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Community Calendar

Superheroes Blood Drive

The American Red Cross Pacific Northwest Regional Blood Services will partner with Dove Lewis Animal Emergency Hospital Saturday, Feb. 10 to let dogs and their humans help those in need. This is the third year for the Superheroes Blood Drive, which seeks blood donors among both humans and canines. The drive is hosted this year by the Oregon Human Society (OHS) at their new shelter, 1067 NE Columbia Blvd.

Fundi: The Story of Ella Baker

In honor of Black History Month, Radical Women will host a viewing of "Fundi: The Story of Ella Baker," a film about this dynamic leader of the civil rights movement. Join the discussion afterwards to review issues raised in the film and to explore what is needed to achieve equality for all. The event will be on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m., at the Bread and Roses Center, 819 N. Killingsworth. Call 503/240-4462.

Discoveries Through Drawings

The Oregon Peace Institute (OPI) will present a workshop on "Discoveries through Drawing: Insights on Conflict and Conflict Resolution" with Frances Kaplan and Andy Wiselogle. Participants will explore the use of drawing to look at conflict in a new way and learn creative approaches to conflict resolution. The workshop will be held on Thursday, 7-9 p.m., Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 22 at OPI, 1950 SW 6th Ave., Rm. 121 in Portland. Call 503/725-8192.

Indoor Gardening for Children

The Oregon Garden present "Indoor Gardening for Children" on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. This is a fun event for children ages 3 - 14. Activities include making an ivy topiary, designing a milk carton herb pot and making seed tapes. Janet Smith of The Ladybug Roadshow will be presenting storytime at 10 a.m. and again at 11 a.m. Call 503/874-8249 or 1-877-2733, ext. 8249.

King School Mathematics Program

Parents, volunteers, community members and business partners: come to King School and learn more about the Mathematics Program. The focus of this session will be on the "what" of today's mathematics curriculum. Participants will look at student work and learn math games to introduce to their children. This event will take place at the Media Center at the King School, 4906 NE 6th on Tuesday, Feb. 20 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Valentine-O-Gram

Valentine-O-Grams are a pair of yummy Cinnabon cinnamon rolls packaged in a box with a personal message from the sender and delivered throughout the Portland metro area on Valentine's Day. This message of love is delivered by Loaves & Fishes volunteers. The Valentine-O-Grams are on sale now and will be sold through Feb. 10. Call 503/736-6325.

A Gathering of Voices

A Gathering of Voices present Portland poet and author Harold Johnson who will read at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 16 in the Channing Room of the First Unitarian Church, 1011 SW 12th in Portland. Mr. Johnson wrote "Dry Boats," a book of poems, and has been editor of "Fireweed." Call 503/452-4634.

Grandfolks and Kids on the Go!

On your mark, get set - go have a blast together! Catch a Major League fastball, play Robo Pong, take the basketball challenge, sprint from the starting blocks or climb into hockey gear. Bring \$2 each for admission and money for lunch at Izzy's Pizza Parlour. Meet at East Portland Community Center, 740 SE. 106th, on Thursday, March 29, 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Call 503/823-4328.

Valentine Social and Dance

Portland Parks & Recreation's Senior Recreation for 55+ celebrates Portland's 150th birthday with a festive Valentine Social & Dance on Friday, Feb. 9, 1-4 pm. at the Matt Dishman Community Center, located at 77 NE. Knott. Dance to the sweet sounds of Jack Mahoney & the Plus Five Band. No partners needed - you can make new friends during "mix & meet" numbers. Call 503/823-4328. 503/408-2640 or visit their website at www.PortlandParks.org.

Dance Theater Masterpiece



Linda-Denise Evans is one of 30 outstanding dancers to perform in three Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater classics scheduled Feb. 27 at Portland's Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. See story on Page A3. (PHOTO BY ANDREW ECCLES)

Portland Gets New On-line Housing Help

Portland City Commissioner Erik Sten and the city's bureau of housing and community development have developed a new online web-based housing information and resource system.

The purpose of the program is to match people who need affordable housing and/or housing services with information, resources and referrals to access these services quickly.

