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New Theatre Work To Premiere At IFCC



February 4-6, for four performances only, the IFCC will host the premiere of a new theater work called *Episodes on the Edge of Time*. Written and directed by Judith Catterall, *Episodes on the Edge of Time* features a versatile ensemble of seven performers in a kaleidoscope of surreal and satirical vignettes that take a look at historical loops.

Drawing on sources ranging from Stephen Hawking and Joseph Campbell to June Jordan, from James Gleick to Molly Ivins and Susan Griffin, Catterall creates a parallel reality where *The Hitchiker's Guide to the Galaxy* meets Fellini. New songs will include

"The Abomination Waltz" and "My God is Better than Your God." The show features appropriately asked performances by Pattie Benson, Ruby Burns, Peggy Gilliam, James Griener, Paul Harris, Paul Irvin, and Lee Ann Slawson.

Episodes on the Edge of Time runs February 4th, 5th, and 6th with 8:00pm shows on Friday and Saturday, and 2:00pm shows on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$10.00 General; \$8.00 for Students/Seniors/DCO and PATA members. The two matinees are recession-priced at \$5.00 for all seats. Reservations are recommended and may be made by calling the IFCC at 823-2000.

Brigadier General Comes To Portland

USAF Brigadier General Mc-Broom makes an appearance in Portland on January 5, 1994 to young men and women to join the all volunteer service, The United States Air Force.

There's a nationwide recruitment going on to target particular markets with Portland being one of them. Gen. McBroom realizes that they have recruiters all around the country and that there are certain things that they require in order to become more appealing to the young men and women across the country.

The Air Force has a new program that's called "Coming Of Age". This program targets young middle school kids, not so much, as to come into the Air Force but to stay in school, also there's "The Gold Bar Program" which take young LT's that are minorities from all cultures and return them to the community as positive role models for the young kid's to stay in school and be the best you can be.

The Air Force boosts its 12% Afro-American enlistment annually while maintaining a 17% national composition which in their eyes



USAF Brigadier General McBroom

tells them, people join the Air Force and like to stay beyond initial enlistments.

The General says that the Air Force is looking at going to the youth and saying "we'll make a contract with you that says" you stay in school, stay drug free, raise all your grades I letter a grade, and the Air Force we'll

Metro Councilor Sandi Hansen Files For Metro Seat

Metro Councilor Sandi Hansen, age 46, announces her candidacy for Metro District 5. Hansen's current district covers all of North Portland, east to NE 47th, follows the Banfield Freeway across the river and up to Sylvan, and includes all of downtown, the NW, and North Portland.

Sandi Hansen was elected to Metro in 1990 where she has held several key positions. She was recently selected by the council to chair the regional facilities committee which oversees the operations of the MERC facilities, the zoo, and regional parks and greenspaces. Hansen provided a vital liaison between the Metro Council and the Multnomah County Commission during the negotiations to transfer management of the Multnomah County Parks and natural areas to Metro.

She also chairs the North Portland Enhancement Committee and the Metro Central Enhancement Committee. These citizen and the Metro Central Enhancement Committee. These citizen committees fund grant proposals for enhancement of those neighborhoods experiencing an impact from garbage facilities. The funds come from collected garbage fees. Over \$600,000 has been spent in the North Portland area during the past five years.

Hansen has several goals for her next term of office. She believes that the purchase and development of open spaces and greenspaces is the cornerstone to good planning for the future. She will work to find ways to fund this. She will also work for planning which places affordable housing close to areas of employment. Hansen recognizes the link between tourism and many of the Metro facilities and will strengthen those ties. She will continue monitoring the successful closure of the St. Johns Landfill and the water quality of the adjoining lakes and slough.

Hansen, a lifelong resident of North Portland and graduate of Roosevelt High School, has a degree from Lewis and Clark College and a masters degree from the University of Portland. She has taught school in North Portland for twenty-five years. Her neighborhood activities go back even fur-

ther, to when she was a performer for the Albina Arts Center. She worked on the Cathedral Park Committee which convinced the city to create the waterfront representative to the North Portland Citizens' Committee. She has served on the board of directors for the Ockley Green Community School and for the Peninsula Childrens Center.



