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SECTION B

"Bridging Portland's Communities"

Community Calendar

Fathers, Mothers and Daughters Support Group

Be one of the many 4th - 12th grade basketball playing young ladies to have your own support group. The Father, Mother and Daughters Support Group, Inc. is starting on Saturday, Sept. 15 at Portland Community College, Terrell Hall, Rm. 112, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Contact Beryl McNair at 503-283-7905.

Widmer Brothers Brewing

Widmer Brothers Brewing is hosting its third annual benefit for Loaves & Fishes, The Meals-On-Wheels People on Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 4 p.m. to closing at the Widmer Gasthaus & Pub, located at 955 North Russell at Interstate in Portland.

Community Energy Project

The Community Energy Project will be holding free workshops around different areas of Portland. On Wednesday, Sept. 12, they will be having a workshop on water conservation at the YWCA North Center, located at 8010 N. Charleston. Workshop provides information on how to detect and repair leaks, water conservation ideas in and around your home, plus details on Portland's incredible water system. Call 503-284-6827 to register.

Kids Need Both Parents

The National Center For Men's Oregon Chapter of Kids Need Both Parents Center will be having a live band performance featuring the Mac Street Band, Darby O' Gill and Backlash. This event is to celebrate motherhood, fatherhood and family at Waterfront Park, Ankeny Stage on Saturday, Aug. 25, from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Protecting Yourself from Financial Fraud

Elderly adults lose millions of dollars to "get rich quick" schemes that promise high returns with little or no risk. This seminar shares tips and techniques for how seniors can protect themselves from becoming victims of fraud schemes. The session will be on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2-3:30 p.m. at Friends of the Children, located at 44 N.E. Morris, across the street from Emanuel Hospital on Williams and Morris. Call 503-823-5269.

Start Making a Reader Today

Volunteers wanted to read to inner city North and Northeast elementary schools. For just an hour a week, you can make a difference in a child's life. S.M.A.R.T. (Start Making a Reader Today) is one of Oregon's leading nonprofit in-school programs. Call 503-230-2944.

Dynamic Differences

The Metropolitan Human Rights Center will present "Dynamic Differences," an interactive workshop that examines various forms of prejudice and oppression - on Wednesday, Aug. 29, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Portland Community College, 2850 S.E. 82nd Ave., Portland. The workshop is free and open to the public. Call Dora Asana at 503-823-5136 to register.

"Puttin' on the Dog" Fundraiser

Community animal lovers will be "Puttin' on the Dog" at a fundraiser on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 6 p.m., at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall in downtown Portland. The celebration includes a gourmet dinner reception and the music of the Ernie Carson and the Castle Jazz Band. Call 503-988-PETS, ext. 261.

Caseworker Fired for Lax Supervision

(AP) — A caseworker accused of lax supervision that allowed a disturbed woman to kill her child has been fired.

The state Department of Human Services said Dale Kraft, 51, discussed the matter at a closed hearing on Aug. 3 and was told Aug. 14 that he had been dismissed.

Kraft is a veteran employee only a short time away eligibility to retire after 30 years with full benefits. He has 30 days to bring a grievance against the department over his dismissal from the state office of Services to Children and Families.

Kraft was supervising a visit between 20-month-old Alexis Lopez and her mother, Sharon Weston, on July 11 when

the woman allegedly managed to take the child to a wooded area in a Gresham park and strangle her.

Police found Kraft sitting in a state-owned car 45 minutes after Weston had taken her daughter's body to a nearby funeral chapel.

Ramona Foley, head of SCF, said the firing was necessary. It has not explained exact reasons, but has said Kraft gave inconsistent answers during a state Department of Justice investigation of

Lopez's death.

"Accountability requires that we do these things at times," she said. "It's never a pleasant thing to have to dismiss an employee."

Weston, who had lost custody of Alexis last fall, pleaded innocent to the murder charges.

Her court-appointed attorney, Marc Sussman, said it was not clear if Kraft's dismissal would have any bearing on Weston's case.

"It adds to unfortunate, tragic aspects of this all the way around," he said.

The union representing Kraft, Local 503 of the Service Employees International Union, have said the state agency prejudiced Kraft's case by announcing the intention to consider dismissal before he had a chance to defend himself at a hearing.

Supervised visits are allowed in the state's work with 6,350 foster children. Even after children have been removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect, the state allows them to visit with parents, grandparents and other relatives at least once a week and often more frequently.

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Cooks Prepare for Barbecue Competition

The 2001 Safeway Bones and Brew, Sept. 7, 8 and 9 expects to draw barbecue lovers by the bunches to Waterfront Park as it did last year with area residents checking out the only national competition on the West Coast. Back again this year is local favorite Jackie Winters (left) of Jackie's Ribs.



