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Community Calendar

Low-Cost Helmet Sale

Vancouver's Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital, 2211 N.E. 139th St., will host a low-cost helmet sale on Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bike and multi-sport helmets will be \$5 each plus free fitting.

Kitty Adoption Event

The Oregon Humane Society, 1067 N.E. Columbia Blvd., will host a 2-day outdoor cat adoption event, Saturday and Sunday, June 10-11, from noon to 3 p.m. Vets will be on hand to share tips on care, plus free kitty goodies and adoption starter kit package.

Hawthorne Second Thursday

Hawthorne Avenue will stay open a little longer on Thursday, June 8, with participating businesses hosting open houses, local artists and other special events for Second Thursday. For more information visit www.thinkhawthorne.com.

Cycle the Well Field

Join the Portland Water Bureau and Columbia Slough Watershed Council for a bike tour through Portland's Groundwater Protection Area, Saturday, June 10 from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Parkrose Transit Center, Northeast Sandy Boulevard and 95th Avenue. To register call Jill Wall at 503-281-1132.

Run/Walk for Arthritis Help

The first annual 5K run/walk for the Child Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance will kick off on Sunday, June 11 at 8:30 a.m. at the Main Street Plaza on the Eastbank Esplanade in Portland. To pre-register visit www.signmeupsports.com.

How's Your Memory?

A free community forum hosted by the Providence Center on Aging addresses the topic of aging and forgetfulness, 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 15 at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center, Souther Auditorium, 9205 S.W. Barnes Rd.

Foursquare Houses

Experts explore the American Four-square house, a popular and very unsquare turn-of-the-century design found in every older Portland neighborhood. Pre-register for the event on Saturday, June 17 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Architectural Heritage Center, 701 S.E. Grand Ave. by calling 503-231-7264 or visiting www.VisitAHC.org.

Vancouver Junior Symphony

Support the future of music in southwest Washington at a fundraising concert for the Junior Symphony of Vancouver, featuring Bach, Handel and others, Saturday, June 17. Early auction begins at 7 p.m. and concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20, available at the door.

Tibetan Cultural Festival

Tibetans will share their ancient culture on Saturday, June 24 at the 5th Annual Tibetan Cultural Festival, sponsored by the Northwest Tibetan Cultural Association, at Oaks Amusement Park on the east end of the Sellwood Bridge. The festival runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is free.

WellBeing Sunday Brunch

Individuals living with HIV/AIDS are invited to WellBeing's Sunday Brunch, open every Sunday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. with free home cooked meals served at 4 p.m. in the historic Mt. Olivet building, 1734 N.E. First Ave.

36
years
of
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Wal-Mart Eyes Jantzen Beach

Riverfront store possible

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The defunct Thunderbird Hotel at Jantzen Beach has caught the eye of retail giant Wal-Mart, who is considering the waterfront property on Hayden Island as a potential site for their second Portland store.

Wal-Mart spokeswoman Jennifer Holder confirmed preliminary talks with Howard N. Dietrich Jr., who owns the property just west of the I-5 Interstate Bridge, a prominent landmark for motorists entering the state from Washington.

As retail trends move shoppers away from the expansive and into intimate urban districts, the big box atmosphere of the nearby Jantzen Beach retail center has suffered economically, but the restricted traffic flow and only two ways on and off the island have many in the neighborhood ready to fight the development.

One of Portland's most vocal opponents, City Commissioner

Thunderbird HOTEL



The Thunderbird Hotel at Jantzen Beach could be torn down to make room for a new Wal-Mart.

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Sam Adams, believes Wal-Mart only brings problems for Hayden Island.

"Getting to and from Hayden Island is not easy...now add Wal-Mart," Adams posted on his blog

last week.

Adams also posted plans to organize a meeting to fight the proposal, but it is unclear whether zoning laws for commercial use protect Wal-Mart.

Wal-Mart currently has 12 supercenters and 17 discount stores in Oregon, only one of which is in Portland city limits, on Southeast 82nd Avenue and Holgate. Five Oregon stores were opened in 2005,

and plans for a store in the Sellwood District of southeast Portland (also proposed by Dietrich) are in flux, after last year's heavily publicized neighborhood rally against it.

Concert to Kick Off Safe Summer Campaign



The soulful female group Siren's Echo will perform Wednesday, June 14 at Wonder Ballroom, 128 N.E. Russell St., in a concert promoting safe sex and a summer safe from violence.

Addressing violence, sexual health

An all-ages concert featuring former B2K member Raz B will bring a positive health message for youth and young adults.

Multnomah County Health Department, the Oregon State Office of Multicultural Health, Planned Parenthood, Brother to Brother, Cascade AIDS Project and Alladat Clothing will sponsor the event on Wednesday, June 14 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Wonder Ballroom, 128 N.E. Russell St.

The theme of the concert—safe summer, safer sex—focuses on two key issues facing many youth—violence and sexual health. The sponsoring coalition developed the campaign in response to sexually transmitted disease (STD) rates that have risen in the Rose City between 2003 and 2004, which is the most current available data.

