

1904 proposal one step closer

The 40-Mile Loop, a recreational land-use plan proposed in 1904, will be another step closer to completion due to some work being done along Northeast Marine Drive.

Multnomah County has approved \$160,000 to pay for an extension of the bike path from Northeast 148th Avenue to 122nd Avenue. The county recently completed a pathway from 148th to Blue Lake Park and on to Graham Road in Troutdale.

Thomas P. McGuigan, the bikeways/40-mile loop coordinator, says the goal is to extend a segment of the loop by bike path out to Kelly Point Park.

Currently, the county is expecting to take bids on the 148th to 122nd project in June, while the City of Portland will build bike lanes on the shoulder of Marine Drive from 122nd Avenue to 112th Avenue.

This would connect the strip with the Interstate 205 bike path.

McGuigan says the the pathway from 148th Avenue to 185th Avenue is a separated paved strip above the Columbia River and "the views are wonderful — you're really right above the river."

The remaining paths are divided lanes directly on Marine Drive.

Plans are underway, McGuigan says, to design a separated path from I-205 to 33rd Avenue. This would provide five miles of scenic bike paths, and plans are expected to be completed by the end of summer.

Funds for these bike projects come from the county's share of the state gas tax. State law requires that one percent of gas tax revenue goes to bicycle facilities.

The 40-mile loop is being coordinated by the 40-Mile Loop Land Trust, a non-profit private land acquisition organization.

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What a parade!

Find your picture on Pages 4 and 5

Superdome development possible

A new building is in the works for the east county area, and developers are hoping it will reach superdome proportions.

The Oregon Superdome Corp. has purchased the option for the property at the gravel pit area at Southeast 106th Avenue and Division Street to build a new stadium for the Portland metropolitan area.

Len Bierlein, a co-owner of the company, says the firm is still in the planning stage on obtaining clearance from the city and county.

He says the building will be a "condominium/stadium — people will own their own seats" for the

various events. He says stadium plans include a capacity of 60,000, but he would like to see that figure raised to 80,000 to give it "superdome" status.

Events planned for the building include national league baseball, hockey and soccer.

An estimated seven-story parking structure will complement the stadium, Bierlein says he hopes to construct this so that ticket holders can park on the same floor that their seats are on.

Reservations are set to go on sale in a month or two

and Bierlein says he has experienced "a lot of interest."

These seats are estimated to sell for \$100 each. Total construction costs will approach \$100 million for the stadium and \$100 million for the parking garage, Bierlein says.

He says the location would be perfect for persons coming from downtown, east county or from Interstate 205.

But he says he expects the most resistance to the building to come from downtown business interests that would benefit from a structure in that area.

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With only one final section left to be completed, Tri-Met says work on the joint light-rail freeway project is more than 70 percent done.

"Despite the enormous complexity of this five-year construction project, we're making good progress and we remain on target for a Labor Day 1986 opening day," says Tri-Met general manager Jim Cowen.

Construction on the final 4.8 miles of trackway, which parallels the Banfield Freeway between Gateway and the Lloyd Center, began at the end of April.

Columbia Christian gets \$38,125 grant

Columbia Christian College has been awarded a \$38,125 grant to improve its use of computer technology in its higher education program.

The college, 9101 E. Burnside, will use the money to train its faculty in the use of computers, to use better techniques in its administrative use of computers and to implement a computerized library system.

The Northwest Area Foundation, which supports projects that promote public welfare in education, the arts, humanities and sciences, gave the grant. The foundation awards gifts in several western and mid-western states.

Advanced computer services will allow Columbia's already computer-literate student body to further enhance its skills.

Each freshman must take required courses in programming and word processing. A business bachelor's degree is offered at the college with an emphasis in computer information systems.

But the student computer lab is populated by students of every major, and now all faculty members can learn how to utilize computers in each area of study.

The grant will also go toward designing a library with a fully computerized card catalog system and research capabilities.

Similar systems allow students to enter key words on video-display terminals and access all the books, by title and author, written on a particular subject.

The system can also aid in keeping close track of overdue books and fines.

This latest award constitutes Phase II of the foundation's funding and was awarded to seven schools.

It was given to complete plans submitted by EDUCOM, a consulting service for collegiate computerization. In April, 20 schools received \$5,000 to pay for the service's initial consultation.

Herzog Construction Co., of St. Joseph, Mo., was awarded the \$6.4 million contract to lay the tracks next to Interstate 84. The work is scheduled to take about one year but is expected to have little impact on Banfield commuters.

Progress on the entire 15-mile transportation project is as follows (from east to west):

Gresham: This two-mile segment is complete and light-rail vehicles are being tested near the operations center at Ruby Junction.

East Burnside: Burnside from 190th to 146th Ave. is completed and the 146th Ave. to Gateway portion is "99 percent finished." A separate contract to put in sidewalks, landscape surrounding property and build light-rail shelters is about to start.

