The Portland Observer SECTION B

"Bridging Portland Communities"

Calendar

Intuitive Arts and Healing Fair

The Intuitive Arts and Healing Fair will be held on Saturday, July 21 and Sunday, July 22 in the East Hall of the Portland Expo Center. A few nationally known authors will be doing lectures and will be available to speak with the public. Free sample readings and free astrological charts are available.

33-family Rummage Sale

The Grant Gendrills dance team will hold its giant, annual 33-family Rummage Sale fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the front entrance of Grant High School, located at 2245 N.E. 36th Ave. Items for sale will include collectible, furniture, clothes, books, toys, sporting goods and tools.

Volunteers Needed

The Nature Conservancy of Oregon invites anyone interested in preserving Blind Solugh Swamp, located in Brownsmead, 12 miles east of Astoria, to participate in a volunteer work party on Sunday, July 29. Blind Slough Swamp Preserve is the best example of tidal Sitkaspruce swamp remaining in Oregon, and provides habitat along the Columbia River forbaldeagle, osprey, river otter and beaver. To register, call 503/230-1221.

Twins and More

Doernbecher Children's Hospital on the 8th floor will be giving a talk on "Twins and More," from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 8. Discover tricks and insights from trained staff on how to simplify your delivery and infant care and feeding when you are expecting twins or more. Meet other moms to be, and share your concerns and questions in a supportive environment. To register, call 503/418-4200.

A Day in the Country

Take a break from the city and venture into the country for a day-long farm tour hosted by the PortlandFarmers Market from 10a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 26. The tour departs from Portland State University's Smith Center, across from the Simon Benson House. The group will be limited to approximately 40 people. Reservations are required by Aug. 22, and can be made by calling 503/241-0032.

Healthquest 2000

The Sharon SDA Church will be hosing Healthquest 2001 on Sunday, Aug. 19, from 10 a.m.—4p.m. at 5209 N.E. 22nd Ave. They will be having free health testing, medical information, professional counseling, healthy eating and much more! Call 503/287-7649.

Summer Barbeque and Car Show

There's something for every car enthusiast young and old at the upcoming Summer Barbecue and Car Show sponsored by the Clark College Alumni Association on Sunday, Aug. 12. The event will be held on the College campus at 1800 E. McLoughlin Boulevard in Vancouver from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 360/992-2542.

Portland Proper Festival

You don't need to hide your personal struggles: come out to the Proper Event the eighth annual community festival celebrating the abundant support resources within the community live local Gospel music, poetry, performing arts and storytelling; brief talks; foodandbeveragebooths; family and children's games; The event will be at the historic Kenton Parkon Saturday, July 28, from 1-4p.m. Call 503/286-1488 or 503/240-0917.

Yoshida's Sand in the City

Corporations throughout the city will be competing in the 6th annual Sand in the City event – a sand sculpting competition that will be held at the Pioneer Courthouse Square. This three day free event will be on July 20, from 10 a.m. – 6p.m.; July 21, from 10 a.m. – 9p.m. and July 22, from 10 a.m. – 4p.m. Musical entertainment and children's activities will be available. Call 503/246-5818.

Conserving Water

Come to a free Water Conservation workshop and learn how to detect leaks around your home, repair leaky faucets and toilets, save money on your water-sewer bill, reduce you indoor and outdoor water usage, and more! The next workshop will be held at the Albina Ministerial Alliance, located at 4867 N.E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. on Thursday, July 26, from 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. Call 503/284-6827.



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Children, parents and community volunteers gather at Irving Park for "The Reading Tree," a summer program offering story telling, phonics and songs for kids of all ages.

Kids Find Reading Outdoors Fun!

Area kids are spending part of their summer outdoors at "The Reading Tree," a summer reading program at Irving and Alberta Parks in northeast Portland.

A community-based program, sessions are held daily through Aug. 3 at both parks, drawing children, parents, volunteers and staff in an effort to build reading skills through story telling, phonics and song.

At Alberta Park, on Northeast 22nd and Killingsworth, the program is held from 10 a.m. – noon, Monday through Friday; and at Irving Park, on Northeast 7th and Fremont, sessions are from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., also Monday through Friday.

In 1969, "Irvington Reading Houses" were established for youth of all ages. This idea was expanded in 1971 to start the Reading Tree in Irving Park. In 1988, a

duplicate program started in Alberta Park.

The Reading Tree was designed to provide a place where the fundamentals of reading are made so simple that any child, youth or adult can be a tutor or tutee. Kids can read, tell stories to others, or just sit and listen. This is also an opportunity for the community to share their reading talent and interests with children in a beautiful park setting.

