

East County Uplift

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will have 8,000 feet to operate out of with its already fully furnished gymnasium remaining intact.

According to Gresham officials, Friends of the Children is anticipating that by 2018 nearly 75 percent of its serviced youth will live east of 82nd Avenue.

This all comes as Traci Rose, a prominent front office person for the Portland Trailblazers charity Make it Better, assumed the position as Chief Communications Officer and Development Officer for Boys and Girls Club of Portland at the start of the New Year.

Rose has become a Portland area fixture with a 27-year

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-- Erin Hubert, Boys and Girls Club of Portland President

In recent years an influx of working class people, including many minority and disadvantaged residents, have migrated past 82nd Avenue looking for alternatives to the higher property values and other costs associated with inner city neighborhoods impacted by the gentrification that followed economic revitalization and urban renewal.

Boys and Girls Club of Portland President Erin Hubert says this shift did not go unnoticed.

"It is a tremendous privilege to join hands with the city of Gresham and Friends of the Children to expand critically needed youth services to the Rockwood community," Hubert noted.

record of helping service the community. From serving on various community boards to assisting with the building of the new Doernbecher Children's Hospital, the construction of the McCormack Matthews Albina Head Start Center, and the development of the Blazers Boys & Girls Club in northeast Portland, she brings a lot of weight to her new organization.

Both the Boys & Girls Club of Portland and Friends of the Children are looking to raise donations from various community partners to launch the new Rockwood facilities by 2015, or 2016 at the very latest.

Construction of the respective buildings is planned to begin in the fall of this year.

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The Week in Review

2013 Brought Major Dip in Homicides

Portland had 16 homicides in 2013, the lowest number of killings since 1971. Portland police say the downward trend in murders continues a pattern found in major cities across the country. Surprisingly, Portland did see an uptick in "gang-related" violence last year.

Still No Labor Contract for Portland Teachers

A bargaining session between teachers and the Portland School District lasted nearly 22 hours but ended early Tuesday without an agreement. Teachers have gone without a labor contract for months and a strike possibility still looms.

SNL Hires Black Female Comedian



Following criticism for its lack of diversity, the long-running NBC sketch comedy show Saturday Night Live held a secret audition for black female comedians. Monday it was announced that Sasheer Zamata got the spot, and will make her debut once taping begins later this month.

Police Officer Arrested for Vandalism

A 15-year-veteran on the Portland Police Bu-

reau was arrested on New Year's Eve accused of vandalizing a neighbor's vehicle in Tualatin. Authorities said officer Homero Reynaga was taken to the Clackamas County Jail.

Popular Zoo Ape Dies

Kutai, a 20-year-old Sumatran orangutan who was a popular attraction at the Oregon Zoo, died Saturday following a month-long illness and surgery, officials said.



Project Lifesaver Saves Woman

After wandering from her home, a woman with Alzheimer's was located by Washington County sheriff's deputies Monday. They were able to find her using the technology from Project Lifesaver which emits radio frequencies from a bracelet unique to each users geographical stationing.

Dog Trapped 5 Days Saved

A five-year-old lab that went missing New Year's Eve was saved by a Clackamas County deputy after he was found in a small ravine trapped between some rocks. The dog, whose name is Sampson, had been missing for five days.

Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church
8th Annual Drum Major Ecumenical Scholarship Program

"Salute to Greatness 'Living the Dream' Luncheon"
Saturday, January 18, 2014 • 12noon - 2:00pm • Dr. & Mrs. O.B. Williams Fellowship Hall
3138 North Vancouver Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97227 • Ticket donation \$25.00

The Luncheon program will honor the lives and legacies of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mrs. Coretta Scott King, Mrs. Rosa Louise Parks and Ms. Yolanda King. Community leaders and organizations whose lives mirror these "Drum Majors" will also be recognized. Four local high school students will be honored with a Drum Major Humanitarian award.

"Redeeming the Dream" Ecumenical Service
Sunday, January 19, 2014 • 3:00pm - 4:30pm
Main Sanctuary - Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church

The program will include a speaker's panel with faith and community leaders, interfaith prayers, and music for the soul. Nelson Mandela "Medal of Freedom and Peace" will be awarded.

This event is free to the public.

Reception to follow immediately after program in the Dr. & Mrs. O.B. Williams Fellowship Hall

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