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News In Brief

1500 Expected at Church Leadership Breakfast

A diversity of color will be an apparent feature of what will be one of the largest multi-cultural religious events since the black/white "Reconciliation Sunday" which occurred last March at the Portland Convention Center.

On Sunday, February 29, at 8:30 am, a leadership breakfast at Maranatha Church, 4222 NE 12th Avenue, will bring together an estimated 1500 church pastors and lay leaders representing different cultural groups and churches. The breakfast is part of preparations for the Pacific Northwest Billy Graham Crusade scheduled for September 23-27 at the Civic Stadium in Portland.

Breakfast will be served at 8:30 am followed by a program of singing, praise, prayer and a message by Dr. Steve Lawson, Senior Pastor of The Bible Church of Little Rock, Arkansas. Dr. Lawson's church has experienced 15-23% growth each year since being involved in the 1989 Arkansas Crusade. He will encourage those local churches present to maximize the benefits of involvement in the Crusade here.

Reverend Sammy, Staff member at predominantly black Maranatha Church, says having this event at their facility will send a strong message to black religious leaders that pastors city-wide want to get together. "I believe that day time you have a cooperative effort in ministry, the Lord chooses to bless it," Reverend Sammy says.

Church leaders interested in attending the complimentary continental breakfast should make reservations with the Pacific Northwest Billy Graham Crusade office at (503)232-4992.

One Church, One Child

Free Hair Care for Foster and Adopted Children

Sandra Killings of Positive Image Concepts is offering to provide free hair care for African American foster and adopted children. This service is Killings' way of showing support for these children. She feels that a child's appearance is undeniably tied to his self-esteem.

Killings, who has provided hair care consultation for White adoptive families of African American children, has once again joined with One Church, One Child to provide service to African American children in foster and adoptive families.

Interested families should call the One Church, One Child office at 285-7634.

This cooperative effort is one way the community can share its resources with the "children who wait" for adoptive families. Businesses are encouraged to show support through the sharing of resources, consultation, etc. to benefit African American children and families in the N/NE community.

Students Offered Free Lunches During Spring Break

The Portland School District will provide free lunches for students during the one-week spring vacation beginning March 23, school board member Bill Panaretos announced Today.

For the first time, children will be fed during Spring Break. In December the school district began offering free lunches during the Christmas Break.

The soup-and-sandwich lunch will be served from 11 am to 12 noon Monday through Friday, March 23-27.

The nine schools offering the free lunch are: Arleta, 5109 SE 66th Ave.; Beach, 1710 N. Humboldt; Boise-Eliot, 620 N. Fremont St.; Clarendon, 9325 N. VanHouten Ave.; Kenton, 7528 N. Fenwick; King, 4906 NE Ave.; Rigler, 5401 NE Prescott; Sunnyside, 3421 SE Salmon; and Vernon, 2044 NE Killingsworth.

The school district will use federal funds, as well as corporate and private contributions, to help pay for the meals, Panaretos said. He proposed the Christmas and spring free lunch project to Matthew Prophet, superintendent, last fall.

Families whose children normally receive free or reduced-price school lunches are eligible. There is a \$2 charge for adults.

Panaretos said about 19,000 or 35 percent of the district's 56,000 children come from families poor enough to make the students eligible for federally subsidized free or reduced-price meals.

Persons wishing to contribute may call the district's department of Public Information and Communication at 249-3304.

Free Eye Screenings Affordable Exams

Free vision screenings and affordable vision examinations are available to residents of North and Northeast Portland at the Pacific University Cascade Campus Family Vision Center.

Located across the street from the Portland Community College Cascade Campus at 600 N. Killingsworth, the Cascade Campus Family Vision Center provides no cost vision screenings for people of all ages throughout the year. Though they do not take the place of a complete vision examination, screenings are effective in providing important information about eye health, clarity of vision, and how well the eyes are working together as a team. Screenings take about 20 minutes to complete and do not cause discomfort.

In addition to free screenings, the Cascade Center offers complete vision examinations that are charged according to the patient's income.

For scheduling a free vision screening and for more information about services and affordable vision examination fees, please call Pacific's Cascade Campus Family Vision Center at 240-5319.

New Fast-Food Outlet Launched with PDC Aid Is Key to Owner's Dream to Help a "Lost Generation"



Open House was held at Delicious D's on February 25, 230 N. Killingsworth (between Albina and Vancouver Streets).

James Dunbar is determined to make a difference in North Portland.

As the proprietor of "Delicious D's," a brand new fast food outlet in the Humboldt neighborhood where drugs and gangs have been endemic, Dunbar wants to set an example for what has been called "a lost generation" of minority youths.

Dunbar, a 31-year-old African American who had a successful eight-year career with Arctic Circle restaurants, hopes to build a chain of restaurants that will demonstrate to neighborhood youths that someone who started out in the same environment they did can make it by pouring his energies into a legitimate enterprise rather than into a self-destructive cycle of crime and violence.

With low-interest financing from the Portland Development Commission (PDC), the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Model Cities Trust Fund combined with a mortgage loan from US Bank, Delicious D's opened for business two months ago in a building at 230 N. Killingsworth that had been vacant for almost two years.

PDC is the City's urban renewal, housing and economic development agency.

After a brief struggle to break the ice with his neighbors, Dunbar's business is booming. His daily cash flow has exceeded the break-even point by a comfortable margin for the last month. In fact, he's already doing almost as much business as the Arctic Circle outlet a couple of miles away, which Dunbar managed before launching Delicious D's. At lunchtime, Delicious D's is packed with students from the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College just two blocks away, and Jefferson High School a block down the street. And, as a result of an imaginative promotional effort, he is attracting more and more families from the neighborhood.