Proposed Measure Would Repeal Death Penalty

Supporters of an initiative that would replace Oregon's death penalty with life without parole plus restitution are gathering signatures following approval of the ballot language by the Oregon Supreme Court.

The initiative, called "Life for A Life," will appear on the November 2002 ballot.

"We understand that change often doesn't come easy," said former Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, who as Oregon Governor in 1964 led a successful effort to repeal the state's death penalty. "We're ready to roll up our sleeves, sharpen our pencils and hit the streets to place this initiative on the ballot.

"This initiative is very important to me," Hatfield said. "And when Oregon voters learn the details of this proposal, I believe they will see that a true-life sentence that includes restitution for families and the state makes much more sense than a costly and ineffective death penalty.

"This plan will make our communities safer, because no murderers will ever be released back to the streets," Hatfield stressed. "There will be no chance for parole. They will be required to work in prison. And their earnings will be used to offset some of the damage they've caused."

Under the proposal, convicted murderers will require to make restitution to the families of their victims and pay for the cost of their own incarceration. Studies have shown repeatedly that the death penalty is ineffective as a deterrent to crime and is actually far more costly to taxpayers than a life sentence.

The ballot title approved by Supreme Court

"Amends Constitution; Mandates Restitution and life Imprisonment without Release/Parole as Aggravated Murder sentence; Eliminates Death Penalty."

Hatfield and his co-supporters hope to qualify the initiative with volunteers, but are open to using paid signature gatherers to supplement volunteer efforts if necessary. For more information, contact Angela Harris at 503-249-1556.

Unity Festival Celebrates Cultural Diversity

A celebration honoring Portland's diverse ethnic communities will be held Sunday, July 29 from 11 a.m.—6p.m. at the St. Johns Community Center, 8427 N. Central Ave. The fourthannual Race Unity Festival will feature music and dance performances from a variety of cultures, including African, Hispanic, American Indian and Asian. Poets, speakers and interpretive dancers will also take the stage.

"The Festival has grown every year. This promises to be the best one yet, with an exciting line-up of speakers and performers," says spokesperson Shelli Moses. Highlighting the afternoon's entertainment is special guest Marvin "Doc" Holladay, a renowned baritone jazz saxophonist. Holiday has played with bands led by Stan Kenton, Woody Herman and Quincy Jones, as well as the Duke Ellington Alumni Orchestra. He has performed or recorded with such notables as Ella Fitzgerald, Dinah Washington, Dizzy Gillespie and Herbie Hancook. At the Race Unity Festival, Holiday will perform with the Portland-based Andre St. James Quartet. Rounding out the day is a talk by Portland State University professor Dr. Joy Leary, on understanding one another's culturally-



The Hmong Dancers are one of many cultural groups to perform at the Race Unity Festival in St. Johns.

based behaviors. An open-mike session on overcoming racial barriers within our schools will follow with young people encouraged to participate. The event is free and open to everyone. People should bring a lunch and bring blankets or chairs for the outdoor entertainment. Soft drinks and desserts will be provided. The Race Unity Festival is sponsored by the Baha'is of Portland. For more information, call 503-247-8214.

Husband Kills Wife, Then Self

(AP) — A man killed the woman he was separated from, took their children and then fatally shot himself, police said Monday. Fabian Magallon, 30, was sitting in a car with his wife, 35-year-old Winilyn Bernal-Magallon when he shot her following a court hearing about a restraining order and visitation rights, said Lt. Mike Hefley, police spokesman. The children were also in the car on Montana Avenue, south of Killingsworth, Hefley said.

Magallon then drove the kids to an apartment complex on East Burnside Street, the road that divides Portland's northeast and southeast sides. Police said Magallon lived in an apartment next door to his estranged wife's apartment.

From his apartment, Magallon called 911 and told the dispatcher he had killed his wife.

The dispatcher then heard a single shot followed by a long silence, Hefley said.

Police surrounded the apartment and closed off the road. When they burst in at 3 p.m., they found Magallon dead.

The children—a 7-year-old boy and a 5-year-old girl—are safe and with relatives, Hefley said.



Breaking New Hospital Ground

Staff at Providence St. Vincent Hospital prepare to break new ground for the expansion of the hospital's building, the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Radiation Oncology Center. The new center is designed to meet more inpatient and outpatient care needs and provide the latest technology in radiation therapy. Pitching in at the groundbreaking were (from left) Marily Gannon, Dr. Loan Tran, Dr. Stephen Bader, Calvin Harrison and Rich Rodriguez.