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Stop That Snoring!

OHSU answers concerns on common sleeping disorder

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Community Calendar

Casino Night

Thursday, May 8, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Uptown Billiards, 120 N.W. 23rd Ave., hosts a benefit fundraiser for Movie in the Park and Niche Film and Music Festival featuring live music by Brika, a buffet and prizes.

Mother's Day Tours

Sunday, May 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., mom can enjoy free admission to the beautiful Pittock Mansion and grounds, 3229 N.W. Pittock Dr. For more information, call 503-823-3623.

Garden Cleanup Party

Saturday, May 10 from 9 to 11:30 a.m., volunteers are needed at the McCoy Community Garden, North Newman Avenue and Fessenden, to clean up the garden. To volunteer, call 503-823-1612.

Remodeling Seminars

Saturday, May 10, beginning at 9:30 a.m., Neil Kelly Showrooms at 804 N. Alberta St., and 15573 S.W. Bangy Road in Lake Oswego, will host free kitchen and bath remodeling seminars. For more information, visit neilkelly.com or call 503-335-9204.

Cosmic Catastrophes

The Planetarium Sky Theater at Mt. Hood Community College - Gresham Campus, will explore the mysteries of Cosmic Catastrophes, on Monday May 12 at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.; \$1 admission.

OHS Doggie Dash

Saturday, May 10 at 9:15 a.m., the annual Oregon Humane Society two-mile fun run/walk for everyone and their dog begins at Naito Parkway continuing along Waterfront Park. The event is followed by a day of fun for all.

Educate, Empower, Engage

Thursday, May 15, the Portland NAACP Branch Freedom Fund Dinner will take place at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 N.E. Airport Way, doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. Visit pdxnaacp.org.

Bicyclists: Know Your Rights

Wednesday, May 14 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., join the free vehicle-law class sponsored by the Bicycle Transportation Alliance at 233 N.W. 5th Ave. To register, call 503-226-0676.

Great Slough Clean Up

Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to noon, volunteers will enjoy a morning paddle while searching for and removing litter from a two-mile stretch of the Columbia Slough. To get involved, call 503-281-1132.

Renters Rights

The Community Alliance of Tenants is seeking volunteers to work the peer-run advocate renter's rights hotline. Training class will held on Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18, from 2 to 6:30 p.m. For more information and to get involved, call 503-460-9702.

Gospel Fest 2008

Saturday, May 24 from 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, May 25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Mineral Lake Event Center, in Mineral, Wash., enjoy a weekend of country gospel in the fundraiser benefiting the Lewis County Flood Relief.

Welcome Home Vets

Saturday, May 31 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Oaks Amusement Park-picnic area #6, 7805 Oaks Park Way, the Portland VA Center invites veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom and their families to enjoy a day of fun, live music, free rides, lunch and more. To RSVP, call 503-808-1920.

Homebuyer Programs

PDC's homebuyer-assistance programs address the gap in home ownership rates between whites and communities of color. For information about the new and expanded homebuyers' assistance programs, visit pdc.us/nhp or call 503-823-3400.

Health Inequities

The public is invited to join in a dialogue with community members, organizations, business leaders and local elected officials to discuss the root causes of health inequities as well as long-term solutions. For neighborhood locations, dates, and times visit mhealth.org/healthequity.



PHOTO BY RAYMOND RENDLEMAN/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

With some reassurance, Essie Mae Morphis (left) hears about the future of medical, counseling and housing services at Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare's Garlington Center in northeast Portland from Rene Tucker, program manager.

Cascadia in Crisis

Uncertainty rattles mental health system

BY RAYMOND RENDLEMAN
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The major provider of mental health and addiction services for Portland's disadvantaged has bought time from a financial crisis so an independent audit can determine if other agencies can absorb clients or if it can obtain a governmental bailout. Either option could further strain a system already nearing a breaking point.

Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare's more than 1,000 employees serve 23,000 people, most at or near poverty level, in the five most populous Oregon counties that include Portland, Salem and Eugene. The agency, with its \$58 million budget, has already laid off a fifth of its staff and stopped taking new patients.

When news came last week that Capital Pacific Bank suspended Cascadia's accounts, panic became an overwhelming emotion for many regular patients who assumed that the troubles meant an end for care that often included housing and medications. Even employees, whose paychecks went through last week because Multnomah County paid bills earlier than usual, were left in the dark about the scope of the predicament.

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Urban Growth Leader Next PSU President

Selection sets course for the future

Wiewel, who will begin at PSU in the fall, had the lead academic responsibility for a planned 50 percent growth at the University of Baltimore, including development of a joint MBA, an undergraduate real-estate program, and other degree programs.

keep up the momentum and gains made at PSU, and move even further to meet the institution's urban and research mission, and focus on student access and success."

Prior to his current position, Wiewel was at the University of Illinois at Chicago from 1979 to 2004. He planned and implemented the university's Great Cities program, its signature metropolitan commitment, which included, among other initiatives, the new College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, the multi-million dollar Great Cities Institute, the UIC Neighborhoods Initiative, a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization program, and the Centers for Health Policy.

Throughout his time in Chicago, Wiewel was actively involved in community development and civic organizations.

A college administrator with background in urban-growth advocacy has been named the next president of Portland State University.

Wim Wiewel (pronounced Vim Veevell), provost and senior vice president of the University of Baltimore, will replace interim president Michael Reardon who has served in the position since last summer with the resignation of former president Dan Bernstine.

Wiewel says Portland reminds him of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, where he grew up and a city that represents what a livable city should be like.

