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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Free Job Fair Thursday

Portland Community College's Workforce Network will host a free job fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14 at the Portland Metro Workforce Training Center, 5600 N.E. 42nd Ave. and Killingsworth Street. Dozens of employers will participate. The event also features job search workshops and help with applications.

Vancouver Share Fair

Clean out your closet and donate to the Community Share Fair in Vancouver on Sunday, Sept. 17 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Clark Public Utilities, 8600 N.E. 117th Ave. Clothing, linen, toys, utensils, dishes, books, and other reusable items are encouraged. For more information visit www.clark.wa.gov or call 360-397-6118.

Widmer Gasthaus Benefit

Spend an evening out while helping to feed homebound seniors, Tuesday, Sept. 19 from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Widmer Gasthaus, 929 N. Russell St. Half of proceeds from the dining room and bar will support the Martin Luther King Jr. Loaves and Fishes Center. Parties of five or more should call ahead for reservations. For more information visit www.loavesandfishesonline.org or call the Widmer Gasthaus at 503-281-3333.

Fall Beach Cleanup

Express your commitment to clean and safe beaches and waterways by joining SOLV and your neighbors for the 23rd Annual Great Oregon Beach Fall Cleanup, Saturday, Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. along the entire Oregon coast. Volunteers may check in at one of 40 meeting sites, pick up a litter bag and head down to the beach. Visit solv.org or call 503-844-9571.

Job Fair at Forestry Center

Make "Maximum Connections" at a World Forestry Center-hosted job fair, Thursday, Sept. 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tualatin Valley Employer Council and the WorkSource Oregon Employment Department will sponsor approximately 50 employers promoting job opportunities including representatives from the high-tech, financial, insurance, manufacturing and retail industries.

Interstate Farmers Market

The Interstate Farmers Market next to Overlook Park in north Portland features a variety of fresh local produce, baked goods, cut flowers, artisan cheese, meat and fish each Wednesday through Sept. 27 across the street from Kaiser Permanente.

Memory Walk for Alzheimer's

Join more than 500 people across the metro area for the Alzheimer's Association's annual Memory Walk takes place Sunday, Oct. 1 at Pioneer Courthouse Square at SW 6th between Morrison and Yamhill streets. Registration begins at 9 a.m., and can be done in advance by visiting <http://mw06.kintera.org/PDX> or by calling 1-800-733-0402.

Hatha Yoga Class

In Other Words Books and Resources hosts Hatha Yoga classes for beginners and all levels, every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at In Other Words, 88 N.E. Killingsworth. All genders and ages and donations are welcome.

36
years of
community service

Classic Savion

Dance extraordinaire returning to Portland

Tony Award winner Savion Glover returns to Portland with 'Classical Savion,' tapping to a live chamber orchestra and three-piece jazz band.

Two shows presented by Whitebird are scheduled at 7:30 p.m. at the Schnitzer Concert Hall on Tuesday, Sept. 19 and Wednesday, Sept. 20.

The legendary performer was described by the late tap genius Gregory Hines as "the greatest tap dancer to ever lace up a pair of tap shoes. He was a series regular on 'Sesame Street' for five years and was the star of Spike Lee's feature film 'Bamboozled.'"

Glover won the 1996 Tony Award

for his choreography in the Broadway smash hit 'Bring In 'Da Noise,' 'Bring In 'Da Funk.' He made his Portland debut in the spring of 2005 with two sold-out performances of "Improvography."

His breathtaking new show brought him critical raves and three weeks of sold-out houses at New York's Joyce Theater in January.

Since age 12, dancer Savion Glover has been stunning audiences with his unparalleled virtuosity and rhythmic complexity.



