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Community Calendar

High Five Challenge

KPTV Oregon's 12 hosts a special Navy edition of the Oregon's 12 game show HP High Five Challenge Thursday, June 7. Members of the United States Navy and Coast Guard face off against members of the Canadian Navy in this international match. The show is broadcast on Saturday, June 9 at 9:30 a.m. The program is taped in front of a live studio audience.

Rose Cup Races

A popular weekend with local racing enthusiasts for more than 40 years, the 2001 Rose Cup Races presented by Temp Control Mechanical Corp. features Sports Car Club of America's Regional and National Championship point races with more than 300 amateur drivers in varied classes of race cars. The race begins at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, June 17.

Eastbank Esplanade

Bridge Loop

Portland Parks & Recreation is offering unique walking tours along the city's new \$30 million Eastbank Esplanade led by local historian and author of "The Portland Bridge Book," Sharon Wood Worman. The tour will be on Saturday, June 9, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. and later from 1 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 503/823-5132.

Rose Festival at Waterfront Village

This year, Rose Festival waterfront activities is celebrating its 31st anniversary in Tom McCall Waterfront Park (between Burnside and Hawthorne Bridge). The Waterfront Village will be open until Sunday, June 10. This year, there will be several new, exciting improvements and additions.

YMCA Camp Collins Celebrates 75 Years

YMCA Camp Collins is 75 years old this summer. The camp has served 350,000 children in that time, and is getting ready for the next 75 years. Come and share the memories with them. They will be celebrating on Saturday, June 16 at the YMCA Camp Collins, located at 3001 S.E. Oxbow Parkway, next to Oxbow Regional Park. For more info., call 503/663-5813, or visit www.ymca-portland.org.

Strawberry Festival at Kruger's Farm

Join Kruger's Farm for the arrival of the strawberry season on June 16 and 17. Visitors have the opportunity to sample the fruits, tour the farm, take a hayride, picnic under the oak trees, listen to live music and enjoy fresh strawberry shortcake. There will also be jam-making demonstrations. This is a free event. Kruger's Farm is located at 17100 S.W. Sauvie Island Road. Call 503/621-3489.

Architectural Treasures of Portland

Alice Cotton, a local author will be giving a slide show presentation at Multnomah County Library on Wednesday, June 13, 7 p.m. in honor of Portland's 150th anniversary. Her specialty is on revealing the unique story of beautifully designed buildings in the city and highlighting its architecture.

Friendly Poets Society

The Friendly Poets Society is offering a \$1,000 grand prize in their Poetry Competition 2001, free to everyone. There are 28 prizes in all worth over \$3,000. The contest is seeking poems on any subject, using any style, with a life-affirming inspirational theme. For more information, go online to www.friendlypoets.com. Deadline is June 15.

Free Tennis Lessons

Have you ever wanted to learn to play tennis, but weren't sure how to go about doing so? Well, here is your chance! The United State Tennis Association has designated the month of May as "USA Tennis Month" throughout the entire nation! To celebrate, the Vancouver Tennis & Racquetball Center staff, in conjunction with the Vancouver Community Tennis Association, will be offering Free 1.5 hour introductory group tennis lessons to interested groups and/or organizations. Free lessons are available for kids ages 7 to 15 until June 9. Call 360/696-8123.

New Baltazar F. Ortiz Center Opens in Northeast

Cully and Killingsworth site provides health and social services to Latinos and other area residents

A new community center designed to provide a variety of health and social services to local residents has opened at northeast Cully and Killingsworth.

The Baltazar F. Ortiz Community Center was developed by the Hacienda Community Development Corp. and named after its founder, Baltazar F. "Buz" Ortiz.

The center is designed to provide health and social services to local neighbors by partnering with the Multnomah County Department of Community and Family Services and Health Department's La Clinica de Buena Salud.

In addition to basic health care services, mental health counseling, youth outreach programs, and domestic violence support services, the Ortiz Center will welcome community-based organizations and neighborhood associations into the center for meetings and events.

"We are pleased to welcome our neighbors to this new facility and we sincerely



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Comoro Page (from left), Steve Crowell, Monica R. Mumper, Raquel Aguilon and Jose Rivera give a warm welcome to residents visiting the new Baltazar F. Ortiz Community Center in northeast Portland.

hope they will think of it as their own," said Bob Puentes, Board Chairman of Hacienda CDC. "The Ortiz Community Center represents a shared vision and dedication for the Cully/Killingsworth area; one in which neighbors help to make it prosper and succeed."