Banfield Freeway: Two widening projects, between 87th and 39th avenues and between 39th Avenue and Union, are about 90 percent complete. This work is being done by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Banfield Tracks: Work has just begun and is scheduled for completion by April 1986.

Holladay Street: The segment between Holladay Park and the Steel Bridge is almost done and is expected to be finished by the end of May. Portland City Commissioner Margaret Strachan rode the rails from 11th to 3rd avenues on Holladay May 17 in an inspection tour.

Steel Bridge: Reconstruction of the bridge to provide for both auto and light-rail use is almost halfway done.

Downtown: Thirty-four downtown blocks are being rebuilt and are currently less than halfway finished. Tri-Met says it will have most of the cumbersome equipment work done by the end of the year.

Path from Blue Lake part of 140 mile trip

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The trust brings together federal, state, county and city governmental agencies to develop the loop, a system of connecting bike paths and hiking trails that surrounds a major portion of the City of Portland and segments of Gresham and Troutdale.

The loop was first proposed in 1904 by the Olmsted Brothers, landscape architects hired to plan parks for the fledgling City of Portland.

The loop extends from a bike path along Blue Lake Park Road to Kelly Point Park along Marine Drive to the north; a hiking trail through Forest Park to Boones Ferry Road and a bike path/hiking trail along Willamette Boulevard and Waterfront park to the west; biking and hiking trails through Johnson Creek Park, around Powell Butte and out past 242nd Avenue in Gresham to the south; and then a bike path up Kane Road and a hiking trail a bit further east completes the eastern border.

While the parks have been completed for many years, the connecting trails remain largely in the design stages except for the finished section of Marine Drive and completed trails through Forest Park and Waterfront Park.

McGuigan says that since the trust was formed in 1981, development has been moving along quite rapidly for the loop.

Actually, 40 miles of the loop have already been completed; if the loop is finished as planned, it will stretch 140 miles around the metropolitan area.

The project connects more than 30 parks in the area and the three rivers — Willamette, Columbia and Sandy. Canoe trips are also planned along the Columbia Slough.

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All night extravaganza planned; theme secret

A lot of parents in the Parkrose area aren't speaking to their teenagers these days, but the students know that it's only part of a long-standing tradition.

Parents of Parkrose High School's graduating class members will sponsor and coordinate the 28th Annual

Letters

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Dear Memo:

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Sigrid Walker takes a moment out from her workday at Parkrose Heights Cooperative Preschool, 12705 N.E. Halsey St. Her involvement with young people spans several age groups.

Senior All-Night extravaganza June 8 at the high school.

Each year, parents must keep the theme a secret from the students until the night of the party to be faithful to the traditional idea of a surprise on graduation night.

All decoration-building and food planning must be done in clandestine meetings, and parents are careful of their conversations when their kids are around.

Even this year's general chairperson for the event, Sigrid Walker, must keep hush-hush around the house. Walker says the job has special meaning for her since her mother, Dorothea Sather, planned the very first Parkrose Senior All-Night 28 years ago.

Now it is Walker who will carry on the plans for her

twin daughters, Jenny and Kelly, both Parkrose seniors.

"The party is still pretty much the same as it was, but the music is a little different," Walker says.

Students will receive their diplomas at 3 p.m. June 8 at the Civic Auditorium. The All-Night begins at 9 p.m. and goes until 4 a.m.

Parents have many plans for the party, including a disc jockey, a rock band, plenty of catered food, swim events in the school's pool and casino games that kids can play for script to buy prizes.

Cartons of pop and gift certificates for hamburgers are the usual prizes, Walker says. "We try to have it so that everyone leaves with something," she says.

Tickets that sell for \$12.50, which are sold up until the day of the party, are the only source of funds. About 40 parents participate in coordinating the party, and also volunteer time during the night of the event.

Parents will also see that their kids get home. Walker says that once students are admitted to the party, they are not allowed to leave before its close unless a parent signs them out.

This emphasis is in keeping with the original purpose of the event — to prevent students from drinking and driving.

Walker says that her mother attended a statewide PTA convention, where she heard about the idea of an All-Night. "She and her group became very concerned about the activities seniors might pursue after the ceremony," she says.

The most difficult aspect of party-planning, Walker says, is that "We've all got to keep our mouths shut when the kids are around."

Past themes have been "A Star is Born," "Wizard of Oz," "Barbary Coast" and "Up, Up and Away."

Apparently, the parents have managed to work diligently on decorations and not give the theme away.

"We've definitely got the kids talking about it," says Walker.

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Charter commission members Jan Shearer, Marv Woidyla and Tom Dennehy address the Parkrose Community Group.

