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Easter Activities

Free Healthy Kids Fair Features Easter Egg Hunts and More

Sixth Annual Event to be Held in New Medical Office Building Atrium
Legacy Emanuel Children's Hospital will host its sixth annual free Health Kids Fair, Saturday, April 2, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., in the new Medical Office Building Atrium, 501 N. Graham, Portland.
The newly expanded Healthy Kids Fair will feature continuous Easter egg hunt for children up to age eight, dis-

counted bike helmet sales and decorating, a teddy bear clinic, tours of the new Legacy Emanuel Children's Hospital Emergency and After Hours Care unit, a look inside a Life Flight helicopter and an ambulance, a mini version of the Discovery Zone, Easter bag decorating, thumb casting, a healthy kids check and more.
Call 335-3500 for more information and directions.

Louisiana Social Club of Oregon Presents their Annual

Kids Easter Party

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Date: Saturday March 26, 1994

Place: Texas Annex 1625 N.E. Alberta

Ages: 1 to 12 Years Old

(ACCOMPANIED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN)

Free Admission

Friends Of The Children Tutor And Mentor Program

Friends of the Children, a privately funded program for at-risk children, will begin training tutors for second grade students March 29.

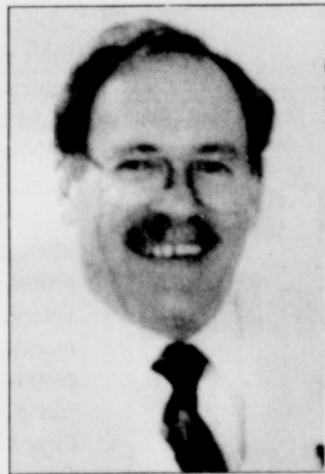
People who would like to work with children one-on-one approximately one hour per week in a school setting will be paired with second grade students at Boise/Eliot, King and Vernon Schools. These eight- and nine-year-olds will receive help with reading, math and other skills.

If you are a caring adult with approximately one hour to share each week, call Kris at 275-8378 for more information. Training begins March 29 at 6 p.m.

Kaiser Permanente Honors Longtime Staff



Jayne Rivard



Don Garrett



Phyllis Miller

Three employees at Bess Kaiser Medical Center and one at East Interstate Medical Office are among the seven Kaiser Permanente staff who recently received awards for 30 years or more of service to the health plan's members. Health Care reform is nothing new for them; in three decades, they've seen dramatic changes in medical facilities, equipment and techniques, and in management of patients' care.

During the 1960s, Jayne Rivard and four other family members all worked for the health maintenance organization (HMO) at the same time. Her first job was in the kitchen at Bess Kaiser Medical Center, when she was still a high school student. She now works there as a surgical scheduler. The greatest changes Rivard remembers are the introduction of video equipment in the operating room and techniques like laparoscopy that let surgeons operate with much less trauma for patients.

Don Garrett, RT, has been part of Kaiser

Permanente's expansion into Clackamas and other areas. He helped establish the radiology department at Kaiser Sunnyside Medical Center. Now at Bess Kaiser Medical Center, Garrett is in charge of the radiology department's technical operation.

Kaiser Permanente's longtime employees have seen more than new buildings, equipment and techniques. Some of the changes are new ways to involve patients in their own care. Glenda Mullin, RN, a pediatric nurse at East Interstate Medical Office, served on the committee that revised the guidelines used by advice nurses. With timely phone information, advice nurses reassure anxious parents and help them relieve symptoms.

Phyllis Miller, RN, on the nursing staff at Bess Kaiser Medical Center, has seen an increase in involving the whole family in a patient's care. She believes this involvement will be even greater in the future, especially in

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Eighth Annual Awards Banquet/Award Winners

Announced by North-Northeast Business Association

THE NORTH-NORTHEAST BUSINESS ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD ITS EIGHTH ANNUAL "EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS" AWARDS BANQUET ON MARCH 31 AT THE RED LION-LLOYD CENTER HOTEL, 1000 N.E. MULTNOMAH, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. SIX AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO OUTSTANDING BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS ACTIVE IN THE NORTH-NORTHEAST AREA.

The keynote speaker will be Charles Jordan, director, Bureau of Parks & Recreation, who will address the banquet theme, "Accentuate The Positive: Eliminate The Negative." Brenda Braxton, news anchor for KGW Channel-8, will serve as mistress of ceremonies.

The evening is an opportunity to highlight business and community success stories of North-Northeast Portland during 1993. The following awards will be presented:

I. BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Sweet's Market will receive the small business award for its efforts to improve the area's business climate. Owner, Joe Smith has been doing business in inner northeast Portland for more than 10 years. During that time, he has moved and expanded his business several times. Today Sweet's supports five employees and offers a complete catering service. Plans call for Sweet's to soon become a full-scale convenience store.