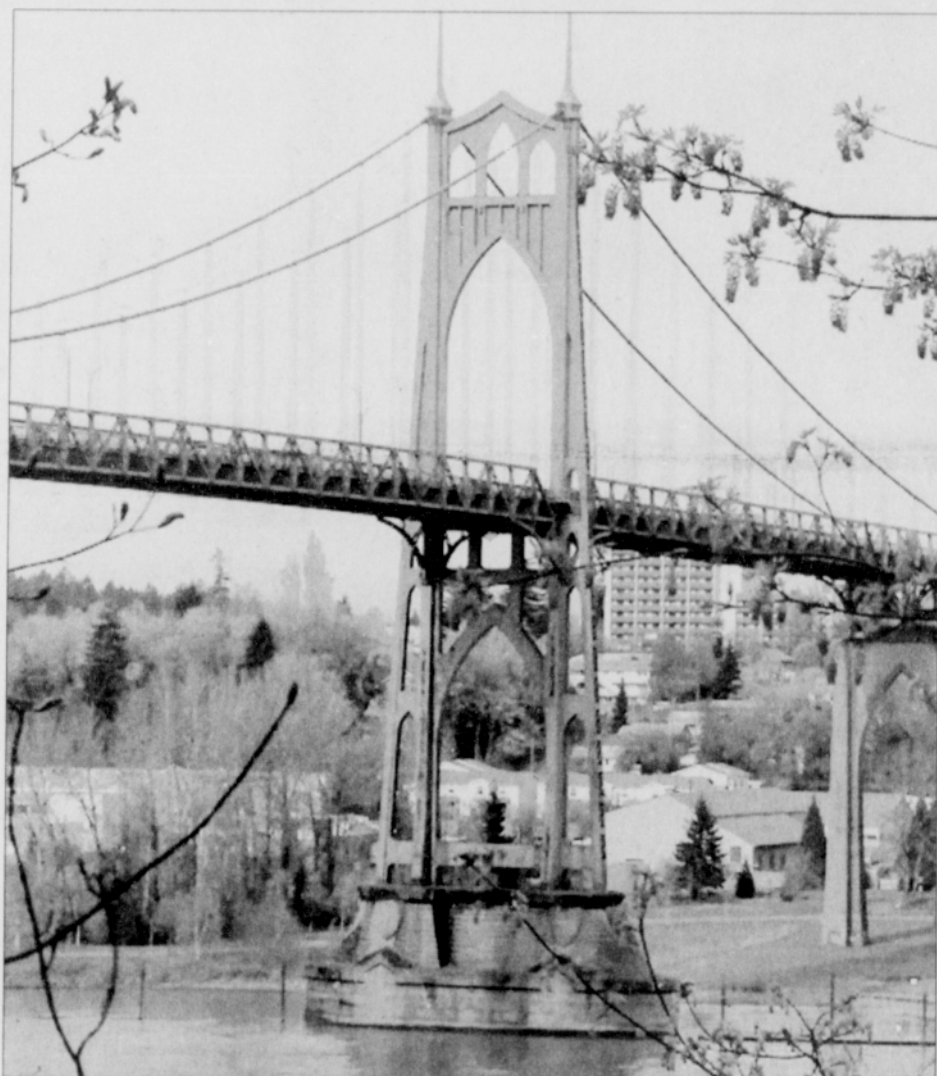
St. Johns Bridge Bash Packs a Punch

75th anniversary to fill town center plaza

For 75 years the St. Johns community of north Portland adored its impressive neighborhood icon and namesake spanning the Willamette River, and on Saturday, Sept. 16 the town center will be rockin' with activities for all to join in celebrating the bridge's anniversary.

Members of the neighborhood and business associations have worked tirelessly to create an event both old-timers and newcomers of the community will enjoy. The activities include a morning bridge bike ride, art exhibition of local artists, a street fair with local merchants, crafters, businesses and community organizations, and a history of the bridge with displays, historians and speakers.

Thomas Ebert, the bridge celebration coordinator and vice chair of the St. Johns Neighborhood Association, hopes that the celebration can also revitalize use of the plaza in downtown St. Johns.



"We wanted to have this great plaza here used for something besides the regulars stumbling out of the local watering hole," said Ebert. "In addition to being a great location to celebrate this anniversary, the plaza is also a great attribute to the downtown that was created by the community and the city in the late 1970s. Unfortunately, it is used far too little. We'd like to see that improve."

Ebert also encourages street fair participants to check out the variety of foods and drinks at local businesses.

The bridge bike ride will kick off at 10 a.m. At noon, festivities begin in the plaza, with music to include the Royal Canadian Mounted Police bluegrass-rock band and Eve's Dilemma, a modern alternative rock band. Other musical acts are to be announced.

A street fair and community celebration will take place east of the St. Johns Bridge on Saturday to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the construction of the bridge, an impressive neighborhood icon.

Emergency Services Students Get Patrol Car

Donation seen as minority recruitment tool

The Portland Police Bureau's commitment to recruit a culturally and racial diverse workforce has been strengthened with a new partnership with Portland Community College.

The Police Bureau has donated a patrol vehicle to PCC for its emergency services program in north Portland. Mayor Tom Potter presented the keys to Dr. Algie Gatewood, president of the PCC Cascade Campus, during an Aug. 21 ceremony.

"The donation by the City of Portland and the Portland Police Bureau is evidence that they are serious about educating and training the current and future emergency services workforce, particularly the police workforce," said Kal J. Robertson, director of the PCC Emergency Services Department. The vehicle, which has "Portland Community College, Emergency Services Training" printed on the sides, will be used to enhance the training simulations of the department.

Part of the Police Bureau's recruitment strategy is to hire local residents, and increase the number of minorities and women. According to Robertson, the donation of the vehicle has the Police Bureau driving on the right path.

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A ceremony marking the donation of a patrol vehicle to the public safety program at the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College in north Portland grows ties between the PCC and Portland Police.

This donation reflects the city's commitment to cultural and racial diversity as they recruit from our department and criminal justice program.

— Kal J. Robertson, director of PCC Emergency Services

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Lt. Kevin Modica, of the Police Bureau's Personnel Division, said donating such items as a vehicle to PCC's emergency services

programs helps the City of Portland in the long run.

"What we are doing will help build and develop the capacity of a future public safety workforce needed in Portland over the next five to 10 years," said Modica.

PCC's Emergency Services Department consists of a criminal justice, emergency medical technician, emergency telecommunicator/911, and fire protection and firefighting technology programs.