Mid-county Future Alternatives

To annex or not to annex

One topic sure to elicit an opinion from almost anyone in the mid-county area is whether the area should approve annexation plans of Portland and Gresham or form a new city with the existing city of Fairview.

That reason is what brought three of four committee members working on the new city charter to the Parkrose Community Group May 23.

Tom Dennehy, a member of the Mid-county Future Alternatives Committee (MCFAC), together with Fairview Mayor Marv Woidyla and Jan Shearer, presented a recap of what the charter commission has done so far.

Bonny McKnight, the fourth member of the commission, was unable to attend the Parkrose meeting. She is also a member of MCFAC.

After filing with the state in early April, the group has until June 9 to draft a charter which will go before the voters possibly as early as November.

What may delay the vote are the seven or eight lawsuits filed between the charter commission and the

cities of Portland and Gresham disputing the legality of the cities' annexation moves.

The biggest stumbling block for citizens who are sorting out these proposals is not knowing the exact sewage rates, property tax status, police and fire protection and emergency services for themselves as a member of an unincorporated county, as a resident of Portland or Gresham or in the proposed city of Fairview.

One citizen at the meeting said, "As far as me and my neighbors are concerned, we don't know what we had before we were annexed. And we don't know what we have now."

He said the one thing he was sure of was that "my property taxes went up 19.2 percent after annexation."

About 100,000 persons live on 50 square miles of unincorporated Multnomah County lands, and the cities of Portland and Gresham are making inroads at bringing all of this area under their jurisdictions.

Woidyla showed a map outlining the proposed new city and explained that the overall plan is to have mid-county residents join the city to which their sewage flows.

"We disagreed with that," he said.

"A product of the mind should determine which city, instead of a product of the bowels."

The boundaries of the new city would be the area that remained unincorporated prior to August 1983, and Dennehy said the new charter will form an "umbrella" form of government.

"We didn't like the idea of being the second largest city in the state," said Dennehy. The charter will propose a four-district breakdown with a city manager form of government.

City affairs would be handled by a six-member council — one member voted from each district and two at-large — and a city mayor. The manager then keeps track of all council decisions and works to keep the city within budget.

Various levies will also be attached to the charter so that, as Shearer said, "No one will be asked to vote with a blank check attached."

Shearer also said that the charter must be approved by a majority of the voters in both the current city of Fairview and a majority in the unincorporated area.

The reason why the previous Columbia Ridge proposal was dropped is the "three-mile veto," Dennehy explained.

According to state law, each city can veto the proposal of a new city within three miles of the present city's borders. If Portland and Gresham both exercised their three-mile rights, only a small triangle near the Columbia River would remain, Dennehy said.

However, a new city can be formed by consolidating with an existing one and drafting a new charter; that is where the commission stands now.

Dennehy said the charter now contains petition and referendum requirements and provisions for public safety but has remained quite flexible.

He said a nearby city has recently passed a law limiting the number of garage sales allowed at one dwelling in one year and said the charter is not that specific.

"I don't think you form a new city to control the number of garage sales," Dennehy said.

"That's when a city's been around too long."

Shearer did add that the petition and referendum requirements will allow residents to propose minor changes much more easily while still being strict enough to prevent frivolous calls for a vote.

The trio also explained that the charter proposes that the city council and mayor be unpaid.

In other business, the group heard from a representative of the Mt. Hood Community Mental Health Center who said proposals will go before area residents in September to decide where to build a new care facility for chronically mentally ill patients.

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David Johnson, Chris Bones and David Keeling display somewhat different views of how high the grass at Knott Park, N.E. Knott and 117th Ave., was before the

city mowing project began. The three attend Washington Christian Academy where Johnson is a 6th grader and Keeling and Bones are 5th graders.

Cleanup begun on Knott Park

Knott Park, N.E. 117th Ave. and Knott St., was taken from the county jurisdiction to the city, and maintenance began on the park May 2.

Commissioner Mike Lindberg, who oversees the Parks Bureau, helped kick off the work to be done on the park by hopping on a lawnmower and cutting the grass.

Lindberg hasn't been the only one mowing grass, as Parks Bureau personnel have been working steadily to give the park a new, cleaner look.

Additional improvements will be the installation of a new sprinkler system, the leveling of uneven ground to ease mowing and removal of unsafe playground equipment.

Lindberg thanked five area volunteers who initiated steps to improve the park. Jerry L. Goodland, Marilyn Brown, David P. Deitering, Trudy Jones and Ruth Nelson were congratulated by the commissioner.

Merifield Park, N.E. 118th Ave. and Thompson St., has also been recently annexed by the city; Floyd Light, Rocky Butte, Brentwood and Sacajawea parks are also set to come under city jurisdiction soon.



