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Community Calendar

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The School and Community Re-use Action Project is hosting a free day of workshops especially for teachers and students on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 3901A N. Williams Ave. Topics include notebook making, puppet making, musical instruments, starting a reuse center in your classroom and more. Pre-registration is requested at 503-294-0769 or education@scrapaction.org.

Sewing for YWCA

YWCA's Women Offenders Rehabilitation, Training and Help Program is accepting donations of fabric and sewing machines in good working condition for the Clark County Jail's work center. The inmates are learning sewing skills by making nightgowns and donating them to the women and girls living in the YWCA's SafeChoice Domestic Violence Shelter. Donations can be dropped off at the YWCA Clark County on 3609 Main St. in Vancouver. For more information, call 360-906-9153.

Renters Rights Hotline

The community Alliance of Tenants is looking for volunteers to staff the Renters' Rights Hotline. The majority of callers are low-income families. This hotline enables renters to save money, protect their rights and to prevent homelessness. Volunteer training is on Sept. 24 to 25 during the afternoon. No experience is required. For more information, contact Sarah Buckley at 503-460-9702.

Home Ownership Seminar

Portland Community Land Trust will hold a home ownership seminar on Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the St. Johns Community Center on 8427 N Central St. Homes through the organization are sold to first time homebuyers with limited incomes at below market prices. For more information, visit www.pclt.org or call Kelly Caldwell at 503-493-0293.

Free Admission to Portland Art Museum

In a grand opening of the newly renovated Mark Building, the Portland Art Museum will host two weeks of free admission to the public from Oct. 2 to Oct. 16. Official ceremonies will be held Oct. 2 at noon with a full day of activities including live music, local entertainers and stage-coach rides.

Native American Literature

Native American literature is celebrated at the Collins Gallery located on the third floor at the Central Library, 801 S.W. 10th Ave through Sept. 29.

Salmon Festival

Metro Park's Annual Salmon Festival will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 8 and 9 at Oxbow Regional Park. The event celebrates the return of the fall Chinook salmon to the Sandy River, offering cultural exhibits, river walks, children's activities, arts and crafts demonstrations, music and storytelling, horse drawn wagon rides, salmon barbecue and a food court. For more information, call 503-797-1850 or visit www.metro-region.org/salmonfestival.

35
years
of
community service



Rev. Renee Ward leads a call to end senseless violence Saturday during a march aimed at restoring and rebuilding a sense of family in the community.

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'Violence Must Stop' March

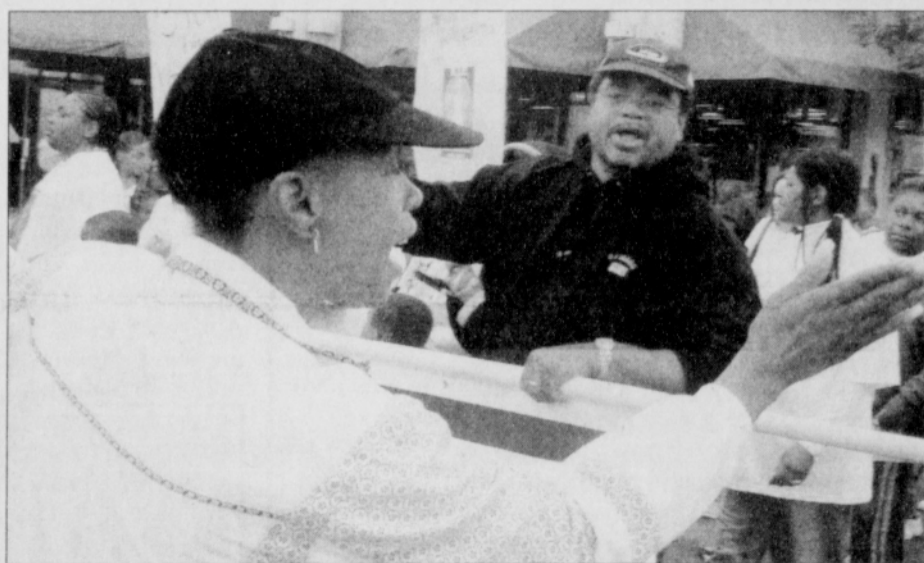
A community march and rally in honor of Asia Bell James and all other victims of violence was held Saturday in northeast Portland.

About 100 people spilled out onto the streets between Irving and Alberta parks to speak out against gun violence and rebuild a sense of family in the community.

