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Community Calendar

Sons And Daughters Of Oregon Pioneers

Norma Eid, knowledgeable volunteer historian, presents: "Monumental Stories" a program designed to demonstrate how genealogical data can be extracted from Pioneer Cemeteries, Thursday, April 21, 1994 10am, Beaver Room Oregon Historical Society, 1230 SW Park. Admission Free for Senior Citizens Thursday. Event sponsored by Sons And Daughters of Oregon Pioneers. Refreshments. Public Invited.

Food First Director To Speak At Lewis & Clark College

Walden Bello, executive director of the Institute for Food and Development Policy (Food First) and an expert on Pacific Rim economics, third World debt and economic development, will speak on "Dark Victory: The United States, Structural Adjustment and Global Poverty," Tuesday, April 26, 7 p.m. The free lecture, sponsored by Jobs with Justice, American Friends Service Committee and Lewis & Clark's Students in Solidarity with Central American People (SISCAP), takes place in the Council Chamber, Templeton College Center, Lewis & Clark College, 0615 S. W. Palatine Hill Road.

OMSI Celebrates Astronomy Day

Visitors at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry will be star-struck on April 16 and 17 as they learn about NASA's latest projects, meteorites, constellations, planets, galaxies, stars and even how to build a telescope during Astronomy Day Celebration on April 16 and 17.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Announces Its 16th Annual Luncheon

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority announces its 16th annual Women of Excellence Luncheon at the Airport Shilo Inn, (11707 NE Airport Way, Portland), May 21, 1994, 12 p.m. Guest speaker: Jefferson High School Principal, Alcena Boozer.

Tickets are \$20 adult; \$15 student/youth. Tickets can be purchased at Loose Endz Salon (2843 N.E. MLK, Blvd., 234-4971) or by calling 287-3562, ext. 553. Don't miss this chance to honor outstanding women and students!

Lecture Series Discusses Health Care Reform

The costs, availability and quality of medical services in the United States affect all of us. With that fact in mind, the Economic Association of Portland State University, a Student organization, offers the Health Care Reform Speaker Series as an opportunity for the public to question and hear the views of recognized health care experts. "We all need to be aware of the issues involved in this important topic," says Connie Ledbetter, Economic Association president.

These free public lectures take place every Thursday, beginning April 7 and continuing through June 2, from Noon to 1 p.m. in Room 171 Cramer Hall, 1721 SW Broadway.

Worthy Work Deserves Worthy Wages

"40 Hour Training For Hazardous Waste Cleanup Operations"

AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE RECENTLY HELD CONFERENCE IN NEW ORLEANS THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY CONTRACTORS IS SPONSORING A SERIES OF EVENTS AND PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.

In conjunction with the membership awards dinner held Friday, April 15, 7:00pm at the Red Lion Inn/Coliseum, the organization will be hosting a workshop entitled "40 Hour Training for Hazardous Waste Cleanup Operations". The workshop provides an excellent opportunity for residents of N/NE Portland to gain entry into an occupational field that offers great promise for the future jobs and career advancement.

Additionally, NAMCO is engaged in an expansive training program to ensure that Africans Americans are trained in the construction crafts and obtain business skills necessary to take advantage of recent opportunities with the city and other agencies.

In attendance at semi-annual conference in New Orleans: O.B. Hill, Chairman of the Oregon Chapter, Samuel Carradine, National Executive Director, and James L. Posey, local chapter board member.



Mayor Vera Katz Strengthens City's Efforts To Reduce Domestic Violence

KATZ' PROPOSED BUDGET TO FUND ADDITIONAL SHELTER BEDS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT SERVICES

Saying that the city must do all it can to heal "the life-long emotional and physical scars domestic violence leaves with its victims," Mayor Vera Katz today announced a proposal to increase the number of shelter beds and staff to assist domestic violence victims.

"I want to send a clear message to victims suffering behind the closed doors of shame and fear that help is available," said Katz. "The steps I have announced here today are important because they will help the system address the needs of domestic violence victims," said Katz.

The Mayor's proposed budget provides an on-going allocation of \$115,000 for operation of the Peninsula Transitional Program. (\$79,000 is allocated for a nine month period in FY 1994.)

In addition, \$2000,000 is appropriated to increase the number of emergency and transitional shelter beds available in the city, and to provide additional assistance to women and children within the shelter system.

Once renovated, the Peninsula facility would be used to provide 15 shelters and beds for women who are victims of domestic violence. The facility would also provide ongoing transitional services for women housed at the shelter.

Today's announcement by Katz is part of a joint effort by the city and Multnomah County to fight domestic violence.

Multnomah County Chair Bev Stein is proposing that the county allocate \$2000,000 for programs to assist women and children involved in violent home-life situations.

"It's important that the city and county work as a team to ease the suffering created by this problem, and to help women and children get their lives back on track," said Multnomah County Chair Bev Stein. "The proposals of both the county and the city together



Mayor Katz has recently announced a new program to fight domestic violence

will move us closer to that goal," said Stein.

Portland Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury, who oversees housing and community development issues for the city, helped spearhead the effort to increase the city's commitment to domestic violence.

"This money will be used to improve the lives of women and children, many of whom are in dire circumstances because of domestic violence," said Kafoury. "We must do all we can to stop the violence before it happens, and help victims of this debilitating kind of abuse."

Katz announced her domestic violence proposal in council chambers on The Mayor's

Forum, her weekly cable television program. This proposal is part of the Mayor's Proposed Budget for FY 1994-96. The budget, in its entirety, will be presented by Katz at a luncheon of community and civic leaders Friday.

During her first year in office, Katz created the Portland Police Bureau's Domestic Violence Reduction Unit to help identify victims, and intervene before volatile situations lead to debilitating injury or death for victims.

"Additional resources for domestic violence, along with tougher penalties for perpetrators are the only way we can really begin to make a difference," said Katz.

Margaret Carter To Give Opening Remarks At North Portland Cultural Fair

On Sunday April 17, 1994 a North Portland Cultural Fair will take place from noon to 6pm, at the University of Portland's Chiles Center at 5000 N. Willamette Boulevard. Oregon state representative Margaret Carter will give a short opening address to begin the afternoon of music, art and dance. Artwork from North Portland's neighborhood schools will be displayed and special events for children are planned. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for Senior and Students and are available through the U of P's Student Activities Office in St. Mary's Student Center (on campus) or at the gate.

Obo Addy and his traditional African drumming group Okropong, the unique sounds of Al Andalus with their Arabic influenced Spanish Flamenco music and dance performances by Ballet Folklorico de Woodburn will be featured. There will be Native American drumming and dance by Standing Eagle, a Chinese Lion Dance and a few musical surprises, including a dance performance by "sisters in Motion" as well.

Information about North Portland's community groups, agencies and programs for families will be presented alongside crafts and food vendors in the main hall.

The Cultural Fair is sponsored by Partners Promoting Diversity-a joint effort of the University of Portland's Social Work Program and the St. Johns YWCA Family and Community Partnership Project and is a Metro funded project of the North Portland Enhancement committee.

The St. Johns YWCA is a community service agency providing emergency help to low-income families living in North Portland. During the 1993-94 school year, the agency- in conjunction with the UP's Social Work program, directed by Dr. Joe Gallegos- placed two U of P practicum students in the community to enhance access to social services for low-income families.