# Reclaiming Your Vote EL OBSERVADOR



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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

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



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

#### **Historic Corner to Fill Housing Need**

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"The rich cultural mix is a huge aspect of that community, we're age and older. going to make every attempt to reach all kinds of people that make meet moderate-income guidelines, and working families," said up the community," she said.

The senior portion of the special. project consists of a separate building for residents 62 years of tions for low-income people but

an element that makes this project McCarthy.

"There are some housing opless for moderate income people. Residents for both projects must This is for us middle income folks

## **Mexican Independence Day**

tional Marketplace will strut its nity Park in Gresham. stuff Saturday and Sunday.

thriving Rockwood Interna- the Kaiser Permanente's Commu- Mass and a community dance.

Sept. 18 and 19 with a distinc- arts and craft activities, authen- www.rockwoormarket.org or call tive multi-cultural celebration tic Mexican food, non-stop mu- 503-661-3981.

The colorful, festive, fun and of Mexican Independence Day at sic, soccer clinics, a Mariachi

For more information visit The celebration will include the web site online at

### 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 sever relations over exiles. (AP photo)



days before she is to A molotov cocktail is thrown at police during a leave office, despite street protest against Panamanian President Havana's threat to Mireya Moscoso's decision to pardon four Cuban

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 of-

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

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April Letitia Renteria (left) and Julian Renteria left and have not been seen by hair, which she often wears in a

Police thought they may head hands, back and ankle. for Mexico, but new information

family members since.

April's arrest, for violating condi- 503-823-4357.

Julian is an average sized 15-monthold 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 me-

dium length brown

tions of her probation.

pony tail. She has tattoos on her

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash suggests the two may have been reward of up to \$1,000 for informain the metro area. They may be tion, that leads to the arrest of the using public transportation to get suspect in this case, or any unsolved felony, and you may remain There is a felony warrant out for anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at

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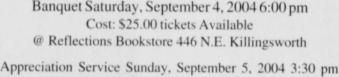
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