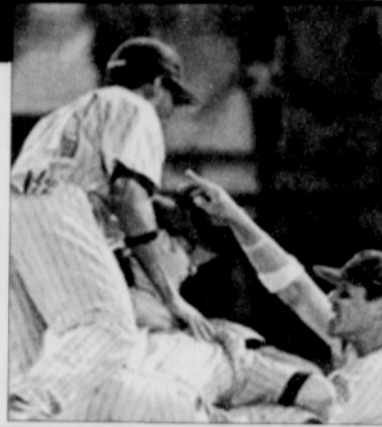


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Blazers go to Miller for Business
First African American to lead team as president
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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Buddhism Public Lecture

Learn about Buddhism and meditation from international teacher Tommy Bogs on Monday, July 2 at 7 p.m. at Portland State University's Smith Memorial Union, room 236. Sponsored by the PSU Diamond Way Buddhist Meditation Group, the lecture is free to the public. For more information, call 503-281-3631.

Relationship Transformation

Peace-Making, a local group based on non-violent communication and conscious awareness, hosts a seminar that includes information on how to have better relationships both personally and professionally. Class times are ongoing. For more information, call 503-228-7256.

Free Men's Yoga

Q-Lane/Men Spirit, a non-profit men's wellness network, is kicking off its summer yoga semester with a free class for men of all ages, sizes, colors, etc., on Monday July 2 at 6:30 p.m. Visit lovetribe.org/menspirit for more information.

Youth Sports Program

Youth ages 10 to 16 are invited to join the Police Activities League for free food, field trips and sports instruction during the National Youth Sports Program, July 5 to 27 at Portland State University. For an application, visit www.palkids.org.

Race for Justice

St. Andrew Legal Clinic will hold a Race for Justice to raise donations for legal services for low-income families on Saturday, June 30 at 10:15 a.m., starting at Madeleine Parish, 3123 N.E. 24th Ave. A post-event party at the parish hall will include free pizza, beverages, live music and awards. For more information or to register, call 503-281-1500, extension 24 or visit salegroup.org.

5K Tram Run & Walk

A 5K run and walk to benefit for the American Cancer Society takes place Saturday, June 30 at 9:30 a.m. Participants will ride the tram to OHSU and then run to the finish line. After the race, there will be a free health fair complete with children's activities, games, food and live music. To register for the race visit www.racecenter.com/tramrun.

Hand-In-Hand Festival

This free festival at St. Andrew Parish in northeast Portland is celebrating its 29th year in an effort for those with developmental disabilities and those without to come together for a day of fun and festivities. Games, clowns, prizes, food and music are among the highlights of the day on Saturday, June 30 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call Jerry Deas at 503-281-4429.

Re-Tilling of the Soil

People of Purpose and Associates are recruiting help and donations for a Re-tilling of the Soil neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, July 7. Clean up locations include Maple Mallory Apartments, Jefferson High School and Cornerstone Community Church. To find out how you can be a part of this event, call Larry Collins at 503-752-8356.

Stroller Class for Moms

Are you a new mom or have a toddler? Get some exercise and meet other moms at the free Stroller Strides class, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Peninsula Park. All you need is a stroller, water, a mat or towel and comfortable shoes. Call Helen at 503-260-5018 for more information.

Youth Summer Sports

July 5 through July 27, the summer youth sports program is held on the Portland State University campus, providing low-income youth ages 10 to 16, with sports instruction, field trips, a free medical exam and two free meals daily. Registration is open now. Visit palkids.org.

Interstate Farmers Market

A farmers market is held each Wednesday through Sept. 26 from 3 to 7 p.m. just off Interstate Avenue between Overlook Park and the Interstate Kaiser Permanente Campus. The market is known for its variety of quality fresh local produce, baked goods, cut flowers, artisan cheese, meat and fish.



The challenges facing local African Americans are discussed during a public resource fair. Pictured (from left) are John Canda of Mayor Tom Potter's office, Rob Richardson of Emmanuel Community Services and Karl Johnson of the Multnomah County Dept. of Community Justice.

Resource Fair Brings Community Together

Needs of local families starts discussion

Overcoming challenges facing the local African American community brought together more than 250 people to a public resource fair with

entertainment and small group discussions.

The recent event was sponsored by Multnomah County and the African American Advisory Board and LifeWorks NW.

"We wanted to create something that would be long-lasting and able to be reproduced on a yearly basis," said Jackie Strong, service director at LifeWorks NW, a mental health counseling group that serves the local population.

The day began with a two-hour keynote address by Dr. Joy DeGruy-Leary who talked about

how the legacy of slavery still affects the lives of contemporary African Americans—including the attitudes whites developed to justify slavery and racism, the behaviors their ancestors adapted in order to survive and thrive, and the need to replace these negative behaviors with new ones that will heal and sustain African American culture.

DeGruy-Leary is assistant professor at Port-

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One-Day Paddle

Regatta to celebrate 'hidden gem' in our backyard

The Columbia Slough Watershed Council presents the 13th Annual Columbia Slough Regatta in north and northeast Portland on Sunday, June 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This annual celebration of the slough is the largest one-day paddle in Oregon. Last year the Regatta attracted more than 200 boats and more than 500 paddlers, joined to paddle on the slough, a "hidden gem" of our local waterways.

Paddlers can expect to see a variety of wildlife, including great blue herons, bald eagles, beaver, raccoon and river otter.

The easy canoe access at the Multnomah County Drainage District, 1880 N.E. Elrod Dr., provides safe slack water paddling appropriate for all skill levels.

