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Community Calendar

Motivation Wednesday

Tired of being overwhelmed by seminars and not practicing what was taught to you? Oda Research International has found a new approach. Each week, Dr. John Oda will focus on one ideal that can take your personal and professional life to the next level. The program is for 12 weeks, beginning on Wednesday, April 11 at the Wells Fargo Center. After completing the course, you will have more confidence, self-esteem and better communication skills. Call 503/471-2954.

Family Fun Night

Families that play together, stay together. A variety of activities, arts and crafts, riding toys, balls and games. Children must be accompanied by an adult on Fridays, April 12-May 25, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Peninsula Park Community Center, located at 700 N. Portland Blvd. Call 503/823-3620.

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.

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.

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.

Community Energy Project

Drip, drip, drip. Is your leaky faucet dripping money down the drain each month? Come to a free Water Conservation Workshop and learn how to detect leaks around your home, repair leaky faucets and toilets, save up to \$100 on your water-sewer bill, learn ways to reduce your water usage and much more. The next meeting will be at the Albina Ministerial Alliance, located at 1425 NE Dekum, from 5:30-7 p.m. Call 503/284-6827.

Lady Bug Tour Guides

Become a naturalist with Portland Parks & Recreation and promote nature to very young children and their parents. PP&R is starting a new program of Lady Bug Walks in parks around the city. Volunteers are needed to lead these walks and help youngsters and their parents discover the wonders of animals and plants in their neighborhood. Call 503/823-3601 for more information or to receive a training schedule.

Health & Human Rights Discussion Series

Once a month at Portland State University, expert panelists will address issues relating to health and human rights. On Thursday, April 19, the topic of discussion will be "International Health Issues: Perspectives of 2 Portland Organizations." Hear opinions on health and human rights from two Portland-based international aid organizations. The talk will be given at PSU's Urban Center, 2nd Floor Gallery, SW Mill between 5th and 6th. Call HESSIE SCHMIDGALL at 503/236-3269.

19th Annual Protecting Our Children

A special invitation is extended to you by the National Indian Child Welfare Association to attend and participate in the 19th Annual "Protecting Our Children" National American Indian Conference on child Abuse and Neglect, held in Anchorage, Alaska. Early registration is on or before March 30. Call Kim Justat 503/222-4044, ext. 113 or call Tina Baldomaro, ext. 145.

School Helps Kids Beat the Odds

The Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel will be the site for this year's gala fundraiser for the Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center/Rosemary Anderson Middle and High School.

On Wednesday, April 11, more than 300 of the city's strongest youth advocates will gather at 5 p.m. to celebrate 34 years of successful recovery of community middle and high school students who may otherwise have dropped out of school and lost important educational and job-training opportunities.

The evening will begin with no-host cocktails, a silent auction, and the fun of testing your gaming skills and luck to win dozens of valuable prizes in a casino room. An additional item up for auction is "Chef's Night," a chance to have one of three outstanding local chefs prepare a meal for up to 20 guests in your home.

The formal program begins at 6:30 p.m. and will feature a keynote address by Dr. James Goodman, entitled "Whose Future Is It?"

Goodman is the former president of the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Ga. He was professor and dean of the school of social work at the University of Minnesota, and has served as the director of the office of International Training, Agency for International Development, for the U.S. State Department. His contributions were vital to the development of the Educational Opportunities Program at the University of Washington.

Tuxedoed students from the private, accredited school will serve as ushers and hostesses throughout the evening. In addition to purchasing a table for \$1,000, donations can be made at one of five sponsorship levels, ranging from \$250 to upwards of \$5,000. Individual tickets can

be purchased for \$100. More than 80 percent of the revenue from the evening will be used to complete the school's math lab, update our computer systems, and

expansion of the enrichment program which is so vital to the success of the community-based alternative school.



POIC/Rosemary Anderson Middle and High School President and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Samuel E. Kelly. (PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/PORTLAND OBSERVER)

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tive schools such as POIC/RAMHS, Portland Mayor Vera Katz remarked, "Alternative schools are vital to our educational system and helping get students back on

track." Given our performance in the past six to seven years, POIC/RAMHS has

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Oregon Releases Report on School Bullying

(AP) - Oregon schools are reasonably safe but more needs to be done to reduce bullying and harassment between students, Attorney General Hardy Myers said in releasing a report on the issue Monday.

