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Community Calendar

N. Portland Community Rally

The 3rd annual North Portland Community Rally will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24, from 1-4 p.m. at the Historic Kenton Park. This is a free event that includes a rally, picnic cookout, a support resources connection fair, a non-stop live music, poetry, performing arts event – with games and prizes for young and old from local merchants. Call 503-286-1488.

Radical Women

Radical Women hosts an evening of thought provoking commentary, poetry and music to celebrate the international resistance of women and workers to the new war order. The meeting is free and open to the public. The event will be on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 7:30 p.m. at the Bread and Roses Center, 819 N. Killingsworth. To arrange childcare, rides, work exchanges or for more information, call 503-240-4462.

Street of Dreams

The 27th annual NW Natural Street of Dreams will continue to build on its reputation for showcasing uniquely designed homes, unveiling the 2002 houses daily through Monday, Sept. 2, followed by an "encore weekend" Sept. 6, 7 and 8. Each home's design incorporates the latest trends in electronic technology, energy-efficiency, landscaping, consumer products, furnishings and décor. The tour begins in Atherton Heights in Lake Oswego, on the corner of Rosemont and Stafford, from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Summer Cycle and Walks

The Portland Office of Transportation is offering neighborhood walking tours. Take a walk around northeast Portland. It will be on Aug. 31, from 9 – 11 a.m. The meeting area is at the Lloyd Center Nordstrom Plaza, N.E. 9th and Multnomah. Participants will visit Broadway/Weidler and Lloyd neighborhoods and explore several recent transportation/livability projects. Call 503-823-5266 or go online to www.portlandtransportation.org.

Portland BikeSummer

Dust off your unicycle, dig out your clown noses, and pedal on down to Portland BikeSummer's much anticipated "Full Moon Treasure Hunt Cycle Circus and Pedal-Powered Bike-In Movie." It will feature live costumed circus-style clue givers, providing directional hints that will lead participants to the secret big top bike-in screening location. The event will be held on Thursday, Aug. 22, 8 p.m. at the Alberta Co-operative grocery parking lot on N.E. 15th and Alberta Street.

Race for the Cure

Safeway and Yoplait yogurt just launched the Safeway Salutes Portland Survivors program, an in-store fundraising effort for breast cancer research. Their goal is to raise \$10,000. From Sept. 1 through race day, Sept. 15, Yoplait and Safeway will donate \$1 for every 10, and \$1.50 for every 15 Yoplait yogurt cups purchased with a Safeway Club Card. The race will be held at Gov. Tom McCall Waterfront Park.

Water Conservation Workshop

The Community Energy Project is holding a free workshop on water conservation on Wednesday, Sept. 4, from 6:30 – 8 p.m., at Mt. Scott Community Center, 5530 S.E. 72nd Ave. Take control of your water and sewer bills. Each Portland household receives an instructional workbook and a free kit of materials worth \$25. Call 503-284-6827.

Elders in Action

The Elders in Action Commission invites you to join a special group of community leaders in becoming a member of the next "Elder Friendly Challenge Team" to be held from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26. This lively event will be held at the 501 S.W. Washington St. Lunch will be served. This is an opportunity to learn about the "elder friendly" community and their services.

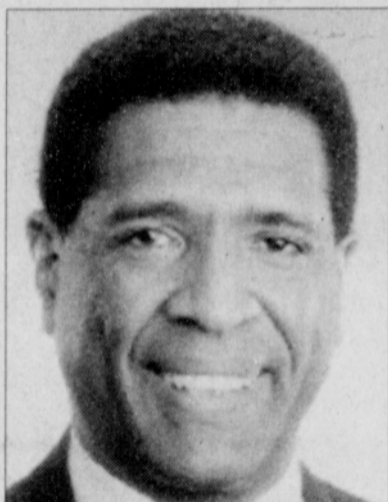
PCC Begins Work on SE Center



The beginning of construction of a new college center in southeast Portland draws representatives of Portland Community College, the city of Portland and business leaders. The backhoe was used in Wednesday's ceremony to begin demolition of the former Builder's Square store at Southeast 82nd and Division, the site for the new college building. Money for the addition comes from the same property tax levy that is paying for the expansion of the PCC Cascade Campus in north Portland.

