art Show and Exhibit to be held the weekend of June 23-25 at the Rose Schnitzer Manor, (part of the Cedar Sinai Park complex) 6140 SW Boundary St., Portland. The opening party will be held on Friday, June 23 from 1-3 pm at the Rose Schnitzer Manor. All senior artists are welcome to submit their artwork for this show, which will be juried by local artists. Awards will be given out. Call 503/452-3428.

## North Portland residents urged to voice concerns considering urban renewal



The historic Paul Bunyon statue at the corner of Interstate and Denver marks the entryway into the newly proposed Interstate Urban Renewal District.

BY LEE PERLEMAN  
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The people of north and northeast Portland will have a chance to have their say at three hearings this summer on a proposed new urban renewal district.

At the third, the people who count the most - the Portland City Council - will have their say.

The Portland Development Commission will discuss and act on the proposed Interstate Urban Renewal District at 6 p.m. today, June 21, at Kaiser Town Hall, 3704 N. Interstate Ave. The Portland Planning Commission will take testimony on the issue, although not

necessarily action, at 12:30 p.m. July 11 at 1900 S.W. Fourth Ave. City Council will hear the matter at 6 p.m. August 16 at Kaiser Town Hall.

In an urban renewal district, taxes collected on property values above those in place are assigned to special projects within and benefitting the district. Council, and particularly mayor Vera Katz, conceived the district as a way to generate part of the \$350 million funding for the proposed Interstate MAX Light Rail line, which would run from the Rose Quarter to the Expo Center along North Interstate Avenue.

However, as developed by a 54-member steering committee, the district has undergone

considerable change. Once proposed as a corridor four blocks wide, it has ballooned to 3700 acres, making it by far the largest such district ever in Portland. If approved, it would place 12.3 percent of the city's land in urban renewal districts, and the law limits their total size to 15 percent. There would be only 2600 acres available to any other part of the city that wanted this type of assistance.

PDC's John Southgate, staff to the project, says that in briefings of Council members or their staff, "I've heard them say, 'Gee, that's pretty big.' I haven't heard anyone say categorically that they wouldn't support a district that large."

They might well balk at another Steering Committee change: they voted to cut the district appropriate for light rail from \$30 million to \$15 million. Committee member Paul Mortimer defends the decision, saying that the north Portland community is being asked to shoulder an "unprecedented and inequitable" share of the burden for funding a regional facility. The committee wants to ensure it has funding to meet other community objectives: creating "family wage jobs," and affordable housing to ensure that "people aren't forced out of their homes by rising rents. This is a once in a lifetime chance to do some important things, and we want to be sure we have the resources to do them."

Some observers question whether Council will go along with this proposal. As an alternative, staff is raising the tax increment target from the original \$100-\$150 million to \$200 million over the 20 year life of the district. Elisa Dozono of Mayor Katz's office says she hopes this will meet community desires.

Katz has already conceded to another unprecedented feature of this district: the lack of power by PDC to condemn and purchase property without the consent of the owners. This was a concession to African-American community leaders such as Harold Williams of the Coalition of Black Men who harbored bitter memories of large-scale property acquisition by PDC to expand the Emanuel Hospital campus and create what is now the Rose Quarter. Others, such as committee members Lenny Anderson and Larry Mills, argued that selective condemnation might prove crucial to achieve committee goals in the face of recalcitrant property owners.

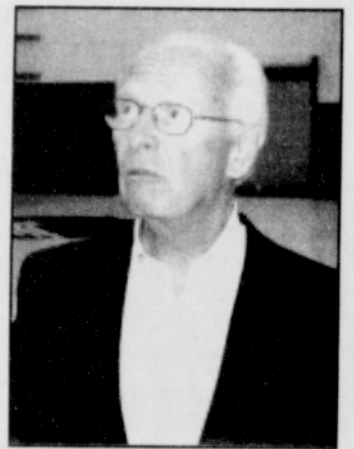
## Bill Schonely

by Mike Delman  
for The Portland Observer

When you think of 20<sup>th</sup> century broadcasting's magical voices - each recognizable at the utterance of a few words or phrases - these come to mind: Frank Sinatra, James Earl Jones, Mel Blanc, Walter Cronkite and Vince Scully.

