

# METRO *Life*

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SECTION B

## Community Calendar

### Paintball Fund-Raiser

Join in the Paintball competition that's open to all on Sunday, April 1 at the Splat Action Paintball Park. Proceeds from the event will go towards the fight against illiteracy. For more information and to register, call Casi or Bud at 503/771-5752.

### Community Energy Project

Community Energy Project offers a free weatherization workshop. Home owners and renters are welcome. Free materials are available to households that qualify based on income. The next meeting will be on Saturday, March 10, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at 422 NE. Alberta. Pre-registration required. Call 503/284-6827.

### Weekend Green Tour Guides

Portland Parks & Recreation needs dedicated people to lead weekend plant walks in city parks between April 1 and November 1. These guides will be trained to talk about the various plants - from trees to small flowers - in Laurelhurst, Mt. Tabor, Sellwood, Duniway, Grant, Peninsula, South Waterfront, and Forest Parks and at Hoyt Arboretum. All tours will be held on Saturdays at 10 a.m. - noon. Training is offered. Call 503/823-3601.

### Vanport Flood Film

A free showing of "Birdog" - a film about the Vanport flood in 1948 - is scheduled March 8 at Fifth Avenue Cinemas. The film's writer and director Kelley Baker will be there to answer questions. This presentation will be given on Thursday, March 8, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Fifth Avenue Cinemas, located at 510 SW Hall. Call 503/823-7740.

### Turn Your Teen Around

Learn the seven habits of highly effective teens in a seven-week course held by John Oda, Ph.D. Your teenager will learn such things as turning fear into motivation and action; take control of their emotions; develop a plan of action that supports their outcome, and much more. The sessions will be held at Wells Fargo Center in Portland, starting on Tuesday, April 10, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Call 503/471-2954.

### Wild in the City

Portland Parks and Recreation's Outdoor Recreation Program, in collaboration with The Audobon Society of Portland, will visit Summer Lake Park, a 24-acre community park dedicated to the city as a condition of development of the Summer Lake and Ari Green subdivisions. Call 503/823-5132.

### Evening Indoor Park

The only evening indoor park in Portland - perfect for working parents! Join us every Tuesday through March 13, 6 - 8 p.m. at Rice School and enjoy slides, trikes, balls, and cars in this parent-supervised play time. For 50-cents per child, children up to age 6 can enjoy a safe, relaxed, cooperative playtime. Rice School is located at 6433 NE. Tillamook. Call 503/823-3661.

### Protect the Salmon in Your Yard

A free "Naturescaping for Clean Rivers" workshop will be held on Saturday, March 10 at the Albina Youth Opportunity School. The workshop focuses on natural landscapes and water-friendly gardening practices. Each participant receives a workbook and a native plant to start his or her own natural garden. The free workshop will be held at the Albina Youth Opportunity School, located at 3710 N. Mississippi, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call 503/797-1842.

### Kayak/Canoe Tualatin River Tour

Portland Parks and Recreation's Outdoor Recreation Program, in collaboration with The Audobon Society of Portland and Tualatin Riverkeepers, will host a leisurely kayak or canoe paddle along the Tualatin River. This is a great trip for the novice paddler to explore the riparian forests along the river, as the water is calm and the distances are short. Participants provide their own boats. Call 503/823-5132 for more information and to register.



Local young women gather at a conference designed to break barriers in their lives and bring peace to themselves and others. (PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/PORTLAND OBSERVER)

## We Are Our Sisters Keepers

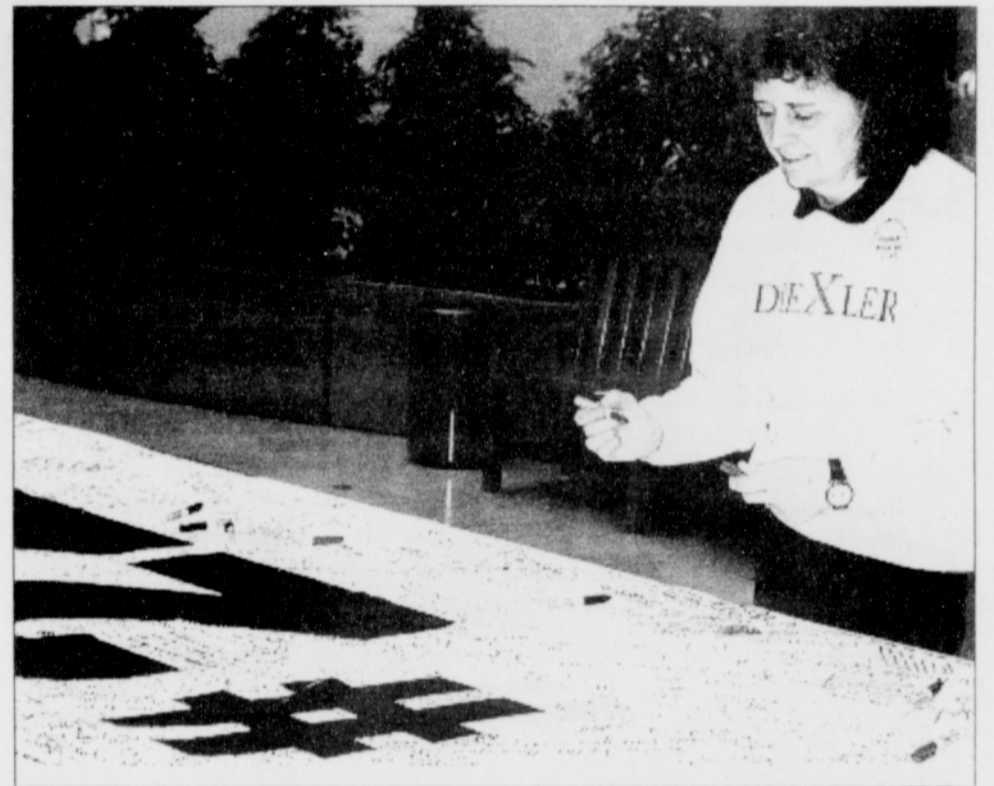
Events designed to inform and empower young women

Forty-five young at-risk girls were recently brought together to celebrate sisterhood.

