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Martinez Named Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year

Award honors those who work to better themselves and the community

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland recently held their annual Youth of the Year awards to honor those who have made tremendous strides to better themselves and the community.

Chief of Police Mark Kroeker spoke at the ceremony to the attendees and stressed to the children the power of integrity, the power of love and the power of personal goals.

Yendi Martinez de Castro, from the Meyer Memorial Club of southeast Portland, was selected as the 2003 Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Portland Metropolitan Area.

Martinez, a senior at Cleveland High School, has been a member of the Meyer Club for six years. She is equally involved in school as she is with the community. Martinez currently serves on the Senior Class Cabinet and is also the Senior Class Historian.

"I am proud and happy to receive this honor and to see how proud my family is of me," Martinez said. "Now that I have seen what I can accomplish, I

know that I can go further and higher to the top."

Martinez plans to attend Portland State University next fall where she will major in Psychol-



ogy. She chose Portland State University in order to remain close to her family in the Portland area.

During Martinez's speech, she shared her fun times at the Club

with the rest of the people in attendance and stated that the Club has been a place that encouraged her to make a difference in her community.

character that will lead her to success in the future."

Martinez will now compete against other Boys and Girls Clubs for the Oregon Youth of the Year.

Year will be officially installed by the President in a White House ceremony in September.

In addition, the winner will receive a \$10,000 scholarship from Reader's Digest Foundation, sponsor of the program since its inception in 1947.

The mission of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland Metropolitan Area is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

For more information on the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Portland Metropolitan Area, call 503-232-0077, or visit us online at <http://www.bgclubportland.org>.

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—Yendi Martinez, Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year

"Yendi is an exceptional role model and leader," said Emily Nev, Learning Center Coordinator for Meyer Memorial Club.

"She exemplifies the qualities of

Five regional winners selected from among the state winners will compete for the national honor in Washington, D.C., where the National Youth of the

Providence does 'A Su Salud'

Stop smoking help, better nutrition tips and cancer screening offered at fair

The Providence Cancer Center presents "A Su Salud" (To Your Health), a health fair for the Hispanic community. Health screenings and information, food and bilingual games for all ages will be among the highlights of the free, public event on Sunday, April 27 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Peter Catholic Church, 8648 S.E. Foster Rd.

The adoption of a high-fat American diet, targeted ciga-

rette marketing, and low cancer screening rates increase cancer risks in the Hispanic population. Bilingual health promoters will be available to answer questions and offer resources for cancer screening, tobacco cessation and nutrition.

A Su Salud is a collaborative effort with the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program, the Oregon State University Extension and the Parish Health Promoter program, a joint project of Catholic Charities' El Programa Hispano and Providence Portland Medical Center.

For more information, call 503-669-8350, Ext. 231. If you are bilingual in English and Spanish and would like to volunteer at the health fair, please call 503-215-6014.

Celebrating Cinco De Mayo

The University Park neighborhood of north Portland is throwing a Cinco de Mayo celebration with authentic Mexican food, live mariachi and arts and crafts.

The Activities for the whole family will take place Saturday, May 3 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the University Park Community Center, 9009 N. Foss.

The center will host amateur boxing matches the same day, from 6 p.m. to

10 p.m.

Area residents are invited to come to the festival and celebrate with family. Everything is free thanks to the

celebration's sponsors, Metro, North Portland Enhancement Committee, Portland Parks and Recreation's Youth Trust Fund, Roosevelt High School's Multi-Cultural Center, the

Multnomah County Library and the McCrea Foundation.



Nonstop flights to Mexico

Mexicana Airlines has announced a May 1 start date for nonstop service from Portland International Airport (PDX) to Guadalajara, Mexico with continuing service to Mexico City and Morelia.

The nonstop service to Guadalajara saves travelers an average of two hours travel time compared to other travel options that route through U.S. hub cities. Elapsed flying time between Portland and Guadalajara is four hours and 30 minutes. Travel to Morelia or Mexico City is just another short hop away. Guadalajara and Mexico City are hubs for Mexicana, offering abundant connecting service throughout Mexico.

This is the first ever regularly scheduled nonstop air service connecting PDX and Mexico. The flight will operate on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, arriving at PDX at noon and departing at 1:30 p.m.

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