On a personal level, Smith has consistently encouraged entrepreneurship in others. He has also worked diligently with youth from the neighborhood, providing positive guidance and support. Every Friday night you can find a group from Morning Star children's Youth Program enjoying ample portions of Sweet's barbecue compliments of the management. Smith is also heavily involved in a youth employment program sponsored by the Albina Ministerial Alliance.

Trail Blazers/Oregon Arena Corporation will receive the award in the medium-size business category for their continued



Jaki Walker
Director
of NE
Community
Dev. Corp.

commitment to supporting the revitalization of inner northeast both from a neighborhood and a business perspective. Since establishing their administrative offices in northeast Portland more than 24 years ago, Blazers management has made it a priority to be actively involved in the community. With the Oregon Arena Project came an expanded commitment to develop and implement corporate policies establishing goals that promote the hiring of inner north/northeast residents and work for minority, women-owned and emerging small businesses.

Looking to the future, the Blazers have made a 30 year commitment to be part of the Portland business community. Additionally, in master planning the Oregon Arena Project, extensive efforts have been made to design a complex that promotes additional retail and business growth along NE Broadway as well as the expansion of north bound light rail.

Legacy Emanuel Hospital & Health Center will receive the large-size business award for its success as a business development leader in the medical industry and its support of educational programs. Committed to improving the status of the community, Legacy serves by working in partnerships to improve the neighborhoods surrounding its facilities.

Legacy is a leader in local housing programs with the desire to increase the liveability of its neighborhoods. In 1992, Legacy created its own housing program for employees, the Emanuel Neighborhood Home Ownership Program (ENHOP). With down-payment assistance available to employees wishing to purchase homes in N/NE Portland, ENHOP is a national model for social responsibility and commitment that is being emulated in many cities across the nation.

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Kafoury May Ride On Her Records To Victory

BY PROMISE KING

IN THESE PRECARIOUS TIMES, WHEN HOMELESSNESS SEEMS TO GRIP PORTLAND STREETS. GRETCHEN KAFOURY PROMISE OF AFFORDABLE HOMES FOR LOW-INCOME FOLKS, PLUS HER HOUSING PROGRAMS INITIATIVES MAY GIVE HER THE COME-BACK TICKET SHE DESIRES.

She was cautious and calculating in her comments and exude optimism, as she shared her accomplishments, her political goals and her regrets with The Portland Observer. In an extended interview outside her office.

Kafoury, in her first term as City Commissioner oversees city programs responsible for housing and community development. Her seat from Multnomah Elections Department records is the most sought position in the City-hall by aspiring politicians.

Six persons, Lew Church, Steve Gunther, Gretchen Kafoury, Owen Mossbarger, Tom O'Connor and Richard Elliot Shannon are vying for the position, this coming election. And Kafoury is pudding her chest and telling everyone who cares to listen that her track record as City Commissioner would get her past her opponents. "I don't think they have the track records", Kafoury said. "There would be any housing centers, the city or non-profit organization working in the neighborhood would be in business with out my effort", she touted "Another program I started was the Community initiative, where you give small grants to neighborhood housing center to get started."



Gretchen Kafoury

Kafoury cited the city's rescue of 352 homes threatened by the collapse of Dominion Corp. as an example of innovative government action. A \$100,000 investment by the city, leveraged bank loans of \$11,000,000 to save those homes" she stressed.

She also waved, the Portland Housing Center, created to assist moderate income buyers through the home buying process and a coalition created to leverage private investments for a down payment loan fund as part of her accomplishments.

The City Commissioner said she has been tough on slumlords who leave substandard housing unattended and that she is cur-

rently working with the Northeast Community Bancorp to target mortgage loans to neighborhoods that private lenders have historically neglected.

If there is anything Kafoury regretted it is the faces of homelessness that she has not been able to wipe-out.

"The saddest think is that I have not been able to mobilize downtown homeless enough" adding that "homelessness is such a visible problem. It's just unacceptable to me that we have so many homeless people in our community."

On why she want to come back to City Hall. Kafoury said "3 or 4 years is not enough to get clear about what to do. Saying that she is shifting emphasis from government portfolio to community growth. I have done these for twenty years. I don't see myself retiring."

Kafoury's priority on her second term would be continuous support for community development corporations. "Four years ago there were over 1,000 abandoned houses in north and northeast Portland, today there are fewer than 500. My goal for the next four years is to bring that figure down to zero."

Commissioner Kafoury was elected to the City Hall, January 1991. Before then, she was elected to three terms in the Oregon House of Representatives from 1977 to 1983.

We expect those vying for political positions in the state and city to get in touch with The Observer for interviews and endorsements.

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