"Delicious D's is a model for what we're trying to do throughout North and Northeast Portland," said Jan Bureson, PDC's director of economic development. "We want to give enterprising young minority businessmen like James Dunbar the boost they need to grow businesses and create jobs where they are needed most. James Dunbar and

other like him will one day be the backbone of a vital and thriving North/Northeast Portland."

Dunbar's logo emblazoned on a big sign out front is a stylized sheriff's star reflective of two cartoon characters Dunbar created, "Sheriff Delicious" and "Deputy D." Dunbar uses them in promotions to attract children to the restaurant. He recently distributed more than 2,000 flyers door-to-door wishing his neighbors a happy Valentine's day and offering them discount coupons on his foot-long chili dogs, "Single D Cheese" and "D'Deluxe" burgers and other menu items. He expects in a month or so to offer a breakfast menu also.

"This is a prime location," says Dunbar. "More than 15,000 cars a day go by here and I'm getting up to 200-to-300 kids a day at lunch."

Dunbar will have an open house February 25th to show off his restaurant to the people who played a role in helping him get his business up and running.

Among them will be City Commissioner Dick Bogle, PDC Commissioner

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Junior And Senior Princess Selections Begin In March

It's that time of year again to choose two new courts to rule over Rosaria. The first 1992 Junior Rose Festival princess will be selected on March 3, and the first Senior Rose Festival princess will be chosen on March 16.

Eastport District will crown its junior princess Tuesday evening, March 3, in the Franklin High School auditorium. Seven additional junior princesses will be selected to represent different geographical regions of Portland.

Nine- and ten-year old girls attending Portland elementary schools may try out for the Junior Court. The girls are judged on poise, speaking ability, an interview and appearance. Once completed, the Junior Court will make dozens of appearances to promote the Rose Festival and Portland. The Junior Court typically visits hospitals and nursing homes, meets city and state officials and attends numerous lunches, dinners and special events. The junior princesses also ride on their own floats in the Alaska Airlines Starlight Parade, the Pacific Power Junior Parade and the Delta Air Lines Grand Floral Parade.

One of the eight junior princesses will be crowned queen at the Junior Rose Festival Queen Coronation on Wednesday evening, May 20, at Madison High School auditorium.

The 1992 Portland Rose Festival will run May 28 through June 21. The theme is "Music, Magic and Make-Believe."

Nominations Are Being Sought For The Spirit Of Portland Award

Nominations are now being sought for recipients of the Mayor 1992 volunteer recognition award, the Spirit of Portland Award. This recognition is extended annually to volunteer citizens or groups that have contributed to the quality of life in Portland neighborhood through projects, programs, special services or other actions. Over eighty individuals and groups have been recognized for their volunteer efforts since Mayor Clark began the Awards in 1985.

In addition, awards will be given to a neighborhood and to a city employee who deserves recognition for outstanding service to citizens. The Neighborhood of the Year will be selected from Portland neighborhoods that exemplify the Spirit of our community. Past recipients have been Brentwood-Darlington and Piedmont. Recipients of the Awards will be acknowledged at the Spirit of Portland Award Ceremony in Council Chambers on May 7, 1992. The 3:00 p.m. ceremony and reception following are open to the public.

Nominations will be accepted through April 10 from any citizen or group. Nomination forms are available from District Neighborhood Offices, City Commissioners, or the Office of Neighborhood Associations. Selections for the Volunteer Recognition Awards, Neighborhood of the Year and Bureaucrat of the Year will be made by a committee of citizens and representatives from the Mayor's and Commissioners' offices. The awards are co-sponsored by the Office of Neighborhood Associations and the Mayor's office as part of Neighborhood Recognition Week.

PCC Employees Awarded For Excellent Service to the College

Efforts go above and beyond the call of duty.



Seven Portland Community College employees have been selected to receive the 1991-92 U. S. Bank-PCC Staff Excellence Award. The winners, selected by the PCC Foundation Board of Trustees, will receive a \$1,000 unrestricted grant donated by the U. S. Bank Corporation and supporters of the PCC Foundation.

Portland Community College Foundation Board of Trustees President Doreen Stamm Margolin said, "Our choices were difficult. At Portland Community College there are many deserving people whose efforts go above and beyond the call of duty. It is this

spirit of service we hope to recognize with the generous help of the U. S. Bank Corporation."

Five faculty members, a professional support staff employee, and a classified employee were chosen from a field of 38 candidates, nominated by colleagues who work in PCC's five-county district.

A reception to honor both the recipients and the nominees will be held Wednesday, March 4, at 4:30 p. m. in the Sylvania Room on PCC's Sylvania Campus, the CC Building, 12000 S.W. 49th Avenue. Dale Parnell, Oregon Community College Commissioner, is the guest speaker.

Earned Income Credit Increases Tax Refunds

"The 1991 tax season has brought with it a substantial change in the calculation of the Earned Income Credit," according to Susan J. Girouard, District Manager of Jackson Hewitt Tax Service. This credit is available to low income taxpayers with one or more dependent children and a maximum earned and adjusted gross income of

less than \$21,245 (up from \$20,265 last year).

This year the credit consists of three parts. The first is the basic earned income credit, based on the size of the family. With one qualifying child, the maximum amount of the credit is \$1,192. More than one qualifying child increases the maximum credit to \$1,235.

The second part, supplemental young child credit, can be taken in addition to the basic earned income credit, but is in lieu of the child and dependent care credit. If child care expenses are incurred for more than one qualifying individual, the child and dependent care credit may be claimed for the additional child.

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CORRECTION:

From last week's issue --

A corrected version of a story about Rev. J. Garlington, Jr. can be found on page 7.

The correct acronym for the National Association of Minority Contractors is NAMCO.