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Community Calendar

Southern Oregon Art Show To Open July 20

The Lincoln Elementary School gymnasium will be the site of the 47th Annual Southern Oregon Art Show, to be on display July 21 through 24. Paintings, graphics, sculpture and photographic works by more than 100 local artists will be exhibited in this year's show, sponsored by the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

The exhibit is free to the public and will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 1:00 to 8:00 PM and on Sunday, July 24, from 12:00 to 4:00 PM.

A preview showing and reception for artists and judges is scheduled from 8 to 10 PM July 20. The reception is also open to the public.

Randy Travis To Make Special Appearance At State Fair

The Oregon State Fair has scheduled and confirmed Randy Travis for Sept. 5 as part of the "Seven O'clock Concert Series" at L.B. Day Amphitheatre.

Sink Your Teeth Into "The Bite,"

"A Taste Of Portland"

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR OREGON SPECIAL OLYMPICS FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 12-14, 1994 AT PORTLAND'S TOM MCCALL WATERFRONT PARK.

A temptingly seasoned, free admission, banquet of food, wine, music, comedy, and family activities, The Bite benefits Oregon Special Olympics. Attended by more than 200,000 people last year, The Bite is known as Portland's premiere food, wine tasting and musical entertainment festival. Each year, a few tasty new ingredients are added to the mix, and this year is no exception.

Zoo Holds Roar Faire Environmental Event

Roar Faire, Metro Washington Park Zoo's environmental festival will be held on the zoo grounds Saturday, July 9. The event will serve to educate the public on the conservation of habitat and species.

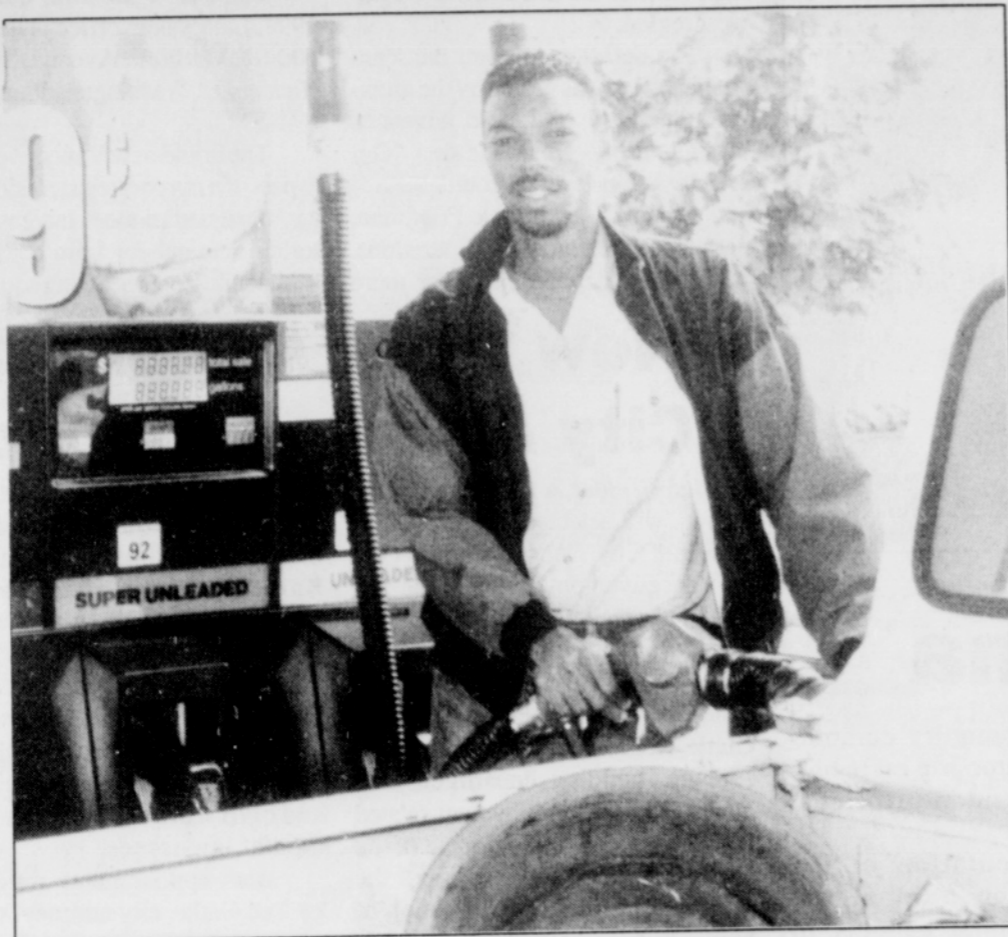
Twenty-seven organizations will sponsor booths and activities from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. conservation-conscious groups such as US Fish and Wildlife, National Wildlife Federation, World Forestry Center and Soil & Water Conservation Districts will share their knowledge on habitat and species preservation.

Other organization such as Waste Management of Oregon, METRO Recycling Education Services and Clackamas County Recycling Partnership will provide information on recycling procedures and how to decrease the amount of material to be recycled.

Fun activities and information for all ages, including games, handouts and hands-on activities will be provided at all booths. Build a compost pile in a cup, spin a roulette wheel, take a quiz or try your hand at a board game.

Stage performances with an environmental theme will be enjoyed all day. "The Paddle Wheel of Fortune", an audience participation program, is sponsored by City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Service. Other stage entertainment, including the TOZZI Puppets with Frank and the Wolf, the Pied Piper of the Environment Michael Mish and magician Dr. Wilderness, are sponsored by Darigold, southwest Airlines, Northwest Chrysler-Plymouth Dealers and Fox 49 KPDX.