Data shows African Americans and youth ages 15-24 are at highest risk for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea, diseases that can cause painful symptoms in males and infertility in females. The concert is a

creative way for county and state government and community organizations to inform youth and adults about HIV and other STDs.

The concert will kick off a summer-long safer sex campaign and create a youth-friendly environment to share health information.

Sexual health messages will focus on "No Sex" and "Know Sex." The "No Sex" message encourages youth to delay sexual involvement. The "Know Sex" message encourages youth to understand the

risks of unprotected sex and to make informed choices that reduce the risk of disease and unplanned pregnancy.

Raz B is the second member of the highly successful R&B group, B2K, who is looking to make a splash as a solo artist with his upcoming CD release and performances.

The \$15 dollar ticket price (www.TicketMaster.com 503-224-4400) also includes performances by Portland's soulful female group Siren's Echo.

There will also be a Hip Hop and African dance display by the Urban Arts Youth Dance Company, stepping by Black Women in Training, and a summer line showcase by fashion duo AFROdijio.

Also gracing the bill is world famous DJ Lee Farmer - Chicago's DJ of the year and co-founder of the Soul Selectors - a DJ organization. This is an eclectic show well worth the cost of admission.



Raz B

Black Gay Pride '06

Events, forums and concert planned

Hundreds of people are expected to celebrate the 5th Annual Portland Black Pride 2006, Saturday, June 10 through Monday, June 19.

Produced by Brother To Brother, a support and advocacy organization for African-American gay and bisexual men, their families and friends, the program aims to create a voice and outlet for a growing black, gay community in the Northwest.

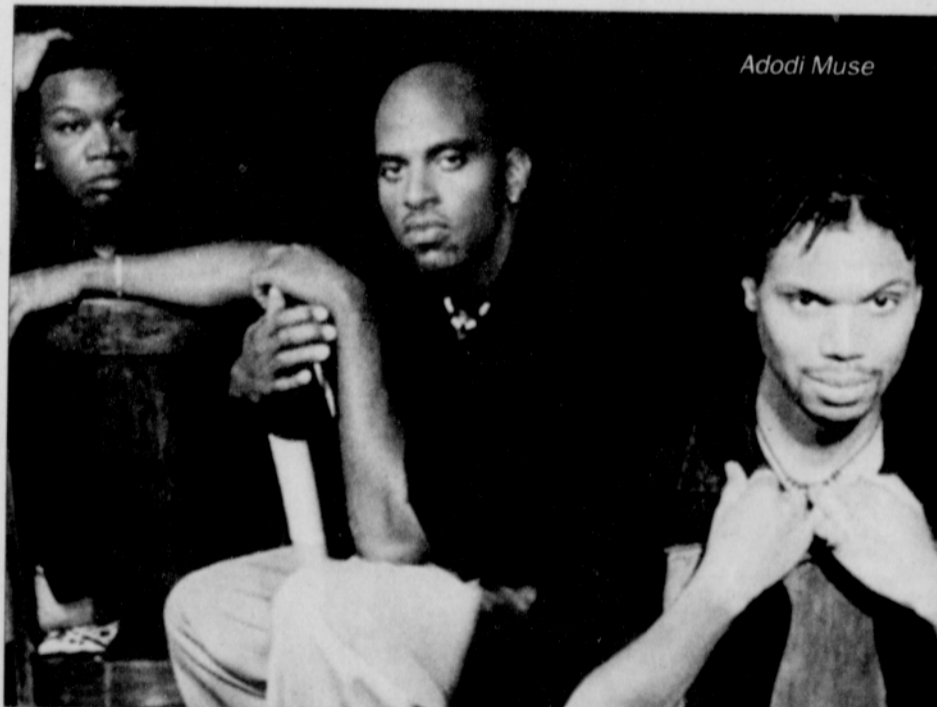
"This event is a great opportunity to create visibility through unity, because the activities and topics are relevant to all types of circles regardless of sexual orientation, ethnicity, age or financial status," said Darryll L.C. Moch, Brother To Brother executive director.

Through a series of events, forums, and concert, Portland Black Pride 2006 will mix music and performance artists such as Adodi Muse, Anthony Antoine, and Mz. Fontaine with political and community leaders such as former State Rep. Jo Ann Bowman, Earl



Mz. Fontaine

Fowlkes of the International Federation of Black Prides, and representatives from National Black Justice Coalition.



Adodi Muse

Local organizers said attraction of local and national dignitaries shows how much the celebration has grown over the past five years.

By expanding its calendar to include more workshops and performances this year, Brother To Brother also hopes to address both the interests and concerns of its partici-

pants ranging from music, film, and poetry to topics of HIV/AIDS, marriage equality, and internalized homophobia.

Other events will include a barbeque, film festival, and a Pride March.

For a more information or a calendar of events, go to www.pdxblackpride.info or www.brotobrodx.org.