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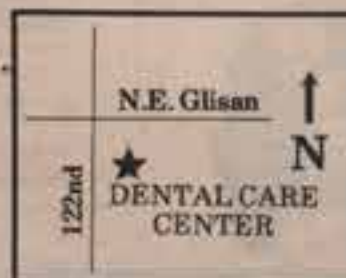
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TUESDAY, June 11 — Coleslaw, baked chicken, whipped potatoes, cream gravy, mixed vegetables, biscuit, banana cream cake, milk.

WEDNESDAY, June 12 — Layered salad, baked fish, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, cornbread, strawberries.

THURSDAY, June 13 — Pineapple juice, tossed salad, macaroni and cheese, oriental veg., roll, plums, milk.

FRIDAY, June 14 — Carrot/raisin salad, corned beef, cabbage, bran bread, applesauce, milk.

MONDAY, June 17 — Cabbage parfait salad, swedish meatballs, whipped potatoes, squash, roll, melon, milk.

TUESDAY, June 18 — Orange juice, tossed salad, turkey noodle casserole, peas, french bread, cookie, milk.

WEDNESDAY, June 19 — Cottage cheese/pineapple salad, pork cutlets, yams, cauliflower, apple cake, milk.

THURSDAY, June 20 — Tomato/cucumber salad, kielbasa sausage, creamed potatoes, veg., raisin sweet roll, margarine, banana, milk.

FRIDAY, June 21 — Coleslaw, chicken drumstick, baked beans, spinach, 3-grain bread, margarine, strawberries and pineapple, milk.

MONDAY, June 24 — Apple juice, cranberry salad, sliced turkey, bulgar pilaf, broccoli w/cheese sauce, wheat raisin bread, margarine, cherries, milk.

TUESDAY, June 25 — Pineapple juice, citrus salad, hamburger macaroni casserole, green beans, wheat roll, margarine, russian creme, strawberries, milk.

WEDNESDAY, June 26 — Marinated cucumbers, baked fish, corn pudding, veg., wheat roll, margarine, orange sherbet, milk.

THURSDAY, June 27 — Tossed salad, ham loaf, colcannon, peas, oatmeal roll, margarine, melon, milk.

FRIDAY, June 28 — Tomato juice, macaroni salad, baked chicken, gingered carrots, oriental veg., roll, margarine, zucchini cake, milk.

East County Report observes first year

East county residents can celebrate an anniversary on the television as a weekly news show passes the one-year mark.

East County Reports, a program that features news and events exclusively from the east county area, started on cable TV in June of last year.

On June 7, 8 and 10 Rogers Cablesystems will broadcast the one-hour anniversary program at 6:30 p.m. A 9 p.m. showing will be offered on Sunday, June 9.

In its special, hosts Sed Stuart and Deb Williams will look at some of the events that made the year distinctive:

- The effect of the Pat Gillis recall controversy on his legislative district (House District 20) and the Republican Party in the area.

- What light rail has, or will do, for the City of Gresham.

- Annexation battles and the key people involved with them.

- Mt. Hood Community College programs and other community events.

The cable system says the news show looks forward to another year of covering issues and people in the area.

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Outstanding student athletes were presented with junior memberships to the Multnomah Athletic Club May 29.

Kelly Maria Roberts, 16, received the award, representing Madison High School. She is the daughter of Dennis and Marilyn Roberts, 2915 N.E. 86th Ave.

The athletes were chosen by a committee from each school that looked for the student with the most "outstanding achievement in scholastic attainment and athletic endeavor."

Miss Roberts is currently a sophomore with a 4.0 grade-point average. This year she was captain of the varsity cross country team and broke the school's 1,500-meter track record her freshman year.

Interested in firefighting and emergency medical services, Miss Roberts is considering applying for an Air Force Academy college scholarship.

MEMO

The Parkrose Community group will hold its monthly

meeting at 7:30 p.m. June 27 at the Western States Chiropractic College, 2900 N.E. 132nd Ave., administration building.

Held the fourth Thursday of each month, the group's meetings are open to the public.

MEMO

Several annexation proposals have recently passed the Portland City Council, and the Portland Metropolitan Area Local Governmental Boundary Commission will review the proposals Thursday, June 27, at the county courthouse.

The largest annexation involves some 118 acres of residential and farm property in the Sandycroft area, bordered by N.E. Sandy Boulevard, 147th Avenue and 165th Avenue.

Due to the fact that all the land surrounding the buildings has already been annexed, the Parkrose School District will have three of its buildings annexed if the proposal passes.

Parkrose High School, Parkrose Middle School and Sacramento Elementary School are set for annexation but will remain in the Parkrose School District.

Also, 61 acres bordered by N.E. 73rd and 82nd avenues from Killingsworth Street to Prescott Street is set for annexation.

MEMO

Healthy backs are the main priority for classes offered by the YMCA this summer.

