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Celebration Galore
For 'The Gathering' This Weekend
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Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

Whoopi In New Movie

Award winning actress Whoopi Goldberg stars in "Corrina, Corrina," a romantic comedy to be released Friday at area theaters. The film is about a young girl who has withdrawn into herself since the death of her mother. She develops a relationship with a housekeeper who helps draw her from her shell.
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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Price Plays Down Racism

In a speech welcomed by some and viewed with skepticism by others, the new director of the National Urban League is minimizing the significance of racism as a factor in the lives of African Americans. Hugh P. Price acknowledged that racism "is still a well documented and undeniable reality." But added, "We must not let ourselves, and especially our children fall into the paranoid trap of thinking that racism accounts for all that plagues us." Price called on middle income blacks to contribute \$500 to \$1,000 to a special fund which would be used to aid blacks in the inner city.

Accident Kills Kingdome Workers

An accident in the Seattle Kingdome killed two construction workers and sent a crane operator to the hospital.

The Kingdome has been closed, undergoing repairs since July when ceiling tiles fell from the roof.

State safety officials are currently investigating the fatalities which occurred Aug. 17 when the crane carrying the workers broke and fell 250 feet.

William Louth, 32, Portland, and Jorge Turincio, 39, San Diego, died in the accident. Both were employees of Long Painting Co. of Portland and Seattle.

The crane operator, Charles Cox, 25, Edmond, Wash., suffered head injuries, but was listed in stable condition.

Black Market Co-Op Plans Pre-Holiday

Black business owners can celebrate the up-coming holidays and begin to capture those holiday dollars and begin to capture those holiday dollars by signing up for the next Black market Co-Op. Scheduled for October 14 and 15, this two-day event is an opportunity for minority business owners to sell their products and promote their services on Friday from 6-10 P.M. and Saturday, 10 A.M. to 6 P.M., at the OAME Cascade Plaza building, 4134 N. Vancouver Avenue.

The cost to participate is \$50. Space is limited. Interested business owners should register early to guarantee their participation. Deadline for registering is September 25; a deposit of \$25 is required with registration. Application forms can be obtained at the Shades of Color Art Gallery, 316 NE Thompson Street. For more information on the Black Market Co-Op, call 288-3779 or 249-1849.

School Sign-Ups Urgent

Early registration for both Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes is now being held at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School, 4906 N. E. 6th Ave. The staff is available to assist you with the registration of your four to five year old children from 8:00am to 4:30pm.



Area artists join Jane Alexander, chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts (second from left) and Portland Mayor Vera Katz (right), at the Northeast Portland Community Policing Center.
Photo by Duane Lewis

Arts Czar Visits Neighborhood

Area residents met with Jane Alexander, chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, during a visit to Northeast Portland Thursday.

Alexander went to the Alberta Street Cafe to take part in a screening of television public service announcements created by high school students from North and Northeast Portland.

The announcements tell about the new Community Cycling Center on Northeast Alberta Street and nearby Imani Women's Health Center. They were made with the help

of the Portland Art Museum's Northwest Film Center and The Private Industry Council.

She also visited a public art project at the Northeast Community Policing Center, the former site of the Walnut Park Fred Meyer store.

Neighborhood artists Ronna Neuenschwander, Baba Wague Diakite and Charlotte Lewis have been working with young people and senior citizens to create art which speaks to cultural and neighborhood traditions. The project is sponsored by the Metropolitan Arts Commission's Public Art Program.

Alexander is visiting cities across the nation to strengthen funding and partnerships for the arts.

In Portland, she also helped announce the start up of a new Tri-Met bus to carry passengers to and from cultural events. The bus is being painted by Henk Pander and his sons, to display information about cultural events.

President Clinton nominated Alexander, an award-winning actress, producer and author, to become the sixth chairman of the national endowment. She is a native of Brookline, Mass.

Grocery Strike Holds

A Portland area strike involving about 8,000 grocery workers has moved into its second week with no end in site.

