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Community Calendar

Sandy Nelson Defense Committee

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Portland, Sunday, September 18, 1994
Columnist lends support to free speech fight. Nationally syndicated "Media Beat" columnist Norman Solomon joins Washington journalist Sandy Nelson at a panel discussion of "Why Reporters Need Political Right: The Momentous Sandy Nelson Case." Expert commentary will be offered by Osker Spicer, Vice President of the Portland Chapter of the Association of Black Journalists and an Oregonian writer, and Gene Klare, columnist and retired editor of the Northwest Labor Press.

Black United Fund Of Oregon Presents Public Relations Workshop

This 3-hour workshop, facilitated by Paulette Peynet, Oregon Trail Foundation, and Mara Woloshin, Woloshin Communications, will give participants the tools to "renovate" their PR efforts. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, August 31, 1994 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, at a new location: the Northeast Police Precinct Community Meeting room, 449 NE Emerson.

Leads Club-Central Metro (Co-Ed Division)...

...Meets on Thursday's at 12:00 at the Rheindlander for information Call Kristen Simmonds at 667-4381.

The Board Of Education Scheduled To Meet

The Board Of Education is scheduled to meet on Monday, August 22, 1994, at 5:30 P.M., in the L-1 Conference Room at the Robert Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street. The purpose of the meeting is a continuation of the Board's planning sessions. If you have a disability or are hearing impaired and need assistance for this meeting, please make arrangements in advance by calling the Board Office at 249-0741. This notice is provided in accordance with provisions of the Oregon open meeting law.

Portland Public Schools Agenda

Regular Meeting August 25, 1994

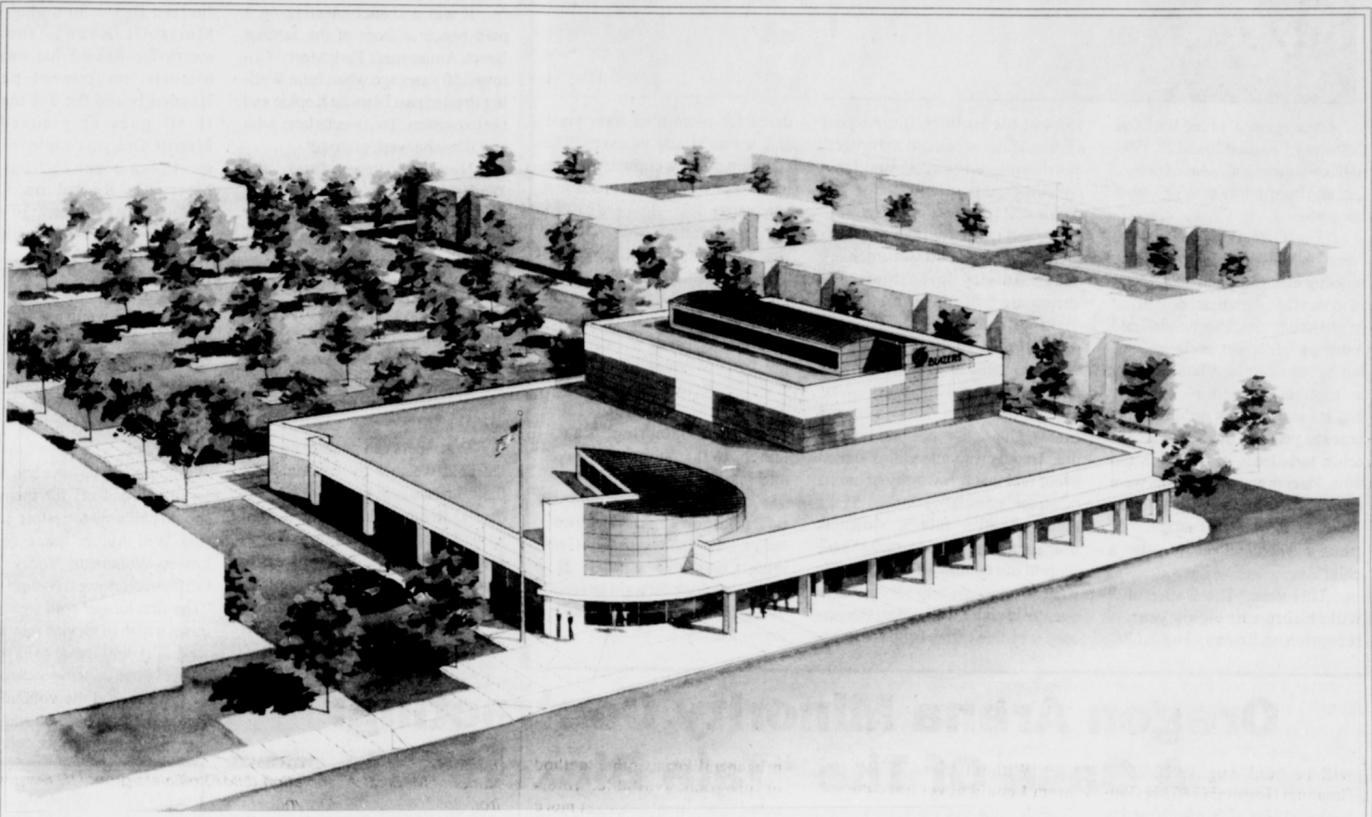
- 1. Board Scholarship** - The Board will recognize the recipient of the Portland School Board Scholarship. (information) 7:30 p.m.
- 2. Introduction** - The new President of the Portland Federation of Teachers and Classified Employees will be introduced. (information)
- 3. Citizen Comment** - Citizens may address items the do not appear on the regular Board agenda. (information)
- 4. Business Agenda** - Chair Griffith will announce that the next regular meeting of the Board will be on Thursday, September 8, 1994 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board Auditorium. (action)

Multnomah County Department Of Community Corrections

Cordially invites you to an Open House at the Northeast District Office on Wednesday, September 7, 1994 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 2205 N. E. Columbia Boulevard Portland, Oregon. Help us celebrate our newly completed expansion. Ceremony scheduled for 1:00 p.m., with: Beverly Stein, Multnomah County Chair Gary Hansen, Multnomah County Commissioner Tamara Holden, DCC Director. Refreshments will be served.