Business Booms For New ARCO



Kevin Baker meets customer needs in the new ARCO am/pm market on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON

The number of customers using a new Arco am/pm mini-market on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd and Fremont is exceeding expectations.

To keep up with the demand, owner/operator Dorian Boyland said he's doubled the number of employees in the first week of business, from 10 workers to 18.

"It's been hectic," he said. Community and business leaders held a grand opening celebration last week, citing the business for helping revitalize the inner Northeast Portland neighborhood.

The site, a former gas station, was vacant before being remodeled.

There was some controversy in opening the new store, because of plans to sell alcoholic beverages.

But Boyland is stopping alcohol sales after midnight, a policy he says is working.



Thomas Brown (left) in the chefs quarters at the new ARCO am/pm market.

"The message has been received. We haven't had problems with it," he said. "Restricting the sales keeps away some of the problems we've had in the past."

Boyland said he's delighted with the opportunity to turn the property into an attractive and viable business and to provide jobs in the neighborhood.

"Local community services, local landscapers, local banks, the Portland Development Commission, and my employees all deserve credit for getting this project off the ground," he said.

Jeff Kuhn, Arco district sales manager for Oregon and Washington, said the Arco corporation was pleased to open a market in the community.

"This is a terrific example of the public and private sectors working together to bring jobs and services to a community that needs them. We're especially proud to have the

Boylands running this operation," said Kuhn. Boyland also owns and operates Gresham Dodge.

He is a former professional baseball player who played for the Portland Beavers in 1979 and went on to the Pittsburgh Pirates before his retirement from baseball in 1983. He is married to Denise Boyland, a former Multnomah County Sheriff's Deputy who is employed for the Department of Justice in Portland.

Dozens of summer camp-bound youths from Tender Loving Care - Think 'N Try, were at the grand opening. Arco donated \$5,000 to the North/Northeast Portland youth organization.

Arco has more than 80 gasoline outlets in Oregon, 36 of them with mini markets. More than 800 people are employed by Arco-operated retail facilities and independent retailers.

Kaiser Employees Negotiate New Contract



Members of Portland's Service Workers union hold a solidarity picnic at Overlook Park in North Portland.

A group of Kaiser employees are asking for federal mediation in stalled job contract negotiations, according to representatives of the Service Employees International Union. Going into the last day of negotiations Thursday, Kaiser had not made a reasonable financial offer, a SEIU spokesman said. A vote on Kaiser's proposed offer to employees, or the filing of a 10 day notice to strike were possible. The membership of SEIU Local 40 have authorized the strike notice. The union is seeking better wages and the retention of protection for employees based on seniority.

ARCO Grant Expands TLC Youth Group

ARCO and am/pm mini markets has awarded a \$5,000 grant to Tender Loving Care - think 'n' try, a non-profit organization serving Portland youth.

The group provides 24 hour support, tutoring, recreation and family advocacy programs based at the Portsmouth Middle School and Peninsula Park in North Portland.

"This partnership with ARCO is a continuation of the many partnerships TLC-tnt has forged in our community," said Multnomah County Commissioner Gary Hansen. "The future of our children and grandchildren is a concern for all of us. I'm very pleased to see the ARCO partnership coming together now, because it'll be good for kids."

The grant will be used to launch an independent study project in which one-on-one tutoring will be offered to students needing extra support with their studies. In addition, high school students will be trained to be

mentors to the younger children in the program.

"We wish to thank commissioner Hansen for bringing TLC-tnt to our attention," said Janet S. Fisher, ARCO's northwest government relations director. "We were impressed both with the quality and scope of activities TLC-tnt offers children, and also with the way the organization has integrated its support activities with the Portland School District, Portland Parks Bureau, the local community, social services agencies and other community service providers."

"We help to celebrate life in a positive way," said TLC Program Coordinator Faye Palmerton. "And as a result, all 100 students referred to us by the Portland School District last year successfully completed their school year."

The program is designed to build self-esteem and to offer children with difficulties a chance to experience joy, fun, gratitude, tenderness, accomplishment, victory and love. According to Palmerton, more than 600 chil-

dren will be served this year.

ARCO has a history of supporting programs that benefit youth and their families in the Portland area. Other recent contributions have been made to Self Enhancement, Inc., REACH Community Development, Inc., the Dougy Center and the Portland Urban League.

Founded in 1986, TLC-tnt is co-directed by Palmerton and Roy Pittman. Palmerton is the Alternative Program Coordinator at Portsmouth Middle School, where she counsels students and works to prevent students from dropping out of school. She has been named Teacher of the Year and Mother of the Year, and has served as president of the Parent Teachers Association. Pittman is assistant recreation director for Peninsula Park and coaches students on skills development and character building through physical fitness. He has received the Jefferson Award, the Spirit of Portland Award, and a national juvenile justice award, and has been honored as Coach of the Year.

Successful Fundraiser For Baby

Success comes in many forms, and on June 11, at the White Eagle Cafe in the Russell Street Historic District, it came to the young parents of tiny Cheyanne Summer Putnam. Lori and Steve Putnam whose daughter is "the baby in a bubble", were gratified by the show of support, as this event not only raised money for the ill child, but introduced the couple to many kind and concerned who gave of their time, talents, money, and skills. District 18 Rep. Margaret Carter was on hand to greet them and thoroughly discuss the difficult situation facing them as the child's prognosis at this time is unpredictable due to the complications of the extremely rare disease, formally know as Omenns Syndrome. Mrs. Carter has committed her involvement.

Donations are still coming in and both Lori and Steve Putnam indicated they much appreciated both the funds raised and the outpouring of empathy.