Before and after paddling participants can enjoy refreshments and music by a local Marimba band. They can also visit with local organizations, play games and learn about the history of Multnomah County Drainage District.

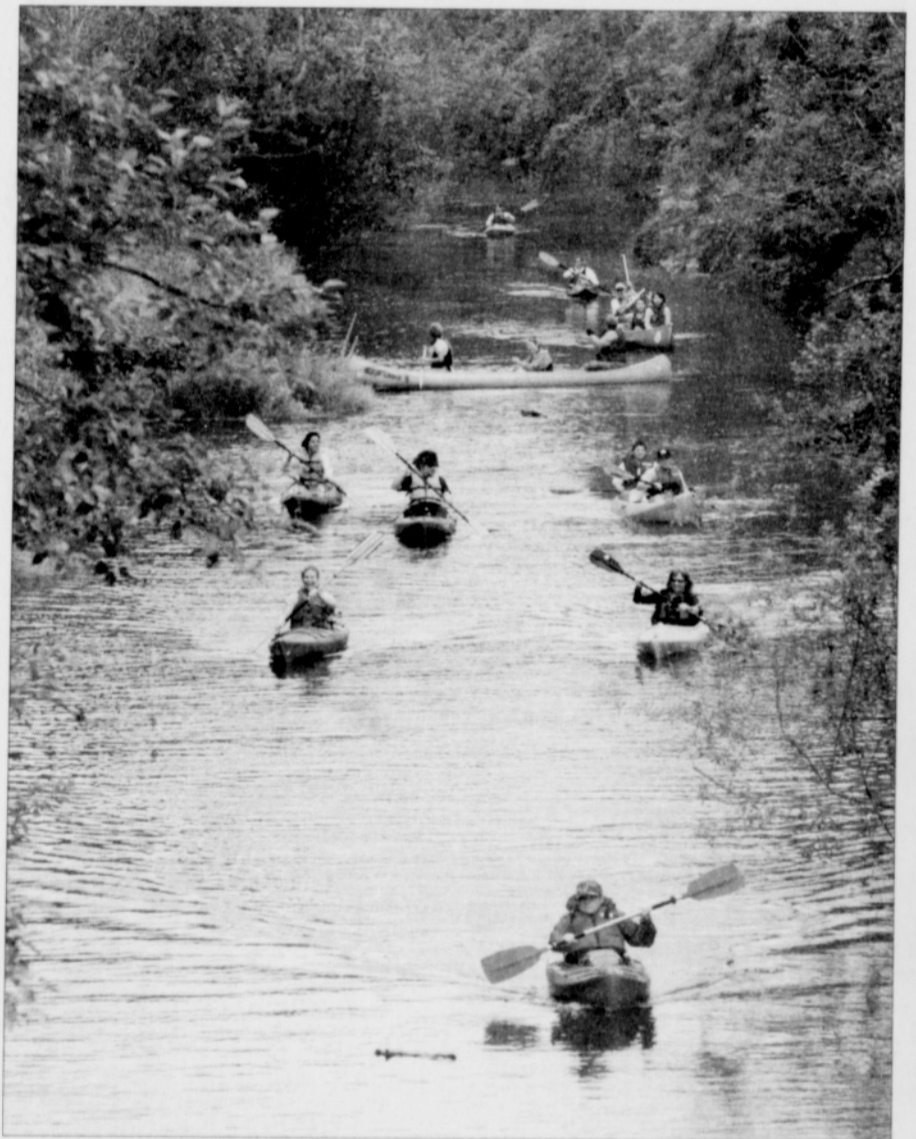
Participants can bring their own human-powered watercraft and safety equip-

ment, or can reserve a canoe or kayak through the council for a free, 45-minute rental which includes paddles and personal flotation devices.

An optional donation of \$7 per person is greatly appreciated and helps support Columbia Slough Watershed Council programs and events.

To reserve a canoe or kayak contact Katie at 503-459-7674 or email at katie.meckes@columbiaslough.org.

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Canoes and kayaks meander through calm waters for the Columbia Slough Regatta.

Lawyers Give Back to Parkrose Kids



Students Paris Ryce (from left), Corrin Wagner and Inessa Cazac sit across the table from their mentors, attorneys Samantha Lebeda, Audrey Baker and Kristin Abel.

A group of young lawyers are encouraging underprivileged students to read, write and develop mature relationships through a pen pal mentorship program at Parkrose Middle and High Schools.

Organized by the Young Lawyers Section of the Multnomah Bar Association, the attorney volunteers were recently paired up with the students for an end of the year party. Before the visit, the students and attorneys corresponded via hand-written letters while reading the same books.

While the novels provide the students and volunteers with interesting topics for their letters, most end up talking about their personal lives.

Teachers say they've seen this program give their students encouragement to read, write and take a more active part in their education. They say students who miss several days of class are always present the day the letters arrive.

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Woman Makes Rosarian History

For the first time in the 95 year history of the organization, Portland's Royal Rosarians have elected a woman to serve as their Secretary of State, a post that usually leads to Prime Minister and head of the civic group.

Sue Klobertanz works as the Revenue Bureau Director for the City of Portland. She grew up in southeast Portland, attended Clackamas High School and received an undergraduate degree in political science from Willamette University and a masters in urban planning at the University of Oregon.

Klobertanz says she considers it a "huge honor and privilege" being the first woman elected Secretary of State.

"It reflects the diversity of the community and how Rosarians are changing to reflect that diversity while continuing the traditions that make the organization great," Klobertanz said.

Organized in 1912, the Royal Rosarians are the official greeters and ambassadors of goodwill for the City of Portland.