Work Begins On Boys And Girls Club

Blazers Donate \$500,000 For Construction On MLK



BLAZERS BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

JKS Architects PC

'We want this to be a very active and special place' - Marshall Glickman

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Portland has started tearing down a former Goodwill store and other buildings on Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard for a new 27,000 square foot sports and education center.

The \$2.2 million facility will be built between Emerson and Roselawn streets, adjacent to the new Northeast Portland Police office.

Construction was made possible largely through a \$500,000 gift from the Portland Trail Blazers and its sales of executive suites in the new Rose Garden blazer arena.

The club is designed by JKS Architects and will include a 9,000 square foot gymnasium, teen center, and 5,000 square foot education wing.

It will be the first Boys and Girls Club in the country to be affiliated with

a National Basketball Association team, according to Dick Hanlin, executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of Portland.

It's estimated that 2,000 children in the North and Northeast Portland will use the center.

In addition to the Trail Blazers gift, donations from the Oregon Lottery, foundations, corporations and individuals contributed to the project, the majority Oregon-based.

"Economic and community reinvestment has been a part of the mission of the Oregon Arena Corporation from the beginning," said Marshall Glickman, trail blazers and arena corp. president.

"We strived to create jobs, to meet numerous public objectives and perhaps most important, to create opportunity for the youth who reside in northeast Portland," Glickman said.

"We want this to be a very active and special place," Glickman added.

The club will offer youth, age 6 to 18, positive social and recreational activities like arts and crafts, computer education, intramural sports and homework assistance. Full-time and part-time staff will supervise programs in six core areas: personal and educational development, citizenship and leadership development, cultural enrichment, health and physical education, social development and outdoor education.

"The blazers club will add even more stability to this area and serve as a very positive recreational outlet for young people," said Portland Chief of Police Charles A. Moose. "Where a Boys and Girls Club goes up, we can document a reduction in juvenile crime in that neighborhood. I also appreciate the way the Boys and Girls Club provides staff support to assist the growth and development of young people."

Club Director Linda White said young people walking through the club's doors will find something to excite them.

"As simple as it sounds, that's what it takes to get kids off the streets and to start doing something productive."

The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) and the Warren Lee Strickland Airway Science Program plan to have programs on the site to enhance the club's educational goals.

Actual cash cost of construction is at \$1.7 million because of donated materials and services. The project has about 90 percent of the needed funds, or about \$1.5 million.

Fundraising will continue until 100 percent of the costs are raised, officials said.

Construction should begin in February with the grand opening scheduled for the spring of 1995. Andersen Construction is the project contractor.

Roy Washington Makes A Difference For Kids

BY DAN BELL

For years he has been quietly working with and nurturing at-risk youth in inner North and Northeast Portland.

Roy Washington, recent recipient of the For Kids Sake award presented by KPTV, channel 12, has left an indelible mark on many children with whom he has worked.

A native of Portland, he attended Boise Elementary, and Jefferson and Benson high schools. He concedes that he comes from a religious family that is still close knit today. It was this upbringing that helped form his philosophy and commitment to youth.

After graduating from Benson in 1969, he attended University of Oregon for one year. Later at Portland State University, he participated in New Careers, a program for students to work four hours and go to school four hours a day.

He chose to work with youth at Edgefield Lodge in Troutdale which served disturbed youth. Eventually Edgefield lost its funding and his job was terminated.

Roy worked as a printer for the City of Portland and later was employed at the Yaun Youth Care Center for a period of six years. He returned to the printing trade, working for

Brown Printing, until leaving in 1988.

He said gangs made him a little scared going back into youth services with stories of the assaultive behavior and drug abuse. Consequently he felt he should get involved again with at risk youth.

He went back to Yaun Center, worked on the residential staff, moved on to being responsible for house staffing and finally to gang transition personnel. In this position, he would visit young people who were about to be released from McLaren School, a state facility for juvenile incarceration. He also worked to reconcile the family of the children with their parents and siblings.

During his tenure with gang transition, a new program was introduced into the community called Minority Youth Concerns Action Program or MYCAP.

MYCAP at that time was headed by Sam Pierce. Roy became a volunteer for MYCAP. Pierce was so impressed with his work that he arranged for him to receive a stipend since the program had no funds for another employee. After some time MYCAP received additional funding and Roy went to work full time for the agency.

The idea was hit upon that prevention at the middle school level would go along way



Roy Washington, recent recipient of the For Kids Sake award

to alleviate the problem of gang involvement. As a result, a program was instituted at Portsmouth Middle School.

It was Roy's contention that many of the families had lost their contact with the schools. Roy specialized in working with children who had been put out of school and in doing so worked to build better communication s between the family and the school.

He is presently the program director at MYCAP.

Roy espouses a simple philosophy that for a family to have good a chance for healthy and happy children they should eat together, pray together, and spend time with each other.

Roy is a refreshing example of commitment to our youth and the importance of family.