The only national barbecue competition on the West Coast, Bones & Brew National Invitational Cook-off, will return for its seventh year, Sept. 7, 8 and 9 at Tom McCall Waterfront Park.

New cooking teams, an abundance of activities for families and original musical entertainment, including country, jazz, blues and rock, will draw thousands of barbecue enthusiasts from all over the Northwest.

Bones & Brew is the only national barbecue competition on the West Coast.

Ten professional barbecue teams are headed to Portland in hopes of grabbing the title of "Best Beef

Brisket" and "Best Ribs" at the seventh annual Bones & Brew National Invitational Barbecue Cook-off.

Patrons will feast on thousands of racks of sauce-covered ribs and beef brisket and savor thirst-quenching specialty ales from BridgePort Brewing Company.

The Kid's Corral brings additional fun to Bones & Brew's younger barbecue enthusiasts as well. Clowns, artistic face painters and many other children's activities will entertain for hours on end.

For more information, call 503-220-0901 or go online to www.bonesnbrew.com.

City Development Panel Hires Lazenby

The Portland Development Commission has named Henry "Chip" Lazenby Jr. as the agency's general counsel.

Lazenby is presently Legal Counsel to Gov. John Kitzhaber.

In his new position, Lazenby will lead a legal staff of two attorney's and a legal assistant. He will assist PDC Executive Director Don Mazziotti and other PDC staff with legal issues related to contracts, real estate, urban renewal and public financing. Lazenby will assume his new post on Sept. 24.

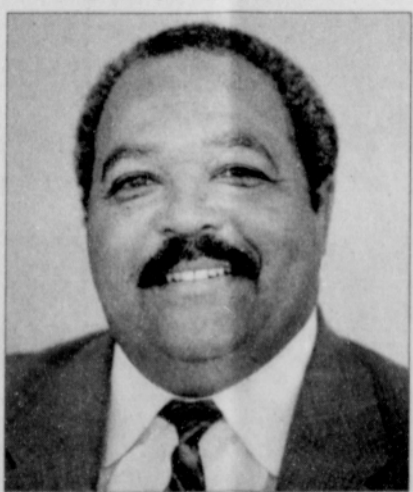
"Chip is well-versed in the complex legal issues facing public organization and has extensive experience in public policy and process," said Mazziotti. "I'm very pleased he'll be leading PDC's legal team."

Before joining the legal staff in the Governor's office, Lazenby served as a Senior Associate with the Portland office of Preston, Gates & Ellis. He also served as Assistant Multnomah County Counsel from 1987 to 1994.

Lazenby earned his Bachelor of Arts

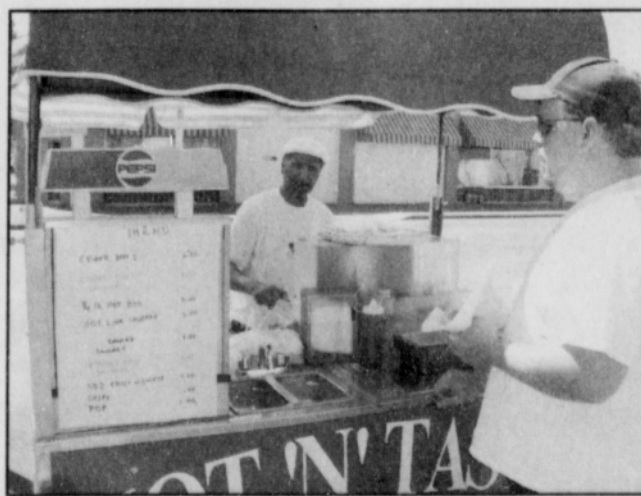
degree from Howard University and received his law degree and a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Oregon.

He is a member of the Oregon State Bar Association, the Multnomah County Bar Association, the Oregon Association of Black Lawyers and the Oregon Minority Lawyers Association.



Henry "Chip" Lazenby Jr.

Come and Get It!



John Cuie (left) brings his lunchtime favorites to the emerging "Soul of Portland" district with his sidewalk cart at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at Shaver.

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Stationed at the corner of Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Shaver is John Cuie serving up tasty hot dogs to passersby.

Like German immigrants who first sold hot dogs on milk buns from pushcarts in the 1860s, Cuie does the same with his business called Hot 'N Tasty Hot Dogs.

Cuie, already retired as a county worker, "fell into" the business by accident when he was lured by a sign offering a food cart

for sale.

He stored the equipment for a year before seriously making a go of selling hot dogs. And, by January of this year, Cuie started his food vending business where he regularly serves up hot links, kosher beef dogs, chili dogs with cheese and other meats.

During the cooler months, Cuie keeps his business going by catering foods with his wife. He thoroughly enjoys the company and compliments by all he serves.