

Reclaiming Your Vote



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voter registration drives throughout the Portland Metropolitan area. "When I was sent to jail I lost my voice. Today, I'm taking a big step in getting it back. I'm registering to vote," one recently released inmate shared.

While registering to vote is important, it is only the first step. The ultimate goal is to increase this year's turnout at the ballot box. The VOICE Project thus presents its case: Reclaim your voice, make a commitment to be counted and be heard. Vote!

For more information visit online at www.westernprisonproject.org.

← **Cassandra Villanueva of the Western Prison Project sees to it that ex-offenders know they have the right to vote.**



An artist's rendering shows 'Columbia Knoll,' a future housing community of one, two and three-bedroom apartments.

Historic Corner to Fill Housing Need

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"The rich cultural mix is a huge aspect of that community, we're going to make every attempt to reach all kinds of people that make up the community," she said.

The senior portion of the project consists of a separate building for residents 62 years of age and older.

Residents for both projects must meet moderate-income guidelines, an element that makes this project

special. "There are some housing options for low-income people but less for moderate income people. This is for us middle income folks and working families," said McCarthy.

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Mexican Independence Day

The colorful, festive, fun and thriving Rockwood International Marketplace will strut its stuff Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18 and 19 with a distinctive multi-cultural celebration

of Mexican Independence Day at the Kaiser Permanente's Community Park in Gresham.

The celebration will include arts and craft activities, authentic Mexican food, non-stop mu-

sic, soccer clinics, a Mariachi Mass and a community dance.

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Pardon Draws Anger in Panama

(AP) — Cuba broke diplomatic ties with Panama after the outgoing Panamanian president pardoned four Cuban exiles the communist government accuses of trying to assassinate President Fidel Castro.

Panamanian President Mireya Moscoso issued the pardons six days before she is to leave office, despite Havana's threat to sever relations over



A molotov cocktail is thrown at police during a street protest against Panamanian President Mireya Moscoso's decision to pardon four Cuban exiles. (AP photo)

such a move and what she said were threats against her life.

The break in diplomatic relations may not last long. Tuesday, Martin Torrijos, son of populist military strongman Omar Torrijos, becomes president and has said he would try to re-establish relations with Cuba when he takes office.

He called Moscoso's decision to pardon the men "unacceptable."

Local Mother and Baby Missing

Portland Police, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in finding a missing child. Julian Renteria, 15 months old, has been missing since July 17. He was in northwest Portland visiting his mother, 19-year-old April Letitia Renteria, at a residence where she lived as part of a court-ordered program. The two



April Letitia Renteria (left) and Julian Renteria

left and have not been seen by family members since.

Police thought they may head for Mexico, but new information suggests the two may have been in the metro area. They may be using public transportation to get around.

There is a felony warrant out for April's arrest, for violating condi-

tions of her probation. Julian is an average sized 15-month-old with brown hair and brown eyes.

April is a Hispanic female, approximately 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighs about 140 pounds. She has brown eyes and medium length brown hair, which she often wears in a pony tail. She has tattoos on her hands, back and ankle.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, that leads to the arrest of the suspect in this case, or any unsolved felony, and you may remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-4357.

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