

# METROPOLITAN



TAG students enjoy class on pre-historic Oregon: Chief Joseph, grade 5; Myla Godfrey, Chief Becky Harvey, Humboldt, grade 3; Kim Bradford, Joseph, grade 5.

## Gifted students present festival

Portland School District's 3rd annual Talented and Gifted Festival, TAG Fest, will be held on Tuesday, May 17, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon.

The festival will provide a special opportunity for Talented and Gifted students in the Portland Schools' TAG program to share their work and talent with family and friends

from the community.

The TAG Fest will include four hours of demonstrations, displays and performances. Student made films will be shown and paintings, drawings and sculpture exhibited. Students will discuss, debate, dance and sing to demonstrate for friends and parents what they have learned this year in their TAG classes.

There are 3,500 TAG students in

the Portland Public Schools representing every Portland school and all grades, kindergarten through high school. TAG students are those students who have been identified as having superior ability in the intellectual/academic area or the visual/performing arts. TAG students attend special classes, called Challenge classes, during the school year.

## HCD funds self-help programs

by Robert Lothian

The HCD Neighborhood Self-Help Program will fund six projects aimed at helping low income, handicapped and small business people this year.

They are: a farmer's market for Eliot neighborhood organized by RAIN Community Resources and Eliot Energy House, a cannery for low income people inspired by members of Oregon Gleaners, Inc., a housing rehabilitation project sponsored by REACH Community Development, Inc., a tool lending library organized by the Multnomah County Community Action Agency, street trees for the Hawthorne business district backed by the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association, and a project to make the United Cerebral Palsy Association's group home kitchen accessible to the handicapped.

Housing and Community Development grants of up to \$5,000 enable residents of low and moderate income neighborhoods to develop the capacity to help themselves by cooperating on projects that demonstrate ways to reduce the cost of basic needs, and improve their neighborhoods.

Volunteer labor, donated materials and involvement of those directly affected by the projects is encouraged.

In addition, the grants provide "seed money" for small community-based groups without a paid staff or sophisticated structure, to try a worthwhile project which might otherwise be impossible, according to program coordinator Dee Walsh, with the Portland Bureau of Community Development.

In a process of "capacity building," she said, an initial success made possible by the seed money may give groups the confidence to take on larger projects.

According to Eliot Energy House coordinator Lynn Vanderkamp, the first Eliot farmer's market will occur after July 1st on Emanuel Hospital grounds. Up to 30 booths operated by farmers and urban gardeners will make available "quality produce at a cheaper price" to low income inner north-east residents. "We feel it could be a real asset for the neighborhood," she said.

Kris Altuchar, organizer of the RUNT project, will coordinate the market project. Neighborhood vol-

unteers are encouraged.

In another food related project, Oregon Gleaners, Inc. is putting together a commercial cannery so that some of the 300,000 lbs. of fruit and vegetables the group harvests from the surplus in farmers' fields and in backyards can be preserved.

"Gleaning and canning go together," said coordinator Mary Edwards. Last year's effort was limited by inability to process and preserve gleaned food, according to Edwards, who said the cannery will make it possible to harvest twice as much.

The cannery will be available free to those who help in the fields, and on a fee basis to the general public, she said.

In 1982, nearly 800 families within the city limits and 13 social service agencies benefited from food gleaned by the group, she said. Backyards alone yielded over 40,000 lbs.

REACH Community Development's self-help grant will enable the non-profit housing rehabilitation corporation to hire a coordinator who will organize volunteer labor needed to refurbish 40 run down housing units in Buckman, Sunnyside, Richmond, Hosford-Abernathy, Kerns and Brooklyn neighborhoods.

REACH buys old houses, duplexes and small apartment buildings, refurbishes them and brings them up to code, then rents them at low cost to low income people of a diverse ethnic mix. Renters can join a housing co-op and become owners after ten years.

Gentrification means decreased low income housing in inner southeast, and poor people are being pushed out, according to REACH general manager Dennis Gilman.

## Panel discusses divestment

The chief sponsor of the bill to take Oregon investments out of companies in South Africa, a University of Oregon sociologist active on South African issues, and a white South African student will be among the speakers at a panel on divestment and apartheid, to be held Thursday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m. in room 204 Condon Hall (at the corner of 13th and Kincaid) on the UO campus in Eugene.

