

RELIGION



Kids line up for the inflatable slide that was set up by the Fellowship Church in northeast Portland.

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Church Offers Back to School Fun

A Back to School/End of Summer Jam was held last Saturday, Aug. 31 at the Fellowship Church, located on North-east 23rd Avenue, between Sumner and Alberta. The event drew hundreds of people and included free food, school supplies, an inflatable slide, a basketball tournament and health screenings for all ages.



Church Activist Remembered

Local entertainers pay tribute to Brenda J. Pearson, a beloved church activist and community leader. The block party on Saturday was the 3rd annual event for the St. Luke Memorial Church of God in Christ at 2700 N.E. Sumner.

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Archdiocese Brings Solidarity in Action

How do people of faith respond in solidarity with low-income families, communities and organizations to address our growing poverty and economic inequality? For all those who are interested or engaged in parish social justice and peace education and action, they can attend the Solidarity in Action on Saturday, Sept. 21. Participants will include grassroots organizers and empowerment participants from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development funded projects. It will be a day to move more deeply into solidarity with those working for economic justice and ecological restoration in western Oregon. Solidarity in Action will be at the St. Mary Parish, 728 S.W. Ellsworth in Albany. Liturgy begins at 11 a.m., then a soup and bread luncheon, and stories of solidarity in action and discussion, from 1-3 p.m. Participants are asked to preregister by phone at 503-233-8361 or email at mspeck@archdpdx.org. mspeck@archdpdx.org

Parole Officer Lands in Jail

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supervisors at work over his past criminal history and his advocacy of African Americans.

Both men testified against him at trial.

Danley also charges that his supervisors provided police with confidential information from his employment files. Even so, the jury acquitted him of the original charges, instead finding him guilty of assault 4, saying that he had exceeded "self-defense."

Judge Ronald Cinniger, citing Danley's "long criminal history," and saying he should adhere to a "higher standard" because of his job, sentenced Danley to 90 days in jail, three years probation, and payment of Cohen's therapy bills at \$130 an hour.

"No one in the entire state has what he gave me for a misdemeanor," Danley says. "Felons don't receive that much jail time. Cinniger declined to discuss the case.

But prosecutor Don Reese quotes Cinniger as saying that the good and bad reports of Danley's past conduct "canceled

each other out," and that he judged the incident itself.

Reese says the sentence was considerably less than the maximum year in prison and a \$1,000 fine the judge could have imposed.

"It's difficult to see how that sentence could be seen as excessive," Reese says.

As a result of the verdict, Danley owes \$41,000 in legal fees, he has lost his home, his car has been repossessed, he has defaulted on loans and he is filing for bankruptcy.

"I didn't want to bring up race in the trial because the prosecutor would have said, 'You're just playing the race card,' he says. "But my job is showing disparities in the system. If a white person did what I did, it never would have gone beyond a police report."

Reese vehemently denies that race was a factor. "That's a very, very serious allegation, but very easy to make," he says.

"There's absolutely nothing to support that very ugly allegation," Reese says.

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— Harrison Danley

'You Gotta Make a Living'

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She is uncertain of where she would go if forced to move, but regardless of the outcome, she remains resolute.

"Things change," Dora says matter-of-factly.

She thinks she may join up with another barber and a woman that does nails.

Whatever the case, Dora always seems to weather the storm. She draws her strength from a steadfast faith in God. She expresses that faith every Sunday at the Piedmont Church of Christ.

"I was brought up in that church," she says.

As Dora finishes up Cheatham's haircut on a warm Saturday afternoon, he tries to explain the loyalty

that brings him back, year after year.

"You can tell a barber how to cut your hair and the barber will cut it how they want it," Cheatham says. "Dora will do her best to please you."

He gets a \$10 dollar trim every two weeks.

"When you get so old, you have to do what you can, to help yourself look good," he says, smiling widely.

Cheatham is 70 years old, but he doesn't look a day over 55.

Maybe it's Dora's haircuts that keep him young.

Dora's Barber Shop is located at 4126 N.E. Alberta. Dora offers shaves, beard trims, haircuts and facials. Men, women and children are all welcome. Haircuts start at 10 bucks.

Community Calendar

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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.

Yoga for Seniors

Seniors can learn gentle breathing and stretching yoga exercises for increasing joint flexibility and strengthening muscles. Each class ends with a relaxation period. The eight-week class is held Monday mornings at the Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 147 N.W. 19th Ave., from Sept. 9 - Oct. 28, 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Call to register at 503-478-1218.

Street of Dreams

The 27th annual NW Natural Street of Dreams will continue to build on its reputation for showcasing uniquely designed homes, unveiling its 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.

Tomato Fest

Tomato lovers unite to sample 50 varieties of tomatoes, learn the difference between a plum and a pear tomato, discover hybrid and heirloom varieties, and gain instructions on canning and freezing tomatoes. Plus, kids can meet farm animals in the 4H petting zoo. The festival will be at the Portland Farmers Market on Saturday, Sept. 7, at PSU's South Park Blocks, between S.W. Montgomery and Harrison St.

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Navy Prepares for War Exercises



Jaime Lopez (center), raises his arms before being handcuffed by security personnel after he and four other protestors were detained from the restricted U.S. Navy land on the Puerto Rican island of Vieques.

(AP)—The U.S. Navy prepared Tuesday for a fresh round of war exercises on the outlying island of Vieques as activists toned down protests, saying the risks had become too high after Sept. 11.

The exercises, which include ship-to-shore and air-to-ground maneuvers, are the first since April and are expected to last for 23 days.

The military has used the prized bombing range on Vieques for more than six decades. Opposition to the exercises, however, flared when a civilian guard was killed by an errant Navy bomb in April 1999.

Since then, hundreds have tried to thwart the exercises by breaking onto the bombing range, often getting arrested, jailed and fined. But the Sept. 11 terror attacks muted the protests.

At dawn Tuesday, security officers detained five men who entered restricted Navy land, said pro-independence Sen. Fernando Martin. Aside from the five, there were only a dozen activists singing religious songs.

Activist camps that would have been bustling a year ago were half empty on Monday.

"I'm personally not willing to risk it," said Elizabeth Roebing, a 55-year-old activist from Asheville, N.C., sitting in a chair with the words "Civil Disobedience" painted on the back.

She blamed the poor activist turnout on tougher jail sentences since the Patriot Act was passed following the terror attacks. Roebing was arrested in June 2001 during bombing exercises and was released two days later. She said getting arrested now could mean several months in jail or a hefty fine — chances she can't take.

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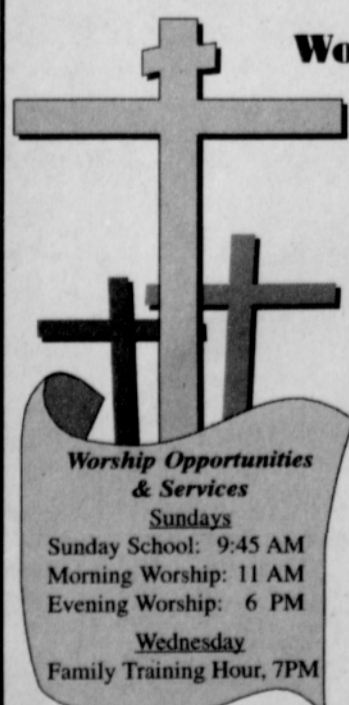
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