"The Y's Way to a Healthy Back" courses will be held from June 18 to July 30 at the Northeast YMCA, 1630 N.E. 38th Ave., and from June 24 to July 31 at Woodland Park Hospital, 10300 N.E. Hancock St.

Sharon Niebuhr, Healthy Back instructor, says the class is designed for people with lower back problems and consists of relaxation, flexibility and muscle strengthening exercises.

She also advises that "many insurance companies will cover program costs."

Registration began June 3. The classes cost \$50 for members and \$75 for non-members. For information call 281-1169.

MEMO

Graduating seniors or prom goers can get a free ride home through June 15, thanks to PIRD-Y Strokes Rehabilitation, Inc., and Broadway Cab Co-op.

The two companies are sponsoring the rides in order to prevent young people from driving home drunk or riding with an intoxicated driver.

Ed Mankes, public relations director for Broadway, says the company wants to stress that it is still illegal for persons under 21 years of age to drink. Also, anyone picked up will be taken home only, not to any other location.

For a free ride on Friday and Saturday nights, call 226-7551.

MEMO

The owner of the Gateway Gourmet, Chung Woynowski, was inadvertently misidentified in the May issue of the Mid-county Memo. Her restaurant is located at 1244 N.E. 122nd Ave.

MEMO

Free adult health screenings, including posture and spinal checkups, will be offered at Western States Chiropractic College, 2900 N.E. 132nd Ave., on Saturday, June 8.

The exams will provide participants with an evaluation of their general health and may suggest referrals.

The clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and appointments are recommended. Call 255-6771.

MEMO

Summer Camps aren't just for grade school children, as seniors can enjoy "Senior Adult Camp" sponsored by the YWCA.

This year's camp will be from Aug. 26 to 30 at Westwind, a YWCA camp six miles north of Lincoln City. The cost is \$70 for YWCA members, and membership fees are \$20 for adults, \$10 for adults 62 years of age or older.

Transportation is included in the fees. Once there, campers can enjoy crabbing, hiking, horseback riding, pottery, fishing and canoeing.

For registration or more information call 223-6281, ext. 242.

MEMO

The Hazelwood Community Group will meet June 20. For location call group chairperson Jane Baker at 252-7386.

MEMO

The revitalized Parkrose Heights Association of Neighbors will meet Tuesday, June 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sacramento School cafeteria, 11400 N.E. Sacramento St.

Denise Alden, association member, says the purpose of the group is "to bring residents and business people together to improve and maintain livability in our area."

"We want to solve problems in cooperation with the city, county and other agencies," says Alden.

Portland City Commissioner Margaret Strachan will be the guest speaker for the meeting.

The association's boundaries are 102nd Avenue, the Banfield Freeway, 122nd Avenue and Halsey Street.

MEMO

Mt. Hood will be asked to pose for two weekends this summer as photography students try to capture it during weekend hikes.

Portland Community College photography instructor Paul Blixt will lead his classes July 19 to 21 and Aug. 9 to 11. The classes are not part of the college.

Students will meet to discuss close-up nature shots, flash techniques and preferred films on Friday and

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Survey finds what folks think of local schools

Community members identify different problem areas for young people than they did 10 years ago, but overall they grade their education system with high marks.

These are the findings of a survey conducted by a task force called together by the Parkrose School Board to provide information about what's right and what needs to be improved for the young people in the area.

The task force conducted telephone surveys of 238 district residents, and some questions paralleled those asked by a research firm in its community survey in 1975.

In 1985, residents said the largest problems for their schools were, in order, use of drugs, lack of financial support, parents' lack of interest and lack of discipline.

Ten years ago, they ranked lack of discipline first, followed by use of drugs, parents' lack of interest and lack of financial support.

In an overall picture, 65 percent of those polled gave the schools the grade of A or B; 10 years ago, 70 percent gave them the high marks.

Diane Harr, chairperson for the task force, says the committee will now develop recommendations to present to the school board at the board's meeting on June 24.

She says the best thing to come from the survey was "information. We will hopefully learn from this what people want. We think this will improve communications."

The 40-member task force is comprised of 20 district

residents, 12 teachers, seven administrators and one school board member, Jean Haliski.

Harr says most community members on the committee have children in the school district; she has two children in school.

The committee was formed in February of last year and conducted the poll in November and February of 1985.



Junior Rose Festival Princess Gretchen Cuda, Russell School.

Gretchen Cuda talks about computer fun

To a packed auditorium, the 1985 Junior Rose Festival Queen was crowned May 14 by festival officials and given a necklace by Mayor Bud Clark.

Eight princesses, each from a separate district in Portland, displayed their talents at the event, held at Cleveland High School.

Sarah Bradley, from the West Hills District, was chosen queen. All the girls will travel throughout the state to promote the city's 77th annual Rose Festival, to be held the first week in June.

