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Community Calendar

City of Bridges

The Eastside Bridge Club teaches the fascinating and fun-filled game in a friendly environment at Easybridge Class, from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11. Classes are \$5 and refreshments are included. 1435 NE 81st Ave. For more information, call 503-252-1318.

Get In Shape

Providence Health Systems offers Westside fitness classes at 4015 SW Mercantile Dr., Lake Oswego. Classes include step, ball and bar, cardio mix, cardio step, gentle-paced fitness, group strength training and Tai chi, to name a few. For a full schedule, call 503-574-6595 or visit www.providence.org/classes.

Bowling for Recovery

Help raise funds and awareness at a Bowling for Recovery event from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Kellogg Bowl in Milwaukie. The event is sponsored by ASAP Treatment Services and Oregon Partnership. To sign up, call 503-244-5211 ext. 236.

Walk-A-Thon for Children

Build-A-Bear Workshop hosts a children's walk-a-thon at Washington Square Mall from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 7, to benefit children's cancer research and treatment. Download a registration form at www.buildabar.com/AboutUs/Nikki/ToolKit/walk.cfm or call 888-560-BEAR for more information.

Prostate Awareness Month

Legacy Health System will screen for prostate cancer, the second leading cause of cancer death among American men, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 20, at the Legacy Clinic Northeast Medical Plaza Building, 300 N. Graham St., Ste. 200. African American men over the age of 45 are encouraged to attend. There is a \$25 fee and appointments are required. To register, call 503-335-3500.

Backyard Medicine

New Seasons Market offers free classes on growing your own medicine chest in your backyard. The class on natural healing is from 7 to 9 p.m., Sept. 9 at the Concordia Store at 5320 NE 33rd Ave. For reservations, call 503-288-3838.

Declaration of Independence

A rare, original copy of the Declaration of Independence will be on display at the Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave., from Sept. 20-28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays, and from noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. Free.

Meals on Wheels Benefit

Patrons of Widmer Gasthaus, 929 N. Russell, can enjoy a night out and help feed Portland's homebound seniors from 4 p.m. to close on Sept. 16. Half the proceeds on that day will benefit Loaves & Fishes Centers, the Meals-On-Wheels People.

Wellness Within Reach

Wellness Within REACH Walk will draw more than 500 people to the streets of northeast Portland at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6. The African American Health Coalition event encourages donations to support community health activities. Register for the walk by sending a \$15 check to 2800 N. Vancouver Ave, Ste. 100. For more information, call 503-413-1850.

Uncovering Northwest Style



Portland native Nia Gray is the host, writer and producer of "Portland Style," on the local UPN affiliate, KPDX.

Local Talent Produces 'Portland Style' on KPDX

BY JAYMEE R. CUTI
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Among Portland's Pabst Blue Ribbon swigging, dread locked, "anything goes" culture, lies a chic and fashion forward mecca of bustling boutiques, notable grubberies, a vivacious nightlife and an active art culture.

And that's not just in the northwest Pearl District, insists Portland-native host, writer and producer of "Portland Style."

Nia Gray, 28, is launching the 30-minute program on the local UPN affiliate, KPDX Channel 49 twice-monthly on Thursdays at 7:30 a.m., beginning Sept. 4. The show covers fashion from the obvious boutique scene and branches into eateries, deejays, salons and more.

What does selection of films, stemware and night spots have to do with style? Everything, explains Gray. "It's a part of lifestyle. I can't limit it to what you wear or where you shop. It's the neighborhood that you want to live in, choosing to support local artists, all the decisions we make reflect your personal style," she said.

Her show — which answers the where to shop, where to eat, who to know, as well as what to wear — promotes local businesses and incorporates national trends.

