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Community Calendar

Alberta Art Hop Participants Wanted

The Alberta Art Hop is a one-day festival to celebrate the arts and culture scene in the vibrant Alberta Street Community. On Saturday, May 10 the street will open up and spread around the glory of music, dancing, theater, art and great food. There will be art exhibitions, a shrine contest, live music, a parade and hands-on art projects for adults and children. Art on Alberta is currently seeking volunteers, artists and performers for the Art Hop. For more information, call 503-493-7246

Tree and Plant Giveaway

Rigler SUN School will host its Third Annual Cleanup Event and Tree and Plant Giveaway on Saturday, April 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rigler Elementary School, 5401 NE Prescott. In addition to over 5,000 free native plants and trees, volunteers who help clean up the school will get live music and free food. Bring tools, shovels and wheelbarrows. For more information, call 503-916-6152.

Online Adopt-a-Pet

The Oregon Humane Society has put a new twist on on-line personals. With just two clicks, those looking for a loving pet can find it with the dog, cat, rabbit or rodent of their choice by logging on to www.oregonhumane.org. Those interested in pet adoption can scroll through photos of all the pets available for adoption at the northeast Portland shelter and read pet profiles that are expanded daily.

Alternative Medicine Classes

Portland Community College will feature a non-credit lecture series that explains how natural medicine can help you rely on wholesome cures that prevent illnesses as well as heal them. Naturopathic physician Dr. Suzanne Lawton will lead a series of six lectures during which students can discover practical, safe and natural approaches that can be immediately incorporated into the home. Each lecture will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, April 2 through May 7 at Tigard High School, 9000 S.W. Durham Rd. Cost is \$14 for individual lectures or \$66 for the series. For more information, call 503-538-9774.

Ladybug Nature Walks

Parents can discover the natural world with their pre-schoolers every Friday morning. A naturalist will hand out magnifying glasses, bug boxes and other tools to explore the soil, water, bark, flowers and animals in Portland's parks. Join the group each Friday at 10 a.m. in Hoyt Arboretum. There is a \$2 charge for each child, but adults are free.

Share Our Strength Benefit Barbeque

New Seasons Market Concordia, 5320 N.E. 33rd Ave., will host a benefit barbeque on Saturday, April 5 and Sunday, April 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. to benefit Share Our Strength, the nation's leading not-for-profit organization that mobilizes individuals and industries to fight hunger.

Problem Pooch Class

If you have just entered dog parenthood or are planning to adopt a new dog, come to a 'Problem Pooch' class at the Oregon Humane Society, 1067 N.E. Columbia

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How Much is Too Much?



PHOTO BY DAVID PLECHL/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Members of the Portland Police Rapid Response Unit form a wall blocking the intersection at 2nd and Ankeny from protesters on Thursday, March 20. Protesters question whether so much police presence is necessary while others wonder if the demonstrations are costing the city money it can ill afford.

Police presence at daily anti-war gatherings may cost the city nearly \$6 million

BY DAVID PLECHL
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Since the start of the war with Iraq, Portland Police, often clad in riot gear, have closely shadowed daily protesters with an overwhelming presence of force.

That response, the mayor said, is costing the city too much money. She announced Friday that it could cost the bureau an extra \$5.7 million by the end of the fiscal year.

She has asked protestors to kindly take the cost into consideration.

John Grueschow of the Portland chapter of the War Resisters League accused the Mayor of trying to silence anti-war activists.

Grueschow called the cost—"a drop in the bucket compared to what this country is spending on war."

He said protesters are trying to demonstrate peacefully and police conduct has been

unpredictable and inconsistent.

"Sometimes (the police) have been pretty good," he said. "Other times the response has been heavy-handed."

Police set the tone of conduct early on the first night of demonstrations when protestors blocking access to the Burnside Bridge failed to disperse after repeated requests made by police.

Aldona L. Marshall found herself caught

between protesters and a wall of Rapid Response Officers as she tried to make her way home through downtown.

"I don't want to see these kids get beat up," she said.

Marshall was not demonstrating but said she sympathized with the protesters who failed to retreat from the officers but sat

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Public Poll: Are downtown Portland anti-war protests worthwhile or an unnecessary inconvenience and cost to the city?



James Faison,
Contractor

"Protests are an unnecessary nuisance that cause too many expenses. It's not going to change anything and it's taking too much food off the city's table."



John Sweeny,
School Board Candidate

"I support our troops - my father, brother and I each served in the Army for 30 years. But they have a right to protest as long as they are peaceful and not damaging property."



Penny Johnson,
Nurse

"This is potentially the start of World War III, but I don't think it helps the cause to block intersections and make people angry. This is a world crisis, but to tie up the police is counterproductive."



Glynnis McBride,
Substitute Teacher

"People have an absolute right to descent and you can't take that right away from them. It's funny that people in a first world country are whining about their right to drive down the freeway when people in other countries don't even have medicine or food."



Wanjeria Washington,
Benson High School Cheerleading Coach

"If the government has the right to show the war every night on television then the public should have the right to show their dissent every day on the streets."



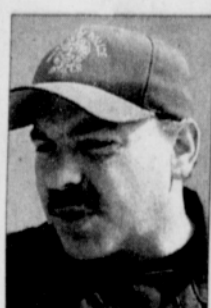
Willie Mae Hart,
Retired

"The police shouldn't have to be there. The protesters should just make their statements and walk away. If they cannot do that peacefully, they shouldn't do it at all."



Sy Kornbrodt,
Retired

"I agree with peaceful protests - they're very legitimate. It's when you start pushing around that you're playing into the hands of the people who oppose you."



Wayne Alderman,
Portland Police Officer

"They have a right to protest as long as long as they are not committing crimes. But the police have to be there to protect people and property."

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A Daughter at War

Father sees Iraq war and daughter's deployment as right call for America

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Lindsey Jackson sells balloons for a living these days, but his life hasn't always been a flight of fancy.

From 1963 to 1967, Lindsey flew commando missions as a member of an elite Air Force Special Ops unit in Vietnam. Now it's his daughter who's fighting a war on foreign soil.

Celeste Jackson has been in Kuwait for months, although Jackson doesn't know exactly where.

He isn't worried about her safety.

"My daughter is doing the job she's supposed to do," he said. "I'm proud of her. I'm proud of both my daughters."

Jackson's other daughter Danielle, also served in the Air Force for eight years.

He said the armed forces have given both daughters an opportunity for advancement and access to college funds.

"If someone wants to open a door for you, go for it," Jackson said.

The war in Iraq has drawn Celeste away but Jackson feels it is a cause worth fighting for.

"Here, you can say what you want to say. It's not like that in Iraq," Jackson said. "That's why

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Vietnam War veteran Lindsey Jackson is proud to see his two daughters follow in his footsteps by joining the Air Force.