

The Crucible

The Catlin Gabel Players will perform "The Crucible" by Arthur Miller at the Gabel Center for the Performing Arts on Thursday, April 30, Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2, at 8:00 p.m. A matinee on Sunday, May 3, is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Admission prices are \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students. The Gabel Center is located at 8825 S.W. Barnes Road on the Catlin Gabel School campus.

Carter & Burton Hold Constituent Coffee

District 17 & 18 will hold a coffee with opportunity for a Legislative Report on Saturday, April 11, 1987.

Location is Piedmont Church of Christ, 5338 N. Borthwick. The hours will be 10:00 am until 12:00 Noon.

We want our districts to know what is going on in the Legislature. We want to listen to the concerns of our constituents.

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State Representative Michael Burton, District 17 and State Representative Margaret L. Carter, District 18, and members of their staff will be available.

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Vincent Calderon is one of the residents of the recently renovated Beaver Hotel.

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Hotel Providing Services For Low-Income and Homeless

by Jerry Garner

The Beaver Hotel, the main component of Portland's Mayor Bud Clark's 12-point plan addressing the City's homeless crisis, began providing services to the homeless and low-income last Tuesday. The hotel is expected to provide 70,000 people with emergency shelter during its first year in operation.

In addition, the renovated hotel offers the homeless a place to clean themselves by providing separate showers and public restroom facilities for men and women. Clients can also receive clean cloths. Jean Demaster, executive director of Burnside Projects stated that the hotel's community kitchens will serve about 50,000 meals annually.

The homeless and low-income individuals in the central city area can also receive free basic medical treatment, follow up care and referral. In an effort to help the homeless gain employment, reading and English classes will be made available for

them. Low-income residents can also find shelter at the hotel. Central City Concern, a non-profit agency, will provide 60 low-income single-room units in the upstairs section of the hotel.

The opening of the Beaver Hotel is the City's first step to address its homeless dilemma. Before leaving Portland in route to Washington, D.C., to protest the plight of the homeless, Michael Stoops, Director of the Burnside Community Council, estimated that Portland's homeless population was 7,000.

Experts on the nation's homeless problem said there is an increase in poverty and lack of affordable housing. Today in the United States more men, women and children are homeless than at any time since the Great Depression. They blame federal benefits programs that leave mothers unable to both pay the rent

and put food on the table. They said only recently has the federal government begun to address the nation's homeless crisis.

Earlier this month the U.S. Congress appropriated \$50 million in emergency food and shelter programs for the nation's homeless. Oregon's homeless will receive \$634,500 of that amount. The Portland area—Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties—will receive \$233,469.

Homelessness has been increasing nationally at an average rate of 25 percent. Homelessness among young people in their teens and early 20's, and among women and families is increasing dramatically.

Stoops said in an interview with the Observer before his departure in November that Mayor Clark has made more progress in addressing Portland's homeless problem in 12 months than had been made in the past 10 years.

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Party Time!

"Parents!! Do You Know Where The Party Is?"

It started out as a quiet Friday evening in February—then—it began. Yelling, screaming, crowds and crowds of kids; in the street, on the lawns, honking of horns, loud—loud music that sounds like it could penetrate steel; running, open use of drugs, abusive language being used by both young girls and young boys.

Please let me emphasize GIRLS and BOYS—because the participants in the ritual or "club meeting" (as it has been termed) is linked unto something you would only see on a movie screen. BUT! Right here in Portland, Oregon, in (what is otherwise considered) a relatively quiet community. A Los Angeles-based gang known as the "CRIPS" are recruiting, training and mesmerizing our youth.

"COME TO OREGON AND RAISE YOU KIDS IN A WHOLESOME ENVIRONMENT."

A "CRIPS" clubhouse has been established in one or more of our neighbor's homes. Every other weekend, the residents and homeowners of our community know what to expect. We have called and called the police repeatedly. The noise gets so loud that you can't sleep. It is very disconcerting to a person when his/her peace and privacy is infringed upon by such overt and obtrude behavior.

Since the first weekend in February there has been a rash of outlandish behavior and an increase in the crowd.

One neighbor saw a girl being raped by three (3) young boys—right on their lawn—under their window! Right out in the open! Other kids running past or just walking by as it was happening.

The understanding is that the girls who become members or are the girlfriends of the boys who become members are then considered "FREE WOMEN". The time, place and space can be anywhere, at anytime and with anyone (if the "FREE WOMAN" angers her mate).

The police are in a quandary. WHY? Because when they show up in their police cars with flashing lights and searchlights—they will never witness any of the behaviors that have been reported by the frantic neighbors. There are LOOK OUTS stationed at the ends of each block. They can spot the police before they arrive at the scene. Singal the crowd and when the police show up—they see "O", "ZIP", "NADA", "FINI!" You got it! A big fat nothing.

We, the residents, are bombarding "911" to no avail.

"It appears as though everyone goes into the cracks of the sidewalks" (as it was stated by one neighbor).

On several occasions there have been repeated gunshots. You then see people scattering, screaming and ducking—in an attempt to escape impending danger.

The participants are middle and high schoolers. They all have curfews. YET!—the revelry continues on into the early morning hours (such as: 3:30 AM, 4:00 AM, 4:30 AM).

QUESTION: Why aren't the curfew laws being enforced with these children? There was a big front page headline and TV special about the children downtown! WELL? What about these children? They certainly belong to somebody. Some home. Some mother. Some guardian. Something needs to be done. Maybe I'm being too presumptuous and biting off more than I can chew—but—this kind of behavior and pillage cannot be allowed to continue.

STATEMENTS OF THE UNCONCERNED

....."They are only having a little fun. What's the harm?"
....."They are not doing anything to us—so what's the harm?"
....."Just close your door and maybe they will shoot up each other and solve it for us."

Adult members came here to our city and are convincing our kids to go their (CRIPS) way. We the adults of Portland, Oregon, should stand firm and rid our city of these vermin. Their obnoxious and unmentionable practices **MUST** be eradicated—permanently!

PARENTS!

DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE PARTY YOUR CHILD WILL BE ATTENDING? NO?

1. Find Out. Inquire.
2. Get the address and telephone number.
3. Contact the parents or persons hosting the party.
4. Always escort your children to unknown houses and/or areas.
5. Pick your children up before curfew (NOT 5 minutes after).

So much has been said about broken homes and the disappearing family structure...Don't become so complacent and cowed you can no longer hear or see what is happening in your own home and to your own children.


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Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

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