Toni Ellis, the 1984 Junior Queen who represented the Hollywood district, crowned the new queen after judges evaluated the girls on poise, speech and appearance.

Each princess came forward to curtsy to the crowd and later gave a short speech on the Rose Festival and what it meant to be a princess.

Princess Gretchen Cuda talked about the fun she's had using Russell School's computer facility for making posters. She represents the Gateway district.

Gretchen, the daughter of Barbara and Paul Cuda, said she has a brother who was born on Rose Festival a few years ago.

"C'mon and smile — there's nothing to it," she told the crowd, referring to the many fun activities in Rose Festival.

KATU talk show anchorman Paul Linnman was the master of ceremonies for the event. He made several comforting remarks to the nervous princesses, most of whom are nine or ten years old.

Stephen Jenkins, from Parkrose High School, sang "Thank Heaven for Little Girls" at the opening of the event and a closing number while judges tallied votes.

The court and queen made their first parade appearance at the Gateway Parade May 15 and will reign over the Junior Parade which winds its way through the Hollywood district June 5.

She says the recommendations for the board meeting, which is open to the public, will cover a broad range of ideas.

"If we are seeking excellence, we should not look to what we can afford at the time, but what we are looking toward," she says.

The task force is not set up to reconvene for another survey five or 10 years from now, but Harr says she would not be surprised if the school board favored doing another one.

In other findings, 78 percent of 478 students polled in a separate survey said they would improve the high school building.

More than 60 percent of the community members said they have no children in school. Twenty three percent of them said they would welcome adult education programs.



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Retiring at the end of the June, district employees take time out from visiting with past retirees to conjure up smiles at Parkrose Middle School. Front (left to right):

Max Brunton, Myrna Mulligan, Bill Hays, Will Herrington. Back: Laurel Gallagher, Lois Costello, Jim Gay.

Retirees get roasted during district party

It was a virtual retirement "roast" for Parkrose School District employees gathered in a celebration May 22 at Parkrose Middle School.

Each employee was introduced at the podium by a long-time staff member and these talks were spiced with ribbing of administrators, greeting past retirees who came to the party and reminiscing about the "good old days."

Upon introducing Max Brunton, Dr. Vic Cullens said, "I worked with Max in Washington and when I came to Parkrose, two years later, here's Max."

"I tried to get him to have his curriculum guides printed on toilet paper so they'd be used once," he joked.

Cullens told of going fishing with Brunton one year. "Next year I asked him again but Marie (Brunton's wife) wouldn't let him because I taught their boys to swear."

Myrna Mulligan, retiring from her cooking post where she's worked since 1964, got a revealing introduction by Howard Harris.

"I knew something was up. People that are close to retirement always have these little smiles on their faces," Harris said.

Altogether, 12 retirees were honored: Ann Blumquist, Brunton, Lois Costello, Laurel Gallagher, Jim Gay, Murray Goodman, Bill Hays, Will Herrington, Martin Hickey, Mulligan, Marlin Struckman and Hal Vrooman.

The Parkrose High School choral group, the Debonnaires, performed for the retirement party. The group is led by Mrs. Findlay who took time to quip as well as introduce her singers.

Before the Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire song medley she said, "I hope you're all old enough to remember this one."

The evening concluded for the retirees with refreshments and dinner at the Pier 101 restaurant.

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Gazing at his "goal-oriented" curriculum guide, Max Brunton prepares for a new education position after retirement.

It's 43 years later and he's still at it

By JANE BRAATEN

After 43 years in education, Max Brunton will soon be changing his lifestyle.

Brunton has worked 24 of those years for the Parkrose School District and will be retiring at the end of June.

In a conversation with his wife, Marie, Brunton says, "For the past 59 years I've gotten up every morning and gone to school. I will really be changing a lifestyle."

Brunton, 65, is the current administrative assistant for secondary education in the district. In this post he oversees the production of curriculum guides and evaluates classroom teaching.

Yet even though Brunton is leaving the school, he is staying close to the education field. On July 1, he will take over duties as executive secretary of the Oregon chapter of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, a professional organization.

His new position he says just "gives me a chance to keep involved."

Of his former position, he says, "It's time for a younger person to take over. If I could, I would keep going, but I think I've gone as far as one should go in the field of education."

Brunton began his career as a junior high teacher in East Wenatchee, Wash., in 1942 after obtaining a degree from McPherson College in McPherson, Kans.

He later joined the Ephrata, Wash., school staff as assistant superintendent, where he worked with Dr. Vic Cullens, a man instrumental in bringing Brunton to Parkrose.

Shortly after Cullens gained an appointment on the Parkrose staff, so did Brunton in 1961.

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The Debonnaires, the Parkrose High School choral group, perform for retiring school district employees at

their celebration. LaRoyce Findlay leads the group.