The report was done by the Attorney General's School-Community Safety Coalition, which was formed following the May 1998 shootings at Springfield's Thurston High School by student Kip Kinkel.

Kinkel shot and killed two students and wounded 25 others. Kinkel, then 15, had killed his parents at home the previous day. "Oregon schools as a whole are among the safest places for students," Myers said at a news conference.

The biggest challenge schools face "is to reduce the amount of harassing behavior between students. It is this type of behavior that, if unchecked, escalates to violence." One recommendation in the report, creating a toll-free tip hot line for reporting suspicious or illegal activity, is proposed by a bill sponsored by a lawmaker from Springfield, Democratic Rep. Bill Morrisette. The line would be created in the attorney general's office. Though students and parents can call school officials now, Myers said there's hesitation among students to do that for fear of retaliation.

Pesticide Spray in Forest Park Draws Fire

(AP) - A plan to blanket the country's largest urban park with gypsy moth-killing insecticide is meeting with opposition from local groups concerned that other moths and butterflies would be put at risk.

"We don't want the Asian gypsy moth getting started here, either, but we also don't want them going overboard with a big spraying program when it may not be necessary," said Sharon Genasci of the Northwest District Association's Health and Environment Committee. Asian gypsy moths are more aggressive than a related European species that has populated the eastern United States. Both species devour foliage and can strip trees of their leaves, killing them.

The Asian moth are said to be a bigger danger because the females can fly farther, as much as 20

miles, to lay their eggs and because the caterpillars chop through evergreen needles as well as broadleaf trees and shrubs.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that Asian gypsy moths would cost the Northwest more than \$3.5 billion in lost timber and tourism revenues if they took hold.

The moth caught in a monitoring trap last fall is the first of its species to appear in Oregon since 1991, when the state sprayed 8,000 acres in North Portland to eradicate it the following year, said Kathleen Johnson of the Oregon Department of Agriculture. The moth probably emerged from an egg mass imported from Russia or Korea on a ship that docked in nearby Portland Harbor, she said. Egg masses can contain nearly 1,000 eggs, and the aerial spraying is intended to kill other moths that

may have arrived at the same time, Johnson said. Helicopters would spray the biological agent Btk, a natural soil bacterium that kills the caterpillar form of most moths and butterflies but nothing else, three times in late April and early May. Each application would be one to two weeks apart, depending on weather. The spraying would cover a square area from the Willamette River waterfront just south of the St. Johns Bridge extending west into Forest Park. The 910-acre area includes about 30 residences, 13 businesses and 12 industrial properties, mostly along U.S. 30, according to the Department of Agriculture.

Studies have found little human health risk of Btk spraying, although direct exposure to the spray can cause temporary skin, eye or respiratory irritation.