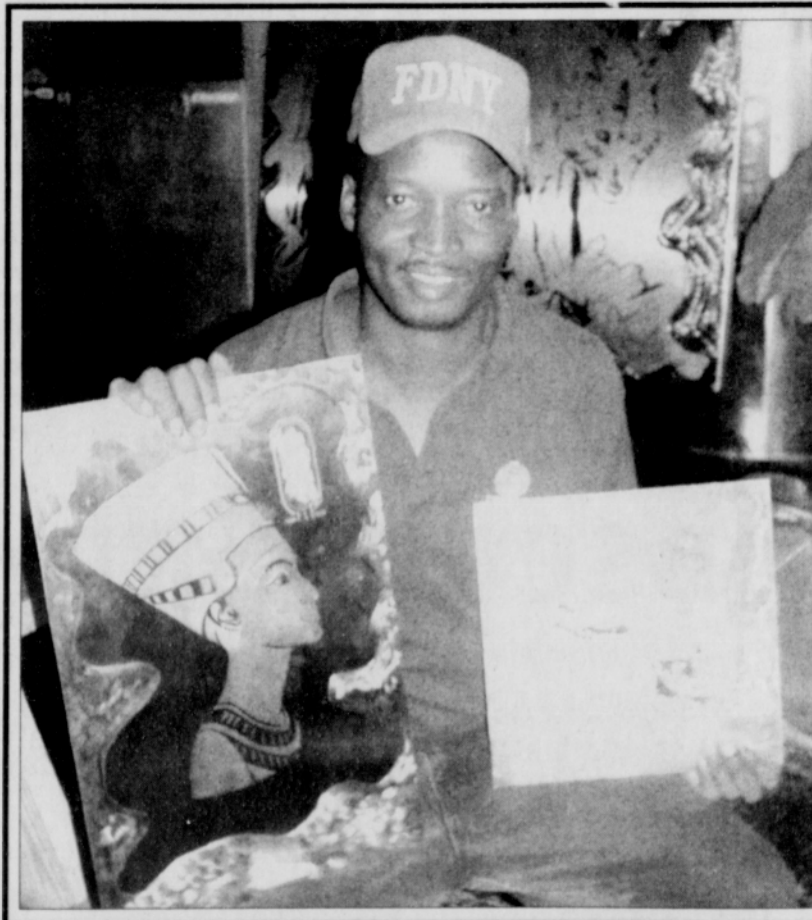
At Alberta Park there were games for kids, gospel, jazz and

R&B entertainment, dance teams and speakers.

The non-profit Senseless Violence Leads to Silence organization sponsored the third annual event. Contributions for on-going efforts to reduce violence in the community can be mailed to the organization at P.O. Box 3845, Portland, OR 97208-3845 or by calling Perlia Bell at 503-421-0078.



About 100 people Saturday joined the third annual community march in honor of Asia Bell James and all other victims of gun violence. Supporters walked from Irving Park to Alberta Park in an event sponsored by the Senseless Violence Leads to Silence organization, a non-profit group.



Sculpting With Steel

Brewery features local metal artist

DeWayne Mayes' medium is metal, sculpting shadowed works of art into copper, brass and stainless steel. For him, experimenting with this type of canvas is a labor of love.

"It's so fluid - different metals have different qualities," Mayes said. "You have to really be sure of what you want to do. You can't erase it. It's a great challenge, so you try your

absolute hardest."

The Hillsboro resident has been at it for 22 years, starting out as a welder and moving into art full-time after making an impressive metal coffee table for his wife.

"Mostly I was just working on inventions during that time. Then my wife asked me to make her a coffee table. I just put scorpions in it at first and visualized the border around it. Everybody really liked it," Mayes said. "I bought \$600 worth of steel and went at it. I kind of stopped searching at that point and went at the art aspect."

From then on, life meant a constant carving of ideas that inspired Mayes, such as nature, Egyptian legends, or political events such as the downfall of Saddam Hussein.

"I'll go ahead and think of the image and the image almost speaks back to you," Mayes said.

Describing his piece illustrating a wolf,

DeWayne Mayes' sculptures are being showcased at Roots Organic Brewery through October.

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Students Helped Into Health Careers

Barriers broken with OHSU opportunity programs

Oregon Health & Science University School of Medicine's new Health Careers Opportunity Program is helping disadvantaged high school, college and post-college students overcome socioeconomic, educational and cultural barriers to get into medical, physician assistant and pharmacy schools.

OHSU expects the program,

funded through a highly coveted, three-year \$1.2 million competitive grant from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration, to increase the number of clinicians from underprivileged backgrounds who ultimately will provide health care to the underserved.

"We anticipate that with academic assistance, motivated stu-



Dr. Stephanie Anderson

dents facing economic and educational barriers will be more likely to gain admission into health care professional programs," said Dr. Stephanie Anderson, principal investigator for the grant and assistant dean for minority affairs in the OHSU School of Medicine.

"We believe these students can do the work if given the opportunity," Anderson said. "With this program, we have the potential to change the face of training programs at OHSU."

Shannel Adams, 23, a recent

graduate of Duke University and a Portland St. Mary's Academy alumna, participated in the program this summer. For 10 intense weeks, Adams and 13 other pre-med students were enrolled in the HCOP Professions Testing Program, which prepares students for the Medical College Admission Test or the Graduate Record Examination.

School of Medicine faculty and students utilizes the most current

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