I'm not pessimistic about kids, drugs'

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After spending a number of years in schools, Brunton remains enthusiastic about the improvements made within them, even on a subject like teenage drug abuse.

"Kids are more sophisticated than they once were," he says. "They listen to advice and know what they read."

"Fewer kids are involved, though they might be involved deeper."

He cites projects like the student assistance program, which helps teens who have undergone drug treatment to create a new peer group, and the summer camp for abusers, that allows them to seek recreation and jobs, as reasons to be encouraged.

"So much is being done right now to help kids who need it," he says. "That's why I'm not pessimistic about teens and drugs."

He takes this positive attitude with him in his new position as well. As secretary, he will be required to travel around the state for various conferences, and he is turning this into a fun opportunity for him and his wife.

Marie Brunton also works for the school district in the maintenance planning department and she will be retiring in January.

From there, she will become recording secretary for her husband and the two will travel in their ASCD capacities to the Agate Beach Hilton in Newport in winter, Sunriver in spring and will look forward to national conventions in San Francisco, New Orleans and Boston.

The fact that Brunton is planning his trips three years in advance does not seem odd for anyone who knows how seriously he purports being "goal-oriented."

He often says, "You've got to have a goal," and indeed goal-setting and realization is nothing new for him.

Brunton is a proponent of the recent Oregon laws which set up competency requirements, and the subsequent development of a goal-based curriculum to help students meet these.

"We have developed a continuity in studies from the 7th grade to the 12th grade — no overlapping and no gaps," he says.

"Now, with competency requirements, we regularly stop and make sure every student can demonstrate their proficiency."

Brunton was also at the forefront of setting up the Parkrose District outdoor school for sixth graders in 1967, and of pushing for making economic studies a graduation requirement.

Yet, his involvement with young people goes even further than the classroom. A Northeast Portland Rotary past president and member, he has invited students to come to weekly meetings with him since 1962.

"This way kids can find out what a community service club is," he says. "It also gets Rotary members to advise kids or donate goods (for the student assistance program auction, for example). It has many benefits."

Neck monitor offered

A neck-worn monitor, which can notify help when an older family member falls or needs assistance, will be offered soon through Woodland Park Hospital.

Public relations director Cheri Baird says the system is set up to begin enrollment soon and more information can be obtained from the 24-NURSE number.

The monitors would allow an older or handicapped person to trigger a computer system by pushing the monitor's button.

Once the computer system is tapped, it automatically calls phone numbers the person has signed up for and reads a pre-recorded emergency message.

The person notified, usually a family member or neighbor, can then go and see whether the victim has fallen, been assaulted or suffered a heart attack and call for assistance.

The last phone number on the system is Woodland Park's number, so that if no one is home at any of the other phone numbers, the hospital can dispatch an ambulance.

In its other programs for seniors, the hospital is also expanding its swimming pool physical therapy classes.

Baird says these classes are especially helpful for persons recovering from strokes or suffering with arthritis.

The physical therapy department can offer more information of these classes; its number is 257-5524.

"It just helps bring the school closer to the community, and the community closer to the school," Brunton says.

In the same way that he reaches out to the community for kids, he reaches out to the teachers as well in helping them with their part in the Instructional Theory Into Practice (ITIP) program.

ITIP is centered around "teaching to an objective — either at the end of the day, end of the unit or end of the week. It makes for more efficient lesson planning," he says.

Parkrose has a comprehensive ITIP plan which Brunton says is "teaching kids better and faster ... teaching them more."

He says after teachers have mastered ITIP, they can begin to teach other instructors new to the staff.

"Eventually, we'll have all high-powered teachers," he says.

Then he adds his phrase — "Anyway, it's a goal."



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Each session, which will run from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Mondays, will focus on a different issue of health care for home nurses.

Lerna Grohman, program specialist in the Red Cross nursing department, says the courses are designed for "keeping people as active as possible, and having them do as many things for themselves as possible."

She says the first course began almost a year ago because many caregivers "did not have the need for a nine-week course in home nursing, yet they did need something."

Session topics include:

"Coping with Caregiving" addresses the stress involved with being a caregiver. It emphasizes how to be assertive, and how to keep a positive point of view while providing 24-hour care.

"Understanding Aging and the Aged" has class members simulate what it feels like to lose one's hearing or eyesight so they can better understand the emotional needs of older persons.

The safe administration of medications is taught in "Medications Use and Misuse."

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The mechanics of care are discussed in "Creating a Safe and Healthy Environment." Instructors will teach how to move someone from a bed to a wheelchair and will offer suggestions in dealing with a confused person.

The sixth session will be an open forum to raise any issues students may wish, and to give attention to some common problems in giving care.

Registration by June 11 is suggested as enrollment will be limited to about 15. For registration or more information, call the Red Cross at 243-5272.

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Saturday evenings, with the weekend days reserved for hiking the mountain.

