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"Bridging Portland's Communities"

Community Calendar

Adopt-a-Pet Fair

What do pets, vets, music, horses, mascots and microchips have in common? There are all featured at the Oregon Humane Society's 6th annual Adopt-a-Pet Fair. It will be held July 27-28 at 1067 N.E. Columbia Blvd. Call 503-285-7722 or visit www.oregonhumane.org.

Board the Portland Spirit

Get on board the Portland Spirit for their "Full Moon Caribbean Cruise" on Saturday, July 6. There will be live reggae, hip hop and R&B performers on three levels of the ship. Dress to impress. Pre-boarding party begins at 9:30 p.m. For more information, go online to www.sjinistapushaman.com. Tickets are available by calling Fastixx at 503-224-TIXX.

Blue Lake Regional Park

Wednesdays are special this summer at Metro's Blue Lake Regional Park when Naturally for Kids offers young visitors lots of things to do. Spend the day at the park beginning with nature crafts from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the Clatsop picnic shelter. Youngsters will learn about nature and make a craft to take home. Cost is \$2 per child for materials. Call 503-797-1850.

Parent Appreciation Day

Portland Parks and Recreation's Aquatics Division appreciates the parents of our communities. Parents swim free at all of the division's swimming pools. For more information, call 503-823-PLAY.

Lead Poisoning Prevention Workshop

The most common sources of lead poisoning are found in and around homes. Come to a workshop and learn about the effects and sources of lead poisoning; how to test for lead; and prevention tips. The class will be on Saturday, July 24, from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at 422 N.E. Alberta. Call 503-284-4962 to register.

Domestic Violence Exhibit

A powerful display of life-sized female silhouettes tells the story of Oregon women who lost their lives through domestic violence. There will be a viewing and a program at The Bahai Center, 8720 N. Ivanhoe St., 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Call 503-289-1472.

Alberta Cooperative Grocery

Every Thursday, the Alberta Cooperative Grocery, located at 1500 N.E. Alberta, will be having a Farmer's Market featuring organic and environmentally-grown produce and garden starts. Come and take advantage of the opportunity to purchase your food direct from the source. Learn what it means to grow sustainably, every Thursday from 2-7 p.m. Call 503-287-4333.

Portland Walking Tour

Portland Walking Tours offers guided tours exploring the history, art, architecture, fountains, parks and unique places in the City of Roses. The tours start at the Visitor Center at Pioneer Courthouse Square, S.W. 6th and Morrison. For more information, call their 24-hour line at 503-736-3248 or go online to www.portlandwalkingtours.com.

Trauma and Transformation

The Trauma Relief of Services of the Northwest in Beaverton is presenting a workshop on innovative approaches to resolving trauma. There will be a main pre-conference on Aug. 21, a main conference on Aug. 22-23 and a post-conference, Aug. 25-28. Registration is necessary. Call 503-526-0838.



Filmmaker Cornelius Swort stands next to a housing development near Boise-Eliot school that drew controversy and is depicted in his documentary 'Northeast Passage.'

PHOTO BY LEE PERLMAN/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Film Depicts Inner City Struggles

'Northeast Passage' examines issues of revitalization and gentrification

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The movie showing at McMenemy's Kennedy School July 21 and 22 is not for an escape from reality. If you live in northeast Portland, you may see your neighborhood, your friends, maybe even yourself.

Cornelius Swort's "Northeast Passage" is a documentary about revitalization and gentrification, particularly in the Boise and Eliot neighborhoods. It will have its world premier at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, July 21, followed by a panel discussion that will include City Commissioner Erik Sten; professor Darrel Millner of the Portland State University Black Studies

department; and Felicia Allander Brant of Sabin Community Development Corp. There will be a second showing at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 22.

The documentary follows recent developments in northeast Portland, including a conflict between the Boise Neighborhood Association and the former Housing Our Families over the latter's efforts to build new rental housing in the area.

Many of the issues are seen through the eyes of a local resident, a single mother who became a homeowner through the help of a community development corporation. As a recent homeowner, she takes a strikingly strong stand against new

rental housing in the neighborhood. We also see her personal triumphs and problems candidly portrayed.

Swort, then living in Eugene, and Spencer Wolf, a Lewis and Clark student serving as a grant writer for Sabin CDC, first conceived of the project in 1997.

"We saw what was happening on Alberta (street) and at first glance it was obvious what was going to happen," Swort said.

The documentary-makers thought the best way to tell the story was to follow a local resident around. They selected their subject after a yearlong search and interviews.

Of the woman they selected, Swort

said, "We knew after the first interview that she was 100 percent honest, and we were pretty confident that she was cool with us. You don't have to agree with her, but she's completely open. What you see is what you get."

Of the film in general he said, "I was surprised at the way the story preceded. We started out to make a film about affordable housing, and got something much more complex."