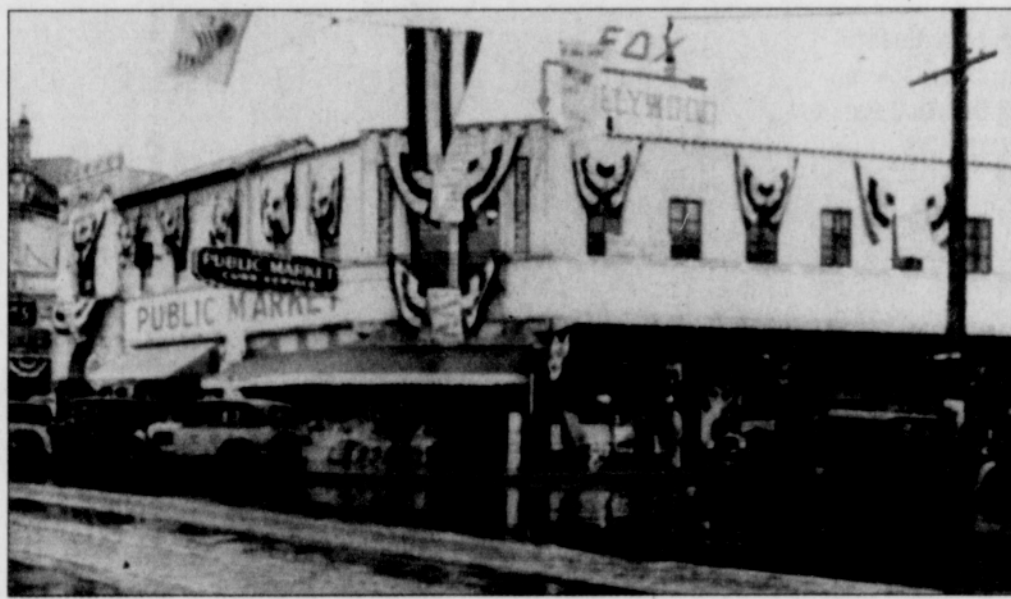
"I try to use trends I see nationally, and infuse them with Portland's own style. We have diversity here with fashionably vogue people sitting down and having a drink with someone wearing hemp clothes that are totally biodegradable," said Gray.

But with the economy showing only subtle signs of recovery, many Portlanders are lucky to score an outfit at Goodwill, with even Nordstrom Rack off the fiscal

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Public Market has Roots in Portland

Plans to build a public market in Portland would revive a lost tradition in the city. As this 1931 photograph from the Oregon Historical Society shows, even northeast Portland had its own public market at the Hollywood Arcade building. It stood just west of the Hollywood Theater.



Momentum builds to revive a marketplace for local growers

BY JAYMEE R. CUTI
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A Portland Public Market, picking up momentum and funding, would revive a city tradition.

A public market was actually planned into a city map in 1854 and Captain Ankeny, a city commissioner, opened the New Market and Theater on Ankeny Street in 1868. The upscale Central Market lasted at least into the 1880s and other public markets prospered in the city until 1941.

"Our goal is to reconnect with our historical roots," said Ron Paul, special projects coordinator for the Bureau of Planning.

Although Congressman David Wu has been working with Mayor Vera Katz to secure money for the permanent market, planners estimate that the project will take five years to complete.

The city is searching for a location and finding funding to open the market bearing

produce, meat, seafood and other food specialty items from local growers and distributors, year-round.

Wu announced last month that he had secured \$100,000 of Department of Housing and Urban Development funds for the market, awaiting budget approval later this summer.

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— Mayor Vera Katz

with a delightful urban place to buy food, will support our local farmers and will encourage the development of a market district in the surrounding blocks," Katz said.

The market's startup would depend on public dollars, but developers say they are confident that the once established, the market would be entirely self-sustaining.

Officials from the city's planning bu-

reau insist that the Portland Public Market won't compete with Saturday Market, which deals in arts and crafts or weekly farmer's markets, that provides the crème de la crème of peak-seasonal produce.

"The public market, by design, wants to make sure that success of the neighborhood farmers market continues," Paul said.

He added that the public market would offer a broader range of food and food specialty items that farmers markets don't provide.

But the market would likely affect the Saturday Market, possibly by commandeering its location and booting it across Naito Parkway, farther east under the Burnside Bridge. Officials say it's too early to discuss relocating Saturday Market, but of the three sites being considered, the Skidmore Building in Ankeny Square is the leading location.

According to Paul, Portland Public Market planners are also considering the Portland Fire Bureau's headquarters at 55 S.W. Ash St. and the Immigration and Naturalization Building at 511 N.W. Broadway.



Nan Poppe

PCC Names Interim Dean for Cascade

A Portland Community College executive just named to lead the Extended Learning Campus in southeast Portland, will also serve as interim dean of the Cascade Campus in north Portland.

College officials said Nan Poppe replaces Mildred Ollee at Cascade for the upcoming school year. Ollee had served as executive dean at the campus since 1995 until moving on to become the president of Seattle Central Community College.

Poppe takes over a campus that has doubled in student enrollment in eight years, from 8,400 to 15,500, and will help oversee the largest capital expansion project in the history of the Cascade Campus.

A resident of southwest Portland, she has 15 years of service with community colleges. She served as dean of adult and continuing education at PCC for the last five years and, before that was director of the Maywood Park Campus at Mt. Hood Community College.

Previously, she was director of training and development at Lane Community College. She received a doctorate from Oregon State University, a master's degree from Fresno State University and her bachelor's degree from San Diego State University.