"My family and I are very excited about joining the PSU community, and I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve students and Oregonians," Wiewel said. "I believe we have the

academic and research strengths, and community involvement experience to promote a shared vision of engagement and sustainability in our community, our state, and beyond."

State Board of Higher Education President Kirby Dyess said the new PSU president's strong academic, administrative and urban and public affairs background made him "a wonderful match with PSU's strengths and vision for the future."



Wim Wiewel

take the university to the next level. We look forward to working with him to

Art Beat Festival Ready for Kick-off

PCC campuses promote art forms, cultures

Art Beat will spread across all three PCC campuses and the Southeast Center from May 12-16, offering students, staff, faculty and the community access to local, regional and national artists, as well as an extensive collection of visual art, dance, music, theater and literary events to help expose them to art. It is free and open to the public.

"Art Beat typifies the college's mission by exposing our students and community to different art forms and cultures," said President Preston Pulliams. "We want an agile learning environment that is responsive to the changing educational needs of our students and the communities we serve."

"But more to the point - Art Beat is always entertaining and fun," Pulliams added. "And it would not exist without the efforts and passions of people throughout the college and community. We all work together to create this wonderful event."

Featured artist and author Harry Widman will put on workshops and dedicate his piece, titled "Mother and Daughter," during the kickoff ceremony on Monday at 12:30 p.m. at the Southeast Center.

Widman is a well-known and respected exhibiting artist, juror and writer for The Oregonian. He has exhibited his work at local galleries like Blackfish and Butters; regionally in Seattle and Salem; and internationally, such as Rome.

A teacher and later dean of the Pacific Northwest College of Art in Portland, from 1960 through 1981, he has a history of supporting all things art and his involvement with PCC's longstanding art festival seems to be no different.

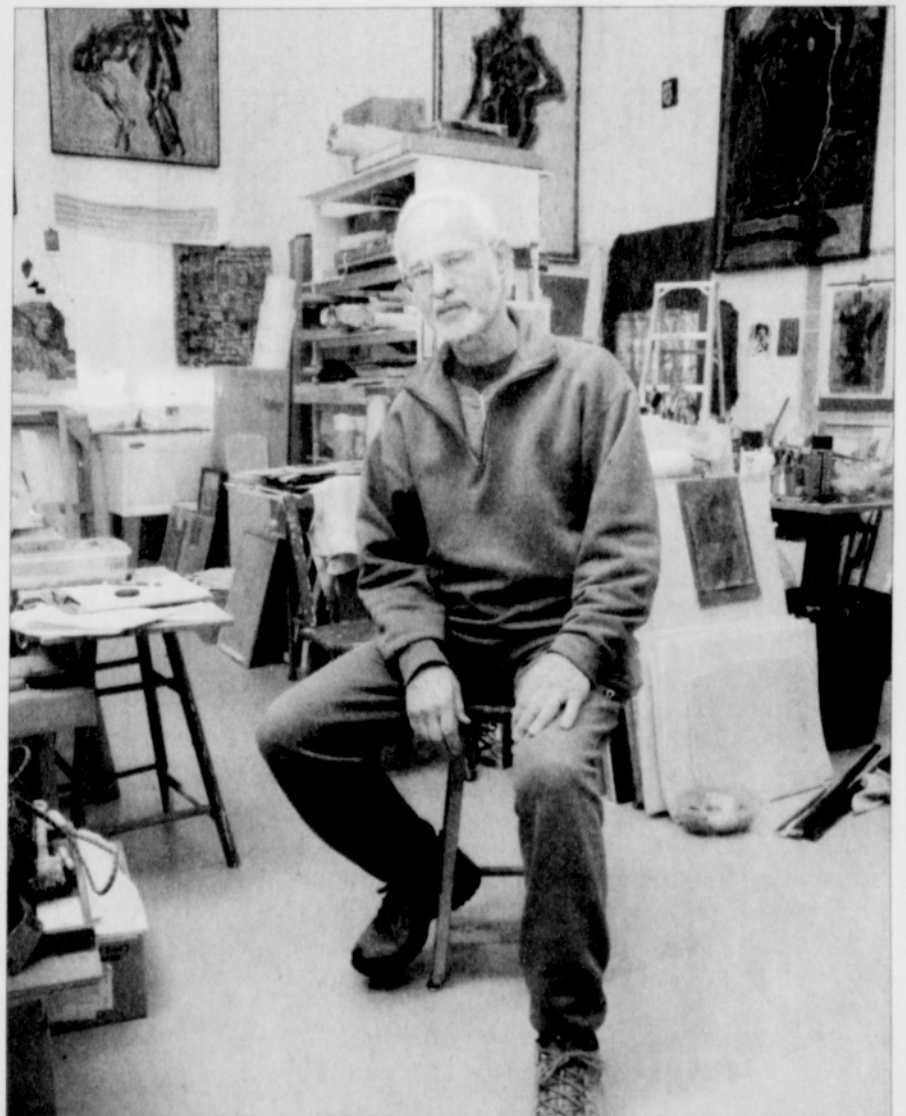
Baba Wague Diakite, Teatro Milagro and Yoshihiro Kitai are just a few of the artists coming to the Cascade Campus in north Portland.

Diakite is an internationally acclaimed ceramic artist, author and illustrator who will present a workshop on his work and Malian culture from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 14, in Room 108 of the Moriarty Arts and Humanities Building, 705 N. Killingsworth St.

Born in 1961 in Mali, West Africa, he spent his early childhood in the small village of Kassaro, where he helped in his grandmother's peanut and rice fields,



Baba Wague Diakite



Oregon painter and author Harry Widman is the featured artist for the Art Beat Festival at Portland Community College.

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