

NEWS AROUND TOWN

L.I.F.E. Center Unveils 25th Anniversary Mural

Low Income Families Emergency (L.I.F.E.) Center members and guests celebrated 25 years of community service April 11 with the 2 p.m. unveiling of a 450 square foot, outdoor mural at 2746 N.E. Martin Luther King Blvd. An open house followed the unveiling. Portland muralist Isaka Shamsud-Din created the \$20,000 mural, a pictorial narrative of the people and programs at the Center. He spent more than 200 hours designing and painting the twelve plywood panels that are mounted on the two front walls of the building. Shamsud-Din donated most of his time to defray L.I.F.E. Center costs.

"This mural celebrates the spirit of L.I.F.E. Center, all the people we have helped and the community we serve. We commemorate the last 25 years, but also look to the needs of today. Poverty still exists, and so we carry on the fight," said Director Charles Carter.

The Low Income Families Emergency Center is a nonprofit, United Way agency that fills more than 35,000 requests for food, clothing and household items each year to people throughout Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas and Clark Counties.

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Free Health Screenings for Seniors (Age 55+) Offered at Neighborhood Sites

May 1, 1992: Volunteers of America, 537 S.E. Alder, 9 a.m. to noon. Please call 232-2233 to schedule appointment.

May 8, 1992: EASTCO Loaves and Fishes, St. Aidans Episcopal Church, 17405 N.E. Glisan, 9 a.m. to noon. Please call 255-9775 to schedule appointment.

May 15, 1992: OASIS, City Center Meier & Frank, 10th Floor, 621 S.W. Fifth Ave., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please call 241-3059 to schedule appointment.

May 22, 1992: Sellwood Moreland Loaves and Fishes, 1814 S.E. Bybee Blvd., 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Please call 235-0112 to schedule appointment.

May 29, 1992: Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave., 9 a.m. to noon. Please call 288-8303 to schedule appointment.

Among the services at the screenings are blood chemistry tests which include cholesterol, glucose, and anemia measurements, blood pressure, lung function and hearing testing. Vision and glaucoma assessments, nutritional counseling and foot care evaluation are also usually offered.

Appointments are necessary and may be made by calling the screening site. There is no charge for the screenings which are funded by Legacy Health System hospitals and healthcare organizations.

Adoption Sunday To Celebrate Adoptive Families

April 26, 1992 is "Adoption Sunday." On this day, pastors around the city will be recognizing adoptive families in their congregation and encouraging others to adopt. They will lead their congregation in prayer for the children who still await families and will take up an offering to support the recruiting efforts to find families for the children.

Adoption Sunday is an annual celebration sponsored by One Church, One Child, to promote awareness of the need for more African American adoptive families. There are presently ten African American sibling groups of two children ranging in ages 3-12; there are also single children available. Loving families are urgently needed for these children. Financial assistance is available for most children. Information meetings are held once a month; persons interested in knowing more about adoption are invited to call the One Church, One Child office at 285-7634.

There are local pastors and ministers who have either adopted or are foster parents. They are not only advocating that others adopt but are examples that adoption is a viable family plan.



Forum To Discuss Critical Need In Foster Care Serving the Hispanic Population

Imagine waking up in a strange home, and not being able to communicate with the people there, because you don't speak English. That was the real life frightening situation for three Hispanic children who were removed from their parent's home during a night drug raid and were placed in foster care.

Currently, only a small percentage of Hispanic children in the foster care system are placed in homes culturally and linguistically compatible for them. Because of the strong need for Hispanic foster and adoptive families, Children's Services Division will host a day long forum to discuss, educate and highlight the importance of cultural competency in the Hispanic community.

The Hispanic Forum 1992 seeks not only to provide awareness to social service workers about the special needs of the Hispanic population, but to recruit and offer information to Hispanic families interested in becoming foster or adoptive families.

Hispanic Forum 1992 will take place May 8th at St. Anne's Catholic Church, 1015 S.E. 182nd Ave. in Portland. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

Harvey Scott Student Samantha Moreland Is National Contest Winner: Nickelodeon Takes Over Portland Elementary School

Nickelodeon, the children's television network, arrived in Portland on April 9, 1992 to take over the Harvey Scott School. The students had a day filled with scientific fun, obstacles galore, musical treats, cartoon characters and more. Samantha Moreland, a student at Harvey Scott School, won a national contest sponsored by Nickelodeon. "NICKELODEON takes Over Your School Sweepstakes".