The system is supported by a \$480,000 grant from the U.S. Dept. of Commerce and \$800,000 in matching resources from the city of Portland.

It will serve as a "virtual" one-stop clearinghouse of housing information, including a list of available and affordable housing units and housing services for the region.

Furthermore, the project will link private and public resources, including developers of affordable housing, property managers, landlords, housing service agencies and low-income housing consumers searching for housing they can afford.

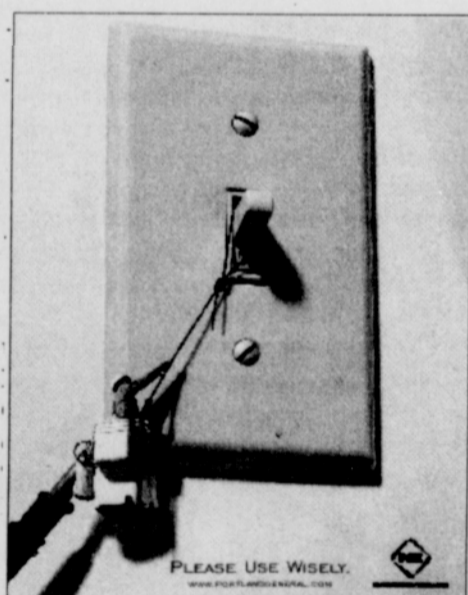
Lawmakers Want Input on Oregon Healthcare Issues

State Rep.'s Deborah Kafoury, D-Portland and Jo Ann Bowman, D-Portland, will co-host a town hall meeting on healthcare and the use of tobacco lawsuit settlement monies on Thursday, Feb. 15 at Whitaker Middle School from 7-9 p.m.

The lawmakers will discuss health care issues facing the Legislature, including preserving the Oregon Health Plan, reducing the cost of prescription drugs and determining how best to spend the millions of dollars Oregon is receiving this year through a national tobacco lawsuit settlement.

The meeting is the first of three town halls to encourage public input on proposed legislation. A town hall meeting on education will be on March 15 at Jefferson High School, followed by a legislative update on April 19 at Grant High School.

There is no charge to attend any of the town halls and families are encouraged to attend. For questions, call Susan Drew at 503-281-3960.



A 65 ft. wallboard downtown informs residents about the need to conserve electricity.

Big Switch is a Reminder to Conserve

Oregonians driving and working in downtown Portland during the next few months will have a very visible reminder from Portland General Electric about the need to be energy efficient. The 65-foot wallboard featuring PGE's "Please Use Wisely" advertisement was painted last week on a building near the corner of Southwest 4th Avenue and Washington Street.

The wallboard is just one element of a campaign to tell residents about the need to respond quickly to power supply issues facing the west. Recent power alerts in California, including numerous rolling blackouts, make energy efficiency communications all the more timely. Teams of PGE energy efficiency specialists are also helping customers save power by using energy efficient technologies in their homes and businesses. They work with commercial and industrial customers to facilitate the installation of energy efficiency measures, such as lighting, heating and cooling systems.

Residential programs include weatherization and hot water heater rebates.

\$1.4 Million Won in Racial Profiling Case

A federal jury in Portland on Friday recommended a \$1.4 million award to a former Clackamas County sheriff's recruit who claimed he was fired after complaining about racial profiling. Carl Bell, 37, of Orlando, Fla., filed the suit against the county, claiming he was fired a year earlier because he complained to a superior that deputies were stopping Asian, Latino and Russian drivers without

probable cause. The sheriff's department says Bell was fired because he failed the department's Field Training Exercise Program, a year-long process required of all first-year officers. The nine-person jury found Clackamas County Sheriff Pat Detloff and seven deputies all liable for the damages, which include \$750,000 in compensation and \$52,446 for two years of lost pay.

The Portland Development Commission has just become the owner of the old Walnut Park Theater on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, north of Alberta. Last week, a group of local residents encountered three squatters and a bunch of needles inside. The place was completely trashed, full of pigeons, and with extensive cracks in the walls. The PDC has accumulated several properties along the block. They hope to develop a neighborhood commercial center. The theater could be demolished, eventually.

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PDC Buys Old Theater