At a screening of a rough cut of the film at the Portland Neighborhood Congress earlier this year, some viewers said they'd hoped to see more about displacement. "We tried to get a displaced tenant to

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PCC Enrollment Swells

Portland Community College enrollment has surged to new heights for the 22nd straight term.

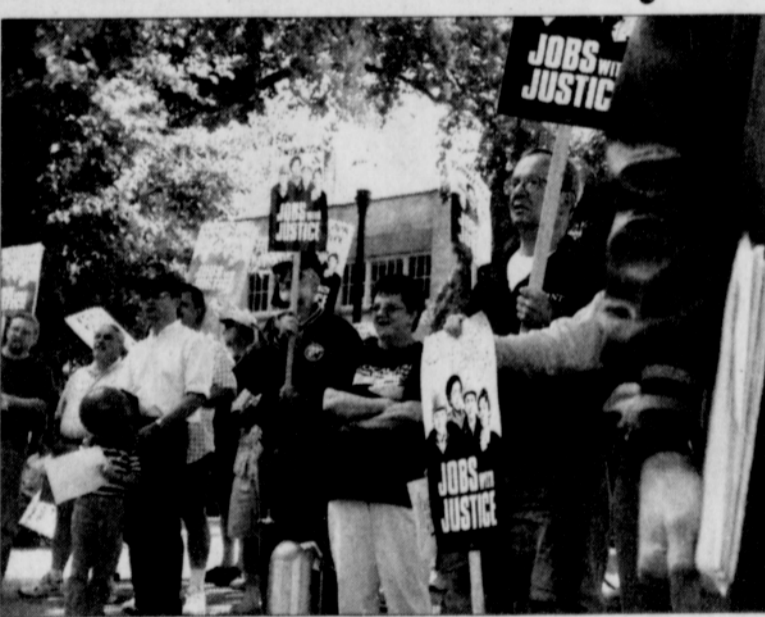
The growth in full-time equivalent students leaped to 7,165, almost 19 percent more than the previous year. PCC also grew by 13.5 percent in total headcount and now stands at 46,239 students.

"This unprecedented growth demonstrates that the community views PCC as a valuable resource. On the flip side, this type of growth adds to the college's fiscal challenge," said PCC President Jesus "Jess" Carreon.

"We continue to serve more and more students with less and less resources at our disposal," Carreon added. "It is our goal to continue to be affordable and accessible to everyone, but we are at the end of our proverbial rope. The college is stretched as tight as it can go and there is a point of diminishing return without added financial support from the state."

The Rock Creek Campus, 17705 N.W. Springville Road, saw the biggest increase, growing by 33.6 percent in FTE to 1,399 and 26.3 percent in total headcount to 7,595. The Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth, increased by 1,108 in total headcount to 8,632 this term, an increase of 14.7 percent.

Letter Carriers Rally to Save Jobs



Employees with the Postal Service rally for economic justice on Sunday at the North Park Blocks. The letter carriers are fighting to keep their jobs in the face of proposals for privatization, contracting out of retail services and the elimination of Saturday delivery.

PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Waterfront Blues Festival Attracts Legendary Performers

Considered the largest blues concert event in the West Coast, the Safeway Waterfront Blues Festival features top acts from around the country. More than 80 blues artists will be performing from Wednesday, July 3 through Sunday, July 7 at Tom McCall Waterfront Park to benefit the Oregon Food Bank.

Blues pioneers and legends, including Ike Turner, Ruth Brown and John Mayall, along with Texas bluesman Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, blues rock innova-

tor Al Kooper, and Texas roots-rocker Michelle Shocked are featured in the eclectic lineup for the event.

The Northwest blues scene will again be well represented with artists like Curtis Salgado, Paul deLay, Duffy Bishop, Linda Hornbuckle, Margo Tufo, Terry Robb and others.

Musical performances begin on Thursday, July 4 at noon and end with a spectacular fireworks display over the Willamette River at 10 p.m. Concert times for Friday,

July 5 are from noon - 10 p.m. And from Saturday, July 6 to Sunday, July 7, the shows continue from noon until 9 p.m.

Special features such as jam sessions, workshops and films will take place on the A&E Front Porch Stage at the north end of Tom McCall Waterfront and offer those interested more insight in the Blues.

Get on the Portland Spirit for an After-Hours Blues Cruise on Friday, July 5, 10 p.m. Musical guests include Kenny and Rafal Neal, Jimmy Thackery & The Driv-

ers, the Rev. Billy C. Wirtz and other guests. The cruise will board at 10:30 p.m. and return to dock at 1:30 a.m. To get on board, call 503-224-3900.

Past festival-goers have raved about the spectacular blues talent, open-air seating and admission with a suggested donation of just \$5 and 2 cans of food for the Oregon Food Bank.

For more information visit the website at www.waterfrontbluesfest.com or call 503-973-FEST.