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Hill Nominated to Education Panel



Former State Treasurer Jim Hill

(AP) — Gov. John Kitzhaber has picked former State Treasurer Jim Hill to fill a vacancy on the Oregon State Board of Higher Education.

If confirmed by the Senate, Hill will fill the unexpired term of Tom Imeson, who resigned.

Hill, 55, was defeated by Ted Kulongoski for the nomination for governor in the Democratic primary in May.

Hill served in the House from 1983 to 1987 and in the Senate from 1987 to 1993, representing the Salem area. He was elected in a statewide race for treasurer in 1992 and 1996.

He also has served as assistant attorney general.

The board sets major policy direction for the seven state universities.



A Job Well Done

Jessie Mae McCoy is surrounded by her co-workers in honor of her 30 years of dedicated service at Wash World, a laundry and dry cleaning business serving generations of northeast Portland residents at 15th and Fremont. Owner Russell Teisten (far right) says McCoy's commitment to excellence and dedication to the community are the kind of qualities that has made it possible for Wash World to expand to new sites on Southeast Division and Southeast Belmont.

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Neighborhood Divided Over Drug Free Zones

Some see boundaries as crime fighting tool, others as civil rights infringement

BY LEE PERLMAN
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A group of neighborhood leaders are divided over whether drug free zones are worth the effort.

After lengthy debate, the Boise Neighborhood Association has backed away from endorsing a renewal of the crime fighting tool unless modifications are made.

The zones allow police officers to ban people convicted of selling or possessing drugs from within a designated area for 90 days. Violators can request "variances" to travel to legitimate destinations such as jobs, medical treatment, and their own homes.

The Portland City Council is scheduled to adopt new drug zone boundaries, based on recent drug arrests, on Sept. 26.

Deputy District Attorney Jim Hayden told the local residents that there was a concentration of drug activity in the Boise neighborhood and removing Boise from the zone would be "pretty drastic."

Portland Police Sergeant Harry Jack-

son and property owners Kay Newell and Jerry Van Horton, also endorsed the zone as an important law enforcement tool dealing with a serious community problem.

But longtime community activist Vesia Loving attacked the drug free zones as an infringement on civil rights, as did shop owner Molly Sadowsky, Sister Kathy of

be challenged legally for 45 days.

"We're not trying to do away with the zones by any means," he said. "But officers make mistakes, everyone does."

Loving acknowledged that Boise has had a drug problem.

"I'm not against a program to exclude people who sell drugs," Loving said.

People are arrested every day who aren't doing anything and I'm representing them. Once this law is passed, the police will do what they want to do.

—Vesia Loving, community activist

the Rosehaven Women's Shelter, Chip Shields of Better People, Mark Jolin of the Community Law Center, and some members of the neighborhood association.

Jolin presented a list of changes he wanted to see in the drug free ordinance, including a provision that exclusion could

However, she added, "People are arrested every day who aren't doing anything, and I'm representing them. Once this law is passed, the police will do what they want to do."

Sister Kathy, whose Rosehaven shelter operates in Old Town, said, "I'm not a police hater, thank God they're there."

However, she added, that some police are "over-eager," to the point of strip-searching women suspects on the sidewalk.

She called the zones a problem when the people she serves can't visit her shelter without a variance.

"People who receive treatment for drug problems do a lot better than those in jail with their faces glued to the TV," she said.

Van Horton said the zone worked to exclude and arrest drug dealers "from Vancouver and Oregon City who had no damn business in the neighborhood at all. Don't throw out the whole law because it has a few little things wrong with it."

Jackson said that drug dealing in the area has been a chronic problem.

"Livability has gotten a little better, but we still have problems," he said.

Hayden said the drug free zone is one reason crime rates are down in Boise.

"It's not the only reason, but it's a big reason," he said. "If we lose the zone, it will go back to the way it was."