

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

AMA "Speak Out" on the Portland Police Bureau

The AMA Coalition for Justice and Police Reform will host a community "Speak Out" to hear directly from community members regarding their experiences with Portland Police. This information will be shared with the US Dept. of Justice as they continue to audit the patterns and practices of Portland Police. The event is Saturday, Feb. 11 from Noon – 3 p.m., at PCC Cascade Campus, Moriarity Hall, 705 N Killingsworth St.

MHCC Students Plan Mock Funeral; Volunteers Needed to Pose as Bereaved

The Funeral Service Education (FSE) program at Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) will hold its 16th annual Funeral Arrangement Exercise, Feb. 21, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Town and Gown room on the Gresham Campus, 26000 S.E. Stark St. Second-year students will work with volunteers posing as bereaved family members to help them make mock funeral arrangements. Students will answer questions and discuss funeral service options, such as cremation versus burial, urn and casket selections and a range of

other topics, including "green" burial. "This event provides FSE students with an opportunity to practice working with families," says Terri Canfield, MHCC funeral service instructor. "It is also an opportunity for volunteers to experience the process of making funeral arrangements in a comfortable environment without the difficult emotions that accompany a real death." FSE students will also offer mock arrangements for pet memorialization. Volunteers Needed This event is free and open to the public. Contact FSE student Cindy Hosking to schedule a one-hour appointment or for more information. She may be reached

at hosking.cindy@yahoo.com or 503-701-0740. She will call back if you leave a voice message. Refreshments will be served. Individuals requiring accommodations due to a disability should contact the MHCC Disability Services Office at 503-491-6923 or 503-491-7670 (TDD). Please call at least two weeks prior to the event to ensure availability. Media Contact Terri Canfield Funeral Service Education, Instructor 503-419-7967 Terri.canfield@mhcc.edu

Coalition of Community Health Clinics Partners with 211 Info

The Regence Foundation has awarded an \$86,000 grant to the Coalition of Community Health Clinics to partner with 211info on a program called "Connecting the Dots." The goal is to improve low-income and uninsured community members' access to health resources, with an emphasis on connecting patients with culturally-appropriate and preventive services. Regional wellness and health care information, particularly culturally-specific options, is currently housed in a variety of organizations across the area, or only available through word of mouth. Now, the Coalition and 211info will, for the first time, be able to consolidate and streamline these resources into a robust website, database and wellness survey that personalizes search results.

City of Portland Community Budget Forums

Portland residents are invited to join Mayor Sam Adams, City Commissioners, and City staff to voice their priorities about the FY 2012-13 City of Portland budget at two upcoming community budget forums: March 5, 6:30pm-8:30pm Montgomery Park Ballroom 2701 NW Vaughn Portland, OR 97210 Parking lot available, Bus lines #15, 17, 77 March 21, 6:30pm-8:30pm Cleveland High School Cafeteria 3400 SE 26th Portland, OR

Radio Special



Reggae Bob, at right, gets help from a friend while hosting a Bob Marley Special during KBOO Community Radio's membership drive, which continues this week. For more information tune in at 90.7 FM in the Portland area, or go to www.kboo.fm.

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97202 Parking lot available, Bus lines #9, 10, 66 To make online comments, review the Bureau Requested Budgets, and learn more about the budget forums, educational opportunities, and community partnership events,

visit www.portlandonline.com/communitybudget All locations are ADA accessible. For accommodations, call 503-823-6952 in advance.

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If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at info@theskanner.com

Friday February 10

VALENTINE'S DANCE. Join us for our annual Valentine's Dance! We will have dancing, activities and lots of snacks. This is a family friendly, all-ages event free to everyone. 6 – 8 p.m. Peninsula Park Community Center.

Saturday February 11

LOAVES & FISHES PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Dine on all-you-can-eat pancakes from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and help feed seniors in Gresham! Tickets are \$5 adults and \$2.50 for kids 12 and younger. Gift

basket raffle, entertainment, menu includes pancakes, ham, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy. Ambleside Loaves & Fishes Center, 600 NE 8th Ave., suite 155 Gresham. OR

YOU'RE INVITED: COMMUNITY CELEBRATION. Bring your family and friends to tour our new home. Drawings, healthy kids fair, music and entertainment and much more. Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel Hospital Noon – 6 p.m. Free Family Fun.

GET AWAY FOR THE DAY AT CHINOOK WINDS CASINO IN LINCOLN CITY. Collector Inspector Harry Rinker Appraises treasures. Head to the beach and take an antique with you. There is no fee to watch this interesting Appraise-a-thon and all ages are welcome. Harry will appraise one item for \$10 or 3 items for \$25. Noon – 5 p.m. This show is just part of Lincoln City's Antique Week which runs from February 10 thru the 20.

Sunday February 12

AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN. Local celebrities and community leaders read from works by their favorite African American writers at the 16th Annual African American Read-In. Hosted at Concordia University on the 2nd floor of the Hagen Campus Center, 2811 NE Holman St. 2 –

3:30 p.m.

Monday February 13

PORTLAND JOB FAIR. Meet face-to-face with top employers at the National Career Fairs Job Fair! Attendance is free for job seekers! See you at the Job Fair! 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Red Lion Hotel on the River, 909 N. Hayden Island Dr. For more info call 877-561-5627.

Friday February 17

JOIN US! CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH. Please join us at our first Black History Open House. The purpose is to give our youth an opportunity to be educated by local heroes and much more. 6 p.m. Put on by (PAL) Portland Activities League. Come see the exhibit at 424 NE 172nd, Portland.

Saturday February 18

JOIN US AT REFLECTIONS BOOKSTORE FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH. Find the Flower that Blossoms book reading. The book is a provocative tale of racism and sexism in present day America. 3 – 5 p.m. Reflections Bookstore, 446 NE Killingsworth St.