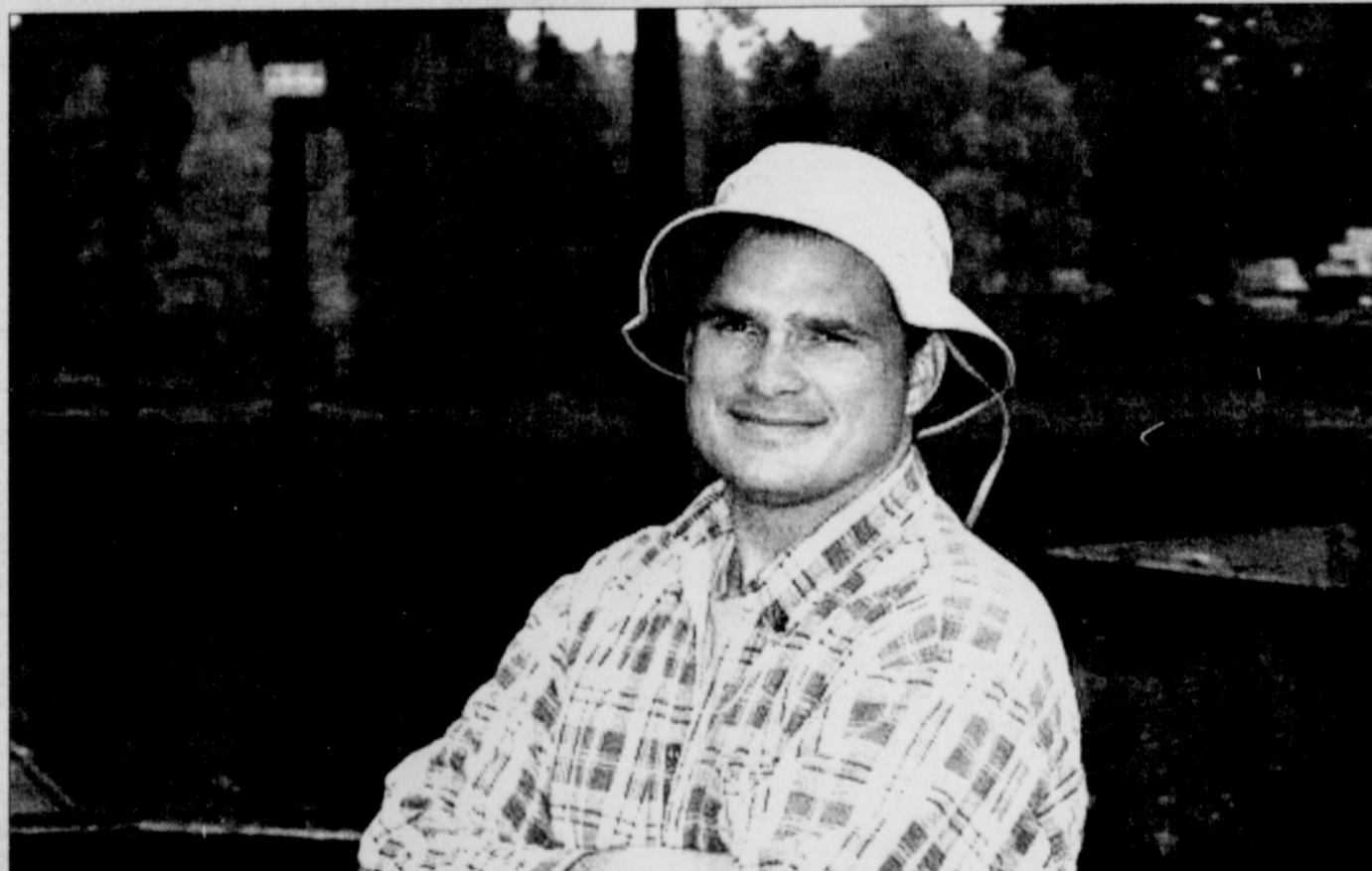
School Board Members Elected

Lorenzo Poe Jr. and Julia Brim-Edwards were elected to the Portland School Board in a vote-by-mail election last week.

Derry Jackson also saw victory in the election, after being appointed to the board earlier. Jackson received 25,333 votes over his opponent Mary Fetsch, who received 24,249 votes. Brim-Edwards received 34,171 votes over the 15,768 cast for her election opponent, Carrie Adams.

Poe was unopposed.

Riverkeeper Gets Word Out on Willamette Risks



Travis Williams talks about the dangers of pollution and contaminated fish from the Willamette River.

The designation of the Portland Harbor as a Superfund site is drawing a great deal of attention to the Willamette River. With the high levels of contaminated sediment present in this area, it is simply polluted. Similar contamination has been found in the river's Newberg pool, above Oregon City.

One of the issues of greatest concern is the health risk for those that eat resident fish.

The river hosts a wide variety of anglers, from sport fishers to folks that fish almost every day, and eat their catch. Because of this, it is critical that people that fish in these areas understand the risks.

Willamette Riverkeeper has just published a new brochure that explains the health risks. The group performed its own risk analysis for the chemical group known as dioxin. The results found a much higher than normal risk of cancer for those that eat fish over a long period of time.

"While we are not saying that people

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