They attended a Feb. 24 conference, entitled "We Are Our Sisters Keepers", the first in a series of events designed to inform and empower young women of the future. Assisting the group were representatives from Youth Gangs Outreach, the Asian Family Center, Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, Victory Outreach, Portland Police Department Crisis Response Team, Youth Opportunity Center, Alternative Pathways, and Melles Counseling and Consulting. Workshops included "Keeping It Real", "Letting Go", and "Drama/Relationships". Each workshop included presentations by leaders in the community and group discussion. Keeping it Real, highlighted choices, and how those choices can affect a lifetime. Letting

Go allowed the girls to discuss the barriers in their life that keep them from feeling at peace with themselves and with others. Drama/Relationships was about making good decisions regarding relationships, with friends, significant others, and family members. The conference ended with an affirmation by the girls of what negative issues in their lives they want to discard. Some of these issues included negativity, bad habits of not going to school, hatred and bitterness. When asked to evaluate the session, one young lady said "I came in here with a frown on my face and I'm leaving with a smile." We Are Our Sister Keepers, a celebration of women, the similarities and uniqueness of one another, was the first step in teaching and sharing sisterhood. It is a bond that allows women to revel in and respect one another.

## Fans to Clyde: 'Thanks for the Memories'



Trail Blazer fans fill a thank you banner with signatures at Pioneer Place Monday to honor former all-star guard Clyde Drexler whose number 22 was retired by the Blazers during halftime ceremonies Tuesday night. Drexler played 12 seasons in Portland and is the club's all-time leader in 11 of 20 career statistical categories

(PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/PORTLAND OBSERVER)

## Stein Quits Commission, Prepares for Governor's Race



Multnomah County Chairwoman Beverly Stein (right) is joined by her scheduler Lynne Martin at a news conference Monday to formally announce her plans to resign from county government in order to run for Oregon Governor.

(PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/PORTLAND OBSERVER)

## Parade Will Celebrate St. Johns Library Reopening

Music, crafts, a parade and puppet show will celebrate the official reopening of the St. Johns Branch Library on Saturday, March 10. Activities are free and open to the public. The library is at 7510 N. Charleston Ave.

The activities will begin at 10 a.m. with "Rondo, A Trio of Flutes" performing. At 12:15 p.m. local schoolchildren, library staff, community members and the McMennamins Marching Band will gather at the St. Johns Community Center, 8427 N. Central Ave., and parade to the library. At 1 p.m. an official ceremony will welcome the neighborhood back to its library.

At 2 p.m. "Il Teatro Calimari" will present the "Three Billy Goats Gruff" puppet show. Throughout the day, children can decorate their own commemorative book bags and refreshments will be served. Volunteers also will offer help with computer technology.

St. Johns Branch Library reopened Feb.

13 after an extensive year-long renovation. The building now has 854 more square feet of space, expanded children's area and a larger meeting room for popular storytimes and art classes.

Other improvements include updated plumbing, electrical, heating and air conditioning, new interior furnishings and lighting and restoration of the building's original 1913 windows and oak wall trim.

New computers allow visitors of all ages to locate books and other items in the library catalog. Some computers also have educational software to teach computer, math and reading skills.

The St. Johns Branch Library renovation is part of a multi-year project funded by a general obligation bond approved by voters in 1996.

St. Johns Branch Library is open Sunday from 1-5 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday from 10 am - 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 am 6 p.m.

(AP) - Multnomah County Chairwoman Beverly Stein resigned from her position Monday so she can devote more time to the 2002 governor's race.

"My passion right now is to prepare for a new leadership challenge and that's what I'm going to do," she said at a news conference at the Multnomah County Library. Stein, 53, is the second Democrat to seek the state's top job, following former state Treasurer Jim Hill of Salem.

Another possible candidate is U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, who said Monday that he won't make a decision until later this year.

"I've been soliciting opinions from people around the state. I'm giving it serious consideration," DeFazio said. State Labor Commissioner Jack Roberts and Portland lawyer Ron Saxton have announced they'll try for the Republican nomination in the May 2002 primary election, and more candidates are expected.

The governor's race is wide open

because incumbent Democrat John Kitzhaber is stepping down in 2002, after serving the maximum two terms. "The governor's chair looms empty before us, and Oregon is going into some tough budget years," DeFazio said. "We need strong leadership."

At her press conference, Stein emphasized her leadership skills and listed the things she got done during her eight years as chairwoman, such as improving the library and getting more kids immunized.

"I believe my accomplishments in Multnomah County prepare me very well to lead," she said. "I look forward to going around the state and telling people about those accomplishments."

Stein avoided questions about her platform and how it would appeal to a rural population that's never heard of her. Stein said she would have those answers when she formally begins her campaign in May. Stein's chief of staff, Bill Farver, will lead Multnomah County until a May 15 election.

## Auction Support for Charities



Susan Stanley of Providence Health Plans bids on an item to raise money for charitable groups. Employees of Providence raised more than \$13,000 Thursday during the group's annual charity auction. With money from a silent auction not yet tallied, the total will be matched by the health plan and donated to Food for Lane County Family Dinner Program, Providence Child Center, The Boys and Girls Aid Society and Kinship House.