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Jefferson To Host Community Symposium

Jefferson High School will host another in its series of Community Symposia, on Saturday, January 22, from 9 a.m. to noon in the cafeteria at 5210 North Kerby. Parents, students, staff and community members are invited to discuss issues of importance to the Jefferson attendance area and the community at large, including the process of building a peaceful, harmonious community in a conflicted world. In addition, the newly elected site council with be soliciting ideas regarding the development of a school-improvement plan. All points of view are welcome. Door prizes will be awarded. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Chief Moose Uses Another Vehicle

BY NOAH JACKSON

Chief Moose began to talk about his transition into the Northeast community and how well the move has been. He went on to say that the one thing that stands out first and foremost in his mind is the obtrusive litter problems around the various business.

Moose seemed to believe that this community serves as the dumping ground for all who either live here, or pass through. It is as if we are saying "well, everyone else does it, so that makes it OK for me as well". We all know the domino effect works in reverse.

Chief Moose says that he would like to see the many businesses initiate a strong clean up campaign, joined by the many churches in the community. This could be achieved by having everyone adopt a 25 foot area near their business, church, or home. The adopted area would then be kept clear of litter and debris. This program would work in much the same manner as the Adopt - A - Freeway program currently works. With this new community litter program Moose hopes that we can reinstall the pride back into the community and its populous.

Chief Moose, has his own way of emphasizing his point. He does this not with hand gestures, or folded arms, but rather with a raised eyebrow that communicates the profoundness of his message.

The Chief also addresses the misconception that the masses have regarding the congregation of youth that all too often get the guilty verdict of being

a gang member by mere association. Point being, the chief says, many youth are tagged with the "gangster" label, when in fact they are great kids/students with admirable GPA's.

On the other hand, we know that these youth are the victims of powerful peer group pressures. These youth are torn between being different or just blending in. It is in this circumstance that positive role models play a bigger than life responsibility to all adolescents.

There are an awful lot of private funds coming in to help with gang rehabilitation and various alternative activities programs but "personal input is good too!" says Moose.

Chief Moose further explains his understanding and belief in the gangs ability to be quite intelligent. Moose says our young women are not becoming pregnant, for the most part. In fact, these gang members are often intelligent and want to make a commitment to their own future. Their mistake is in only seeing the immediate gain and not the ultimate outcome the life-style of crime that they submit to in compromise.

It's the community who has the power to impact crime in your neighborhoods. Primarily by rising up to make a stand against Black on Black crime. Without a doubt, this sort of crime has become far more common than was thought possible.

Chief Moose wants the community to know that he is here for you, you and you too! He can only serve you if you let him know what you would like. All of this is achieved through persistent, unbridled, communication and support.

Neighborhood "Eyesore" Becomes Gem Of The Block In Rehabilitation Effort

A 79 year-old four-plex in Northeast Portland's King neighborhood has been given a new lease on life after renovation has returned it to affordable rental housing for low-income families. The four-plex is located at 4941 N.E. Garfield Avenue and was rehabilitated by Jane Olberding of Fair City Housing. Total renovation cost was

\$135,000.

Over the years, the building's condition had deteriorated to the point of being unsafe for occupants and was closed by the City's Bureau of Buildings. PDC acquired the property from Better Housing Trust and held a public competition for a developer. Bruce Wade, PDC's Rental Housing Preservation

Manager praised the renovation work adding, "Jane has done an outstanding job in turning a neighborhood eyesore into the gem of the block."

PDC's Rental Housing Preservation Program provided a \$124,000 low-interest loan to finance the project. In return, Fair City Housing is required to maintain affordable

rents at the four-plex for a period of 10-years. Rents average \$380 for the 700 sq. ft. one-bedroom units. All units are fully rented. Using Community Development Block Grants from the City of Portland's Bureau of Housing and Community Development, PDC's Rental Housing Preservation Program (RHP) assists private and non-profit developers in the rede-

velopment of affordable rental housing. The RHP program has been successful in renovating over 537 units of affordable rental housing this past calendar year; and over 5,000 units total since the beginning of the program.

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

February Is Black History Month