Mayor Clark visited the scene of the "Take Over" to officially proclaim April 9th as "Nickelodeon Day." His visit coincided with the stage show presented for students and teachers. Grand prize winner Samantha Moreland became the star-for-a-day as film crew and cast arrived to turn the school into a giant Nickelodeon set. On Saturday, May 1st, Nickelodeon will air a special "O-Zone" from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. featuring the kids from Harvey Scott School.

Congratulations to Samantha Moreland and to the students and teachers of Harvey Scott Elementary School!

E.O.T.'s Voter Registration Drive

Eyes On Tomorrow (E.O.T.), a non-profit organization, comprised of Black College Alumni, will hold a Voter Registration Drive for Portland's Inner City on April 25, 1992 from 10am-2pm. The registration will take place at Geneva's Sheer Perfection, located at 5601 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

E.O.T. is an organization made up of members who serve as mentors and positive role models to inner city youth as well as to the community. The purpose of E.O.T. is to reach high school and junior college transfer students to broaden their view on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. This is accomplished through workshops, seminars and outreach programs. The voter registration drive is one of several projects that E.O.T. is currently involved in. For more information please contact Kim Irwin, E.O.T. Public Relations Coordinator at 281-5511.

English Classes

April 13-17 is ESL Awareness Week. We are writing to let your readers know about ESL and how important it is to us, and to them. ESL means English as a Second Language, and refers to the classes we are taking here at PCC Cascade Campus.

Sabin National Finalist for Multicultural Festival

The Sabin Community Association is one of four finalists for the national Neighborhoods U.S.A. Neighborhood of the Year Award in the Social Needs category. Sabin has been invited to give a presentation at the Neighborhoods U.S.A. national conference in Anchorage, Alaska May 13-16. Sabin, an inner Northeast Portland neighborhood, is being recognized for their annual Multicultural Celebration and Community Resources festival and community development efforts. Hosford-Abernethy, of Southeast Portland, is one of four national finalists in the Physical Improvements category for the West Clinton Target Area Improvement Plan.

With a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation's Neighborhood Partnership Fund, Sabin organized its first annual Multicultural Celebration in summer of 1991. The gala event was attended by over 1500 neighbors and community folks. Two full stages of professional and local entertainment celebrated the ethnic and multicultural diversity of inner Northeast. An International Marketplace and ethnic food vendors provided local craftspeople with an opportunity to sell their wares. Over 35 community organizations shared information about programs and

Jantzen Beach Center Hosts Student Environmental Display

April is "KIDS' MONTH" at Jantzen Beach Center. A variety of fun and educational activities will be hosted throughout the month, including a four-panel, 24-foot long mural of North Portland's Smith and Bybee lakes.

This mural was created by 70 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students from George Middle School's Applied Learning Program. The Portland Parks Bureau conceived the idea, the Metropolitan Service District funded the project, and the students created this fine work of art.

This project was integrated into the school's overall curriculum. It blended science, ecology, creative writing, drawing and painting. In addition, students learned issues that affect this fragile area, why it's important, and what they can do to help protect it.

This mural will be on display through the month of April. For more information, call (503) 286-9103 or (206) 699-4644. Jantzen Beach Center is located on Hayden Island, I-5 exit 308, minutes from downtown Portland and Vancouver.

services in such areas as housing, jobs, childcare and parenting, healthcare, youth programs, senior services, environmental awareness, public safety, mass transit, and city services. Over 15 booths of children's activities and a schedule of New Games and special events delighted hundreds of community children.

Sabin is currently seeking donations to help defray costs of attending the National Neighborhoods U.S.A. conference to showcase their achievements before a panel of judges. If selected as National Neighborhood of the Year in the Social Needs category, Sabin Community Association will receive a grant for this year's Multicultural Festival.

Sabin residents are in the process of planning for the 1992 Multicultural festival, scheduled for August 30th. Payless Drug Store has donated their PRO-motion trailer, the most technologically advanced, completely self-contained mobile sound stage of its kind. The Sabin Multicultural Planning Committee is meeting on Sunday, April 26th at 3:00 p.m. at 1905 N.E. Going. The coordinating committee welcomes community participation on any of nearly a dozen sub-committees working on various aspects of the festival.

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