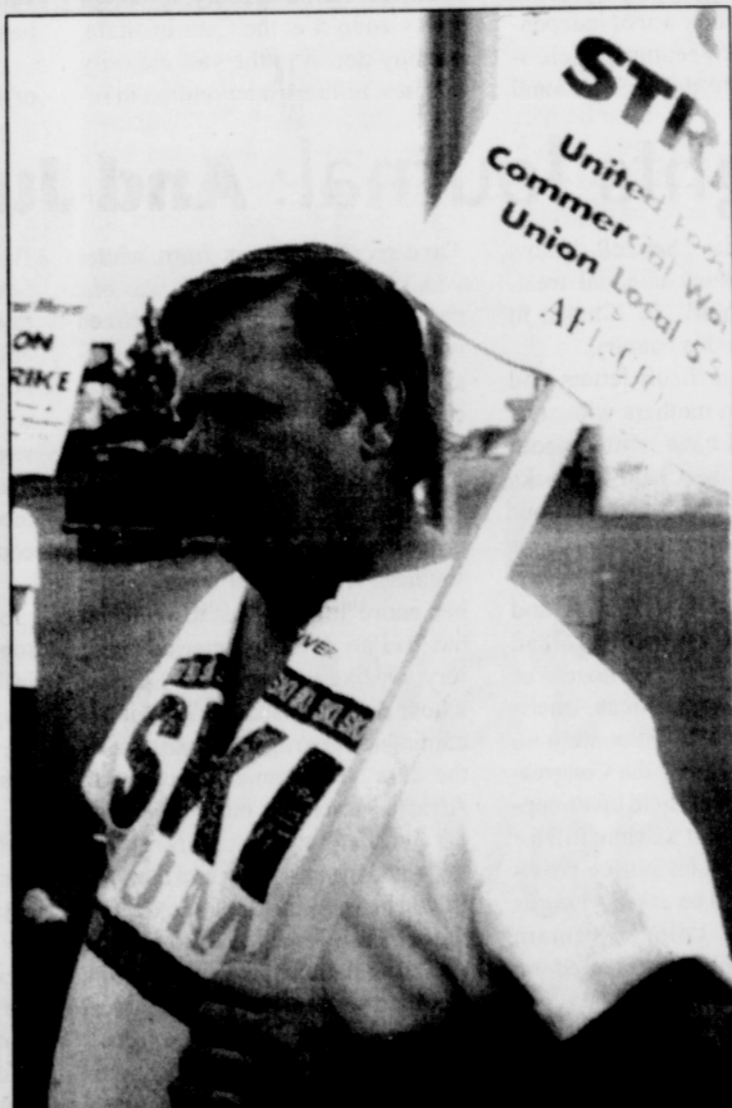
Thus far, negotiations between union workers and employers have failed, even dialogue in the presence of a federal labor mediator. Picket lines have dotted area Fred Meyer outlets and are expected to spill over to Fred Meyer stores in Vancouver. Safeway, Thriftway and Kienows stores locked-out their union employees when the strike began.

The labor dispute also includes Fred Meyer Teamster Union drivers, mechanics and warehouse workers, but in a separate contract dispute.

Fred Meyer was chosen as the primary target of the strike by Local 555 of the Food and Commercial Workers, even though other grocery chains and several independent stores are equally involved.

The union represents about 7,000 grocery clerks, carry-out workers and meat cutters at 126 stores in the Portland/Vancouver area.

The union is demanding that working hours be allocated according to seniority and length of service.



Richard Magnett, on the picket lines.

NAACP Chief Fired

Counting and uneasy controversies seems to have swept Benjamin Chavis from the executive director chair of the NAACP national office.

The organization board of directors gathered Saturday to give Chavis hard knocks for "conduct inimical to the best interest of the association."

The board met for about eight hours before deciding to relieve Chavis of his post.

"The decision was not easy, nor was it pleasant," board chair William Gibson said.

The meeting had 64 board members in attendance.

Earl Shinhoster, the national organization's field secretary, has been named interim executive director until a permanent replacement is found.

Rodney Orange, Baltimore chapter NAACP president, had said Chavis' financial mismanagement had smeared the organization's image.

An attempt by Chavis to settle a sex discrimination suit against him apparently backfired. First, May E. Stansel, the woman who threatened the suit backed out of a settlement and filed the complaint. Then Chavis drew criticism when it was learned he offered to pay Stansel \$322,000 not to file the suit.

Chavis has filed suit against the NAACP claiming his firing was without due process.

Portland NAACP chapter president ShaRee Rhone, said she was convinced the board decision to fire Chavis has no political undertone, rather it was based on facts and information.

Scouts Need Minority Volunteers

BY PROMISE KING

The Boy Scouts of America's Cascade Pacific Council needs adult minority volunteers to work with inner-city kids.

Volunteers must have a clean background, show a willingness to work with kids, be at least 21 years old, and have a special skill.

"We are looking for positive role models," said John Holly, the council's public relations director.

Volunteers serve on program, finance and transportation committees and serve as scouting explorers, advisers and guest speakers.

"We need as many volunteers as we can find," Holly said. Volunteers pay a \$7 registration fee and receive liability insurance protection worth \$15 million.

"Children are under negative influences and scouting provides a positive outlet," Holly added. "Young people demand discipline to shape their lives and scouting provides a variety of programs in that regard."

Portland tops the list of cities, where scouting provides a variety of programs for inner-city kids.

The council is working to break some of

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