In the Pacific Northwest, you can add Bill Schonely's velvet pipes to that memorable list of golden voices.

As the radio voice of the Portland Trail Blazers for 28 seasons (30 years total), Schonely achieved near-



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legendary status among Blazer basketball listeners from coos Bay to Baker City and from Klamath Falls to Kelso. His game descriptions were carried on a 30-station, three-state network, headed by flagship station KEX.

Bill has set a record of longevity as an Oregon sports announcer. He was the team's radio play-by-play man every season except 1992-1993 and 1993-1994 when he moved over to call games for Blazers television. Indeed, Schonely's tenure as a broadcaster is second longest in NBA history. Only Los Angeles Lakers' vice president Chick Hearn, who is in his 38<sup>th</sup> season has done more NBA play-by-play broadcasts than Schonely.

For the man who made the term "Rip City" synonymous with Portland and the world of basketball. Schonely's highlight tapes are keepsakes for thousands of Trail Blazer fans. He has invented more graphic phrases and euphemisms to describe basketball action than Billy Packer, Dick Vitale and Al McGuire combined.

The most famous of those creations, of course was, "Rip City," a phrase he invented in his first season behind the mike, to describe a Blazer outside bomb that brought down "nothing but net." In later years, the Schonely reserved the "Rip City's" designation only to field goals that had special significance - a

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## Summer crime surge can be prevented

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On Friday, June 16 the Portland Police Bureau, along with its partners, announced Operation Refocus V. In its fifth year running, Operation Focus is a crime prevention program that uses education, recreation activities, and employment to refocus kids away from criminal activity over the summer months.

"The biggest problem in regards to youth, from kindergarten all the way up, is not having a positive way to express yourself," said Sergeant Kevin Modica of the Portland Police Youth and Crime Prevention Division.

The statistics confirm Modica's beliefs. According to the Oregon State Department of Education, 80 percent of prisoners are high school dropouts. According to the Portland Police Bureau's trend statistics, a large portion of juvenile crimes occur during the summer months when children are unsupervised.

The goal of Operation Focus V is to give children things to do during summer vacation. Operation Focus V is a partnership between the Police Bureau, the Boys and Girls Club, Portland Parks and Recreation, Worksystems Inc., Multnomah Athletic Club and many other groups.

"If you are looking forward to summer vacation and you want some things to do, we have a program for you," said Modica. Many of the programs involve physical activities. The Multnomah Athletic Club provides sports camp scholarships for kids involved in a variety of sports from football to basketball to wrestling.

The Boys and Girls Club seek to promote the



physical, mental and emotional well being of children.

They will be offering programs that include an African dance class, the OMSI Boys and Girls Science Club, a breakfast club, a Girls Late-Night Basketball program and field trips. These programs will be held simultaneously with their daily drop-in schedule, which is available for members.

Portland Parks and Recreation will be organizing activities that include arts and crafts, games, hot weather activities, federal lunches, wading pools and field trips. Their

newest program is the Travelin' Movie Jam, a van that comes into the neighborhood, shows movies and provides refreshments, games and prizes for free. If they prefer students can find summer jobs. Worksystems inc. provides programs for children from 14 to 21 years old. Students can find help in developing their resumes, preparing for interviews and job placement. Younger kids, between 14 and 16, can participate in programs that incorporate science curriculum with worksite-based experiences. There are programs even that offer high school credit.

Operation Focus may be accomplishing its goal of reducing juvenile crime. According to Multnomah County statistics, the number juvenile offenders decreased 15 percent from 1993 to 1998. Anyway, the program wants to allow kids alternatives to crime.

Operation Focus V offers children opportunities to be active, involved and focused on contributing good to the community. Modica said, with a smile on his face: "There is no excuse for kids not to have something pro-social and proactive to do, and to have fun."