The site also includes the Villa de Suenos and Villa de Clara Vista affordable housing developments; both created by Hacienda.

La Clinica de Buena Salud is nationally renowned for its dedication to the Latino Community and its innovative services to vulnerable populations.

Hacienda CDC was founded in 1992 and has grown into one of the largest community development corporations in Multnomah County. Its goal is to provide families with safe, decent, and affordable housing and the tools necessary for independence and self-sufficiency. Working with a variety of public and private partners, it has developed the most extensive bilingual/bicultural network of health and social services in Oregon.

Grandmother Forced to Floor During Raid

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Bobbie Ridgeway was startled and then shocked when she realized the upstairs windows of her north Portland home were being broken by beanbags fired by Portland Police.

The 67-year-old grandmother was even more shocked when a special unit of police, clad in dark clothing, entered her home, pointed guns at her and had her lay down on the floor.

She was kept in handcuffs for 45 minutes and only then was she shown a search warrant.

Officers stated that their actions at 2 p.m. Friday were warranted, describing the raid as high-risk, considering the violent history of the suspects they were seeking. They say

they were seeking additional suspects and evidence that may have been in the home.

Ridgeway told the Portland Observer that authorities said they had thought the upstairs of her home was a separate apartment. They also told her that her residence had been under surveillance.

She and other family members, however, feel that if her home had been under surveillance, the police would have known that her upstairs was not a separate unit.

Northeast Cmdr. Derrick Foxworth said "the police consider it common practice for Special Emergency Reaction Team officers to fire beanbag rounds to provide a diversion to mask their front door entrance."

This is of little comfort to Ridgeway, a long-time resident of Portland. She is the grand-

mother of Ronald Lamont Cunningham Jr., 21, who was said to have lived with her prior to his arrest three hours before the raid.

Cunningham and two other men, identified as Tyrone Anthony Thurman, 22, and Domanick David Campbell, have been arrested as suspects in connection with a May 26 assault on two police officers outside the Greek Cuisina. Warrants have also been issued for Jerrin Lavezic Hickman, 23, and Dante Lamont Porter, 27, and Damon Lonzie Cunningham, 25.

Police said that between five and eight men attacked officers Chad Gradwahl and David Michaelson as they left a birthday party at the downtown Portland bar and dance club.

Police said the attack was unprovoked, and investigators believe it was committed by

members of a local Crips gang, in retaliation for previous contact an officer made with at least one of the alleged assailants.

Gradwahl was beaten unconscious and Michaelson was stabbed in the lower back, police said. They are out of the hospital, but still recuperating. Cunningham was already in custody when the police raided Ridgeway's home. Another home in Gresham was also raided, and resident Michael Dixon questioned police tactics as well. Thurman, his stepson, had already been arrested and was in custody at the time.

The Police Bureau's Crisis Response Team called on the residents of both homes after the raid to speak with family members who were disturbed and shaken by the raids, Foxworth said.

Celebrate the Park!



Local residents, including representatives from Emanuel Hospital and the Eliot Neighborhood Association, celebrate a renovated Dawson Park at north Vancouver and Stanton Saturday. Live music, games, face painting and other activities were held to usher in a new era for the park. Neighborhood groups have been working to clean up the park and sweep crime from the area.

PHOTOS BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Portland firefighters give kids an up close and personal look at Fire Engine 51 during Saturday's celebration at Dawson Park.

Patient Bill of Rights Becomes Law

(AP) — Gov. John Kitzhaber has signed a "Patient's Bill of Rights" into law, giving two million Oregonians new tools to challenge health coverage decisions.

The governor says the measure is an important step in ensuring that the health-care system is responsive to people's needs.

The law takes effect July 1, 2002. Those covered by HMOs, preferred provider organizations and regular indemnity health insurers will gain new rights.

Consumers denied coverage will be entitled to appeal to an impartial expert reviewer certified by the state.

Health plans that refuse to submit to external review become legally open to lawsuits. Plans that fail to follow an independent reviewer decision face fines starting at \$100,000 and become open to lawsuits.

Other requirements will help patients who are undergoing treatment and need specialist's care.