

Northeast Leader Seeks PCC Board

George Hendrix cites experience, education

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A respected African-American leader is pledging to draw on his vast experience in business, the government and education to guide Portland Community College into the 21st Century.

George Hendrix, a semi-retired real estate broker, retired Bonneville Power Administration executive and doctor of education is seeking election to Zone Four on the PCC Board of Directors. The election is May 17.

"I want to do something to make a difference for my community," Hendrix, a northeast Portland resident since 1965, said.

He views work on the all-volunteer board as an opportunity to extend the enrichment of his personal life, and an opportunity to put into practice his knowledge from four years of graduate study and research on community college governance and diversity.

Most important, Hendrix wants to give back to a community that has served him well.

"To have value in your life you've got to live and give," he said.

Hendrix sees community colleges as the most important social institution in America today because they serve so many people from a diversity of backgrounds.

"Community colleges have programs for people to transition to universities, they have technical programs, classes for people who were not successful in high school to come back to school," he said. "It a place to get back to your goals."

He said PCC must keep and build its links to business and industry, providing training and education to making it the heart of local economic development and the center of the Portland area's economic engine.

Hendrix said other goals for PCC are to bring stable funding to the institution and increase local control of the budget.

He said he also wants to promote coopera-



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tion between PCC and its local high schools and neighboring colleges and universities, while providing the lowest possible tuition for area students.

Before receiving his doctorate in Community College Leadership from Oregon State University in 2004, Hendrix served in a variety of educational capacities from administrative to teaching. He has been involved in education at PCC, Lane Community College, Clackamas Community College and Mt. Hood Community College.

He assisted former PCC Cascade Executive Dean Mildred

Olee in the planning of new buildings and expansion of the college's north Portland campus.

Hendrix is owner and broker of A-Zebra Reality, Inc. In 1994, he retired from 28 years of service with the BPA where he served as a senior personnel management specialist, auditor, and training and employee development officer.

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expired. I feel he's procrastinating and I don't know what to do. --Need to Know; On-Line Reader

Dear Need to Know:

Considering the number of kids you have, a decision should be made immediately. It's unfair and a bad example for the kids to see their parents playing house instead of doing the right thing. Have a discussion with him expressing family values, benefits and your matrimony desires. That piece of paper makes a big difference especially when it comes to the destination of his soul, benefits and of course, being a real man.

Dear Deanna!

I'm dating a guy that always talks about his baby's mother. He's dating me but every conversation we have ends up turning to her. I don't know what to do anymore because I really like him but can't take this. I told him to stop talking about her so much. He wouldn't stop so I asked him not to call me anymore. He still calls and I still answer the phone. I don't know what to do. --Samantha; On-Line Reader

Dear Deanna!

I dated this guy for a month and he suddenly disappeared. I didn't hear from him and his family had no idea where he was. A month later I saw him in passing. I want to know if we still have some kind of relationship or are we just friends. I don't know how to contact him. Should I just forget it and move on or should I try to reach him and work things out. --Really Confused; On-Line Reader

Dear Confused:

After a single month you never had a relationship. Then to make it worse, if he disappeared with no contact, it's an obvious sign that he's not feeling you. You don't need to contact him because there's nothing there and you didn't lose anything, so keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

I've been living with my boyfriend for three years. We have five children at home and those looking in think we're married. We live like a married couple but I want a real commitment. He feels we don't need a piece of paper to make a difference. We filed for a marriage license at City Hall but the application

Samantha:

He still has a lot of love for the mother of his child. However, his constant chatter should tell you that he's not over her and you may be a filler for the moment. If you've expressed your feelings and he still continues, it's a sign of disrespect, selfishness and lack of consideration. Your solution is simple. If you made the step to tell him to stop calling, go ahead and put yourself first and just don't answer the phone when he calls.

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Good in the Hood Needs Volunteers

The 2005 Good in the Hood Multi-Cultural Music and Food Festival will be held on Saturday, June 25 from noon to 9:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 26 from noon to 7:30 p.m. at King School Park at 4815 N.E. Seventh Ave.

The event is currently seeking volunteers to work with the food court, the beer garden (over 21), security, kidspace, setup, and the volunteer/vendor check-in booth.

For more information on how to get involved, write to Good in the Hood, Volunteer Coordinator, 4815 N.E. Seventh Ave., Portland, OR 97211 or fax a memo to 503-282-1288.



Multicultural Film Festival Examines Latinos in Industry

Jefferson High School will feature the documentary film "The Bronze Screen: 100 Years of the Latino Image in American Cinema" on May 2 as part of its monthly Multicultural Film Series.

The film features actors such as Benicio Del Toro, John Leguizamo, and Rita Moreno and examines common stereotypes of the Latino culture.

Admission is free. The film and a discussion run from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in room C12. For more information, call 503-916-5180.

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