Cost of the class is \$70 per person, and Blixt will give more information at 774-9025.

MEMO

The Gateway Y-Wives organization, sponsored by the YWCA, celebrated its 11th anniversary May 7 at a luncheon at the Ringside East restaurant.

The club meets each Tuesday at St. Rita Catholic Church, 10029 N.E. Prescott St., from 9:30 to noon and leaders say new members are welcome.

Each year, the club works toward its donation to the Campship Program for underprivileged children. For more information on the club, call Ruth Snyder at 255-4714.

MEMO

Once you take that new import car home, make sure someone else doesn't end up owning it soon after, says an area insurance agent.

Ron Manza of Stewart and Tunno Insurance, 245 N.E. 102nd Ave., says the cars most often stolen are the Volkswagen Rabbit, Audi 5000, BMW 320i and the SAAB 900 for the imports.

The Chevrolet Corvette and the Cadillac Eldorado head the list for domestic cars.

"The Volkswagen Rabbit convertible has the highest theft rate of any car in America," says Manza.

"They are broken into or stolen 17 times more often than the average car."

He says station wagons and four-door sedans are the least likely to be hit, with the Ford Escort station wagon having the lowest theft rate.

Manza advises installing a burglar alarm, parking in a secure, lighted garage and, the obvious, making sure never to leave the keys in an unattended car.

"Many cars are stolen with the keys in the ignition," says Manza.

"Just using a little common sense will greatly reduce the chance of your car being stolen."

MEMO

A strawberry continental breakfast featuring fresh strawberries, cream, sweet rolls and coffee will be held June 9 at The Grotto auditorium, N.E. 82nd Ave. and Sandy Blvd.

Sponsored by the St. Rose Court of the Catholic Daughters of America, the breakfast will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$3.25 and all proceeds go to charity.

Cathy Lobb, publicity chairman for the event, says the breakfast is an annual event that occurs during Rose Festival.

MEMO

The May 5 Walk for the Hungry, which contributes to the Church World Hunger Service and SNOW-CAP, netted \$27,000 for the two groups.

About 450 people walked the 10-mile route which began and ended at David Douglas High School.

Rep. Ron Wyden signalled the walk's beginning at the starting line.

Seventy-five percent of the money raised will go to the world hunger service, and 25 percent will stay with SNOW-CAP, an east county emergency relief agency.

MEMO

Helmut A. Koehn, 13011 N.E. Tillamook St., has been awarded the Rev. Chester Prusynski Scholarship at the University of Portland.

The \$1,000 award will allow Koehn to study at the School of Business Administration. He was chosen on the basis of academic achievement, financial need, character and leadership abilities.

MEMO

The Rocky Butte Kiwanis Club and the Airport '79 Kiwanis have voted to combine their memberships and form a new club.

The two clubs will meet jointly for the first time May 29, and will decide how to combine club officers and choose a new club name.

MEMO

A course in babysitting is being offered at Woodland Park Hospital, 10300 N.E. Hancock St., during the latter part of June.

A class of about 15 to 20 students will learn how to care for an infant, elementary first aid, emergency procedures, how to interview for a babysitting job and parents expectations of the babysitter in the course.

The class will be two sessions from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 24 and 25. Cost is \$10, and students must attend both sessions to receive a Red Cross babysitting card.

Jennifer Helmer, of the Red Cross, says the class is "one of our most popular." Pre-registration is encouraged, but Helmer says the course is offered as often as demand calls for it.

MEMO

The Southeast Kiwanis Club honored its "Volunteer of the Year" at its May 6 banquet.

James T. Bow, Sr., 12405 S.E. Main St., was chosen as the top volunteer because of its activities with the hospice organization, crippled children and 4-H.

Bow, a retired school principal, wins a donation in his name to the organization of his choice.

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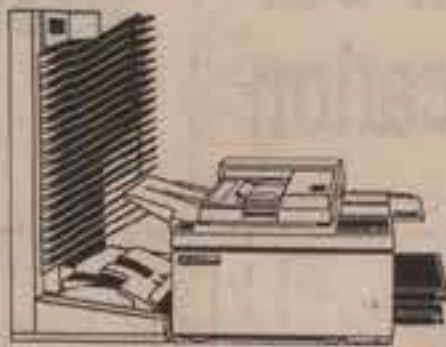
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Costumes and masks on library schedule

The Midland Branch Library, 805 S.E. 122nd Ave., is offering a variety of activities and learning projects for children in June.

School age children can participate in a monster costume masquerade and mask making activities June 20 at 2 p.m.

They can also enjoy the "One & Only Hairy Paws Puppet Show" June 27 at 2 p.m.

Preschool age children have events planned for every Friday at 10:15 a.m. The themes are Gardening, June 7; Flag Day, June 14; Going on a Picnic, June 21; and Camping Out, June 28.



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