State Representative Carl Hosticka (D-Eugene) will discuss arguments for divestment and the

legislative history of the 1983 divestment bill, House Bill 2772. Rep. Hosticka was the lead sponsor among the 15 cosponsors of HB 2772, which originally called for divestment of all state investments in South Africa-related companies but was amended to forbid only new investments in such companies.

His group seeks to reverse this trend. "We want to keep it low income and keep it decent housing," he said.

Volunteers are needed to help remove plaster, to help with paint preparation and cleaning. In some cases, future tenants will do the work, he said.

A home repair resources center organized by the Multnomah County Community Action Agency will facilitate home fix up in the Lents, Foster-Powell, Mt. Scott and Arleta Heights neighborhoods of southeast Portland, according to Steve Rapp, MCCA resource developer.

Tools, including special ones for installing locks, will be available for a small fee, home maintenance skills will be taught and low income and elderly people needing work done will be matched with unemployed skilled help, he said.

Two VISTA volunteers are organizing the project, which will be operational "in several months," he said.

In another project, volunteers from the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association will make planter boxes and plant street trees to beautify the business district between 35th and 39th on SE Hawthorne.

"We want to create a more pleasant pedestrian environment," said David Oshin, chairman of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association. The area "could use some sprucing up," he said.

Oshin said the project will hopefully enhance cooperation between the neighborhood and local small business people.

A spokesperson from the United Cerebral Palsy Association was unavailable for comment on their project.

David Glauber, a student from Johannesburg presently attending the University of Washington, will give his views on the role of the United States in South Africa.

## Cawthorne portrays Douglass

Herb Cawthorne will portray Frederick Douglass in "Agitate: Our Work is Not Finished."

Frederick Douglass was the most prominent black American of the 19th century. Born a slave in Talbot County, Maryland, in February 1818 or 1819, he spent his first twenty-one years in bondage before escaping to the North in 1838. Despite his humble beginnings, he rose out of slavery to claim his rightful place in American society during those turbulent years before, during and after the Civil War.

Over the course of his long public career, Douglass gained a wide reputation as an abolitionist orator and newspaper editor, a supporter of women's rights, a statesman, diplomat and presidential advisor. Douglass was a highly regarded spokesman for the newly freed slaves during the Reconstruction, and the holder of three federal appointments, beginning in 1877 when President Hayes named him U.S. Marshall for the District of

Columbia.

Frederick Douglass is portrayed by Herb Cawthorne, a member of the Portland Board of Education and an administrator and teacher at Portland State University. Cawthorne began doing oral history programs 12 years ago as a college instructor to encourage students to read more about history. "Agitate" brings together all those years of effort, as Cawthorne takes the audience through Douglass' experience of slavery, his struggle for education, his involvement in the anti-slavery movement, his development as an orator, and his leadership during Reconstruction.

The original stage performance begins on May 20, 21 and 22 and continues May 27, 28, 29 at Cabell Theater for the Performing Arts on the Catlin Gabel School campus. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8:00 p.m., Sunday performances at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 at the door.



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## Webster celebrates 99 years

Highland United Church of Christ was the place for the gala held for Mr. Herbert Webster, born in Atlanta, Texas, April 8, 1884. His parents were Willis and Maggie Webster.

Guests included: Mrs. Trula Kindrick (speaker); Mrs. Doris Cooney from Unique Services Unlimited, Portland; Carole Cooney, free-lance photographer, Cleveland, Ohio; Westley Brundage, Gourmet specialist, Portland, Oregon. Special guest and speaker was Commissioner Charles Jordan. Other guests included a son Willis Webster from Atlanta, Texas

and Mrs. Areaba Mills also from Atlanta, Texas. Other guests came from Seattle, Washington.

Mr. Webster lived in Los Angeles, Calif. before coming to Portland, Oregon in 1969 to live with his daughters. He is the oldest son of eight children, all are deceased but three.

He was married to Mary Ella Webster. They had eight children, U.L. Webster (deceased), Leola Lawson, Portland, O.L. Webster, Atlanta, Texas, Lula M. Cook, Portland, Willis Webster, Atlanta, Texas, Melvina Giles, Portland, Raphael Webster (deceased), Opal Johnson, Portland. Out of this

grandchildren and seventy great-grandchildren and thirty-one great great grandchildren.

What does Mr. Webster attribute his long life to: his love for God and his fellow man. He is a member of William Temple Church of God In Christ. "Now also when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not, until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come." Psalms 71:18.

The gift money was donated to the Sam Johnson Scholarship Fund at Highland United Church of Christ.

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