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## Family

## **Task Force to Address Youth Suicide**

The United States Surgeon General has declared youth suicide a serious public health concern. Unfortunately, Clark County isn't immune to this issue.

To address the issue locally and to make recommendations for preventing suicide among Clark County youth, a task force is being convened by the county in cooperation with the Southwest Washington Health District, Community Choices 2010, and the Clark County Youth Commission.

The county is seeking people who are interested in serving on the task force, which is expected to meet monthly for approximately six months. Members will be appointed by the Board of Clark County Commissioners.

Nationally, suicide is the second

leading cause of death for youth between the ages of 15 and 24. In Clark County, within the last six months there have been 7 deaths by suicide and a significant number of attempts reported at hospital emergency rooms, crisis services and elsewhere.

"We can't pretend this problem doesn't exist or that it will just go away," said Pride-more. "When we look at our local statistics, they are clearly a wake-up call to take action."

For more information or to express interest in serving on the task force, please call Michael Piper, director of Clark County's Department of Community Services and Corrections, 'at 360-397-2130. His address e-mail is

Mike.Piper@co.clark.wa.us.

### PGE Park Events Are a Ticket to Ride Tri-Met

Tri-Met's Board of Directors has approved an innovative incentive to ride transit to PGE Park (formerly Civic Stadium) with a new, dual-purpose event pass. Starting in April, all PGE Park tickets will serve double duty on the event date as all-day passes for Tri-Met MAX and buses

Someone attending a PGE Park event on a weekday evening, for example, can use the event ticket to ride Tri-Met to work in the morning, then ride to the event and back home again. "Including a transit pass in the ticket makes riding Tri-Met an even more attractive option for people heading to events at the park," said Fred Hansen, Tri-Met general manager. "And it provides a unique solution to the surrounding neighborhood, which was concerned about traffic congestion and parking problems." The new event fare was created through the cooperation of Tri-Met, the City of Portland, the neighborhood and Portland Family Entertainment. It will be tried on a two-year basis on all tickets sold for PGE Park events

The city will reimburse Tri-Met for the cost of this program. For tripplanning assistance, see www.trimet.org or call 503-238-RIDE weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## **United Way Bolsters Campaign Staff**



Karundi Sderumaga-Young

nited Way of the Columbia Willamette has announced the ad dition of Karundi Serumaga-Young as campaign manager for the Portland-metro area and Rachel Grillo as a campaign manager for Washington County.

Serumaga-Young was an account manger with the United Way of Chicago. She has a bachelor's degree in marketing and design from Columbia College, Chicago and lives in Beaverton.

Grillo was a development officer with the United Way of Miami. She has a bachelor's degree in sociology from Florida State University, and lives in Southeast Portland.

United Way is the largest health and human service fundraiser in Oregon and Southwest Washington, raising more than \$21 million last year throughout Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties in Oregon and Clark County in Washington.



## **Neighborhood Fights**

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The Kerns Neighborhood in tackling the issue of residential displacement with its Gentrification Action Project on Tuesday, April 3rd from 6:30-9:00 p.m. at DaVinci Middle School, 2508 NE Everett.

and strategies to stop the displacement of people from our communities.

"It is time for us to join together and take control in creating a community with

**Buckman** Arts Sale

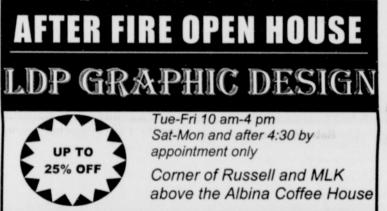
Buckman Elementary and da Vinci Arts Middle School present the 11th Annual Art Show and Sell, April 6-7 at Buckman Elementary School, 320 S.E. 16th.

You're invited to come see the works of more than 100 local artists who have joined together to help raise funds for arts education. Artwork is priced to fit both budgets and binges.

Tickets for the opening

Friday evening reception, 5 - 7 p.m., are \$5 at the door. Saturday's 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. show is free. The event also offers a Kid's Art Activity Area Friday evening and Saturday, Noon - 3 p.m.

Friday evening highlights include live jazz, a silent auction of donated artwork and refreshments. Saturday's activities include choir and dance company performances by Buckman and da Vinci students.



## **Conflict** Mediators Recruited

Help resolve disputes before they have a chance to escalate.

The City of Beaverton is recruiting local citizens with an interest in community service, conflict resolution, and crime prevention to help

"One of the most rewarding volunteer opportunities a citizen can have is participating in Community Dispute Resolutions Center. It is the essence of community spirit," said Beaverton May Bob Drake.

# Displacement

f your rent goes up \$100, will you be able to stay in the neigh-

fellow community members resolve disputes.

The city provides volunteers training and experience in conflict resolution and mediation. Interested individuals can call 503-526-2523 for an application. The application deadline is March 30, and training begins in May.

Finding creative solutions, empowering people in conflict, and basic communication are what mediation is all about. It allows the individuals involved in a dispute to resolve the problems with the assistance of a trained, neutral mediator. With mediation, the people with the problems choose the solution.

Area residents are invited to share your experiences a place for us all," organizers said.

A light dinner and childcare will be provided. Transportation can also be arranged. For more information, call Samantha at 503-232-0010, extension 25.

And Receive an additional 10% off any order placed within 30 days Walk-in always welcome, 10% discount to all Non-profit organizations, OAME & LeTip Member discounts, Call for more information or current location 333 NE Russell, Suite 201

Portland, OR 97212 Tel: 503-493-3391 Lauri@ldpgraphicdesign.net

#### Wanted: Your **Best Chicken** Recipe

Don't keep that favorite chicken recipe a secret. Share it with other Oregonians and you could win \$100 and a year's supply of chicken. The Oregon Fryer Commission is seeking the very best recipes using Oregon grown chicken in its annual recipe contest.

Each year the contest draws hundreds of great recipes from around the state. Recipes will be judged on originality, appearance, simplicity and taste. All recipes must use a broilerfryer chicken and should serve four to eight. Grilling recipes also will be accepted.

The first place winner will receive \$100 and a year's supply of chicken. The second place winner will receive \$75 and the third place winner will receive \$50.

To be considered, entries must be legibly written or typed on an 81/2x11 inch sheet of paper and must include the cook's name, address and telephone number. Cooks may enter as many recipes as they wish, but each recipe must be submitted on a separate sheet of paper. A label, found on all packages of Oregon grown chicken, must accompany each entry.

Entries should be mailed to HMH, 1800 S.W. First Ave., Suite 250, Portland, OR 97201, Attention: Oregon Fryer Recipe Contest. Recipes must be postmarked no later than June 1. Recipes become the property of the Oregon Fryer Commission and may be used for promotional purposes.

