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Family Resource Center Becomes Official

Residents in North Clark County will celebrate the opening of a new one-stop shopping center for families. What the new Family Resource Center offers is more important than appliances and paint brushes: it is a place where families in need of a variety of social services can connect with agencies that can help them.

North County Social Services has a new name -- the Family Resource Center of North County -- and a new location -- 801 E. Main Street, Battle Ground.

The new center is owned by Clark County and staffed by employees from the county's Department of Community Services. Other agencies that have

space in the facility are Columbia River Mental Health, Children's Home Society, and the Southwest Washington Health District, all of which provide information and services. The food bank, which provides emergency food for the North County residents, is also located in the facility.

"This is a new approach to providing social services -- one that's more responsive to changing community needs," says Mike Piper, Acting Director of Clark County's Department of Community Services. "We believe that bringing services to residents in one location instead of creating a system of scattered services is the best way to be a resource to families."

The Final 1994 Beginning Business Seminar

The third and final 1994 beginning business seminar has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 20th at the M.J. Murdock Executive Plaza at 703 Broadway in downtown Vancouver.

Sponsored jointly by the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) and the Small Business Administration (SBA), the day-long workshop will feature experienced speakers covering virtually every phase of operating a small business.

Among the subjects to be discussed are forming a business plan, legal aspects of business, record keeping and taxes, financing, marketing and secrets of successful selling.

Cost of the seminar, which includes luncheon, coffee breads and all materials, is \$40 if paid by September 13th and \$50 after Sept. 13th.

Reservations can be made by contacting the Vancouver SCORE offices at (206) 699-3241.

Bells-And-Sirens Program Honors Washington State 9-1-1 Day

Fire Engine and ambulance sirens, the Sheriff's K-9 Corps, and a dispatch simulator was part of the back-to-school program at Clark Regional Communications Agency (CRCA) presented to Hough Elementary School students.

Hough students were selected for this special event because they will be neighbors of CRCA when CRCA's new emergency dispatch center is completed in mid-1995. In addition to this back-to-school presentation, CRCA has sent every elementary school in Clark County a poster and a children's guide for using 9-1-1, along with a letter indicating CRCA's interest in speaking at area schools.

"We want everyone in our community to know that 9-1-1 is

the number to call in an emergency," said Thera Bradshaw, director of CRCA. "We especially want that message to get out to our children."

UL Opens U.S. Testing Laboratory

Product safety certification organization Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) will hold a building dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open its fifth U.S. laboratory in Camas, Washington.

A facility tour will also be conducted by Camas staff. The new facility will serve clients located throughout the northwestern United States, Canada and the Pacific Rim.

Remarks will be made by UL President and CEO Tom Castino, Camas Facility General Manager Ken Haas and Camas Mayor Dean Dossett. The ceremony and dedication will take place at Underwriters Laboratories Inc., 2600 N.W. Lake Road, Camas, Wash. Friday, September 16, 1994 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

If you are interested in attending or would like further information, please call (708) 272-8800 or (206) 817-5500.

Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board Vacancy

The Clark County Board of Commissioners are seeking persons interested in serving on the Clark County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board.

Anyone interested in developmental disabilities issues in Clark County is invited to make application. At this time, we are looking for someone from the business community. Ethnic minorities are encouraged to apply.

The Clark County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board advises the Board of Commissioners

regarding needs, services, and funding of day programs for persons with developmental disabilities. They convene meetings with citizens in the community to discuss developmental disabilities and actively work with the educational and business community.

Persons interested should send a letter of interest and/or a resume to Linda Dygert, Clark County Commissioners' Office, P.O. Box 5000, Vancouver, WA 98228, no later than Sept. 23, 1994. Or for more information call Linda Dygert at 699-2232.

Marine Park Awash With Construction

The City of Vancouver will mark the completion of a major project at Marine Park.

The new Marine Park Wetlands Overlook along the Columbia River was formally dedicated on Thursday, Sept. 8. Groundbreaking for the nearby Water Resources Education Center followed.

The overlook, education center and reclamation facility all comprise the new Marine Park Natural Resources Area. The 3000-square-foot overlook gives a close-up view of the last remaining river wetland

in Vancouver. The \$31.1 million, 16,000-square-foot education center will focus on all aspects of water, from treatment and transportation to recreation and music. It is scheduled to open in the fall of 1995. The water reclamation facility should also be completed in 1995.

Volunteers are already needed to plan and design exhibits at the education center. These include a 1,000 gallon aquarium and water-related computer games. Interested volunteers should call Vicky Ridge-Cooney, education center manager, at 696-8008.

Dine And Dance Celebrates Latin American Independence

Latin American countries are the focus of a day and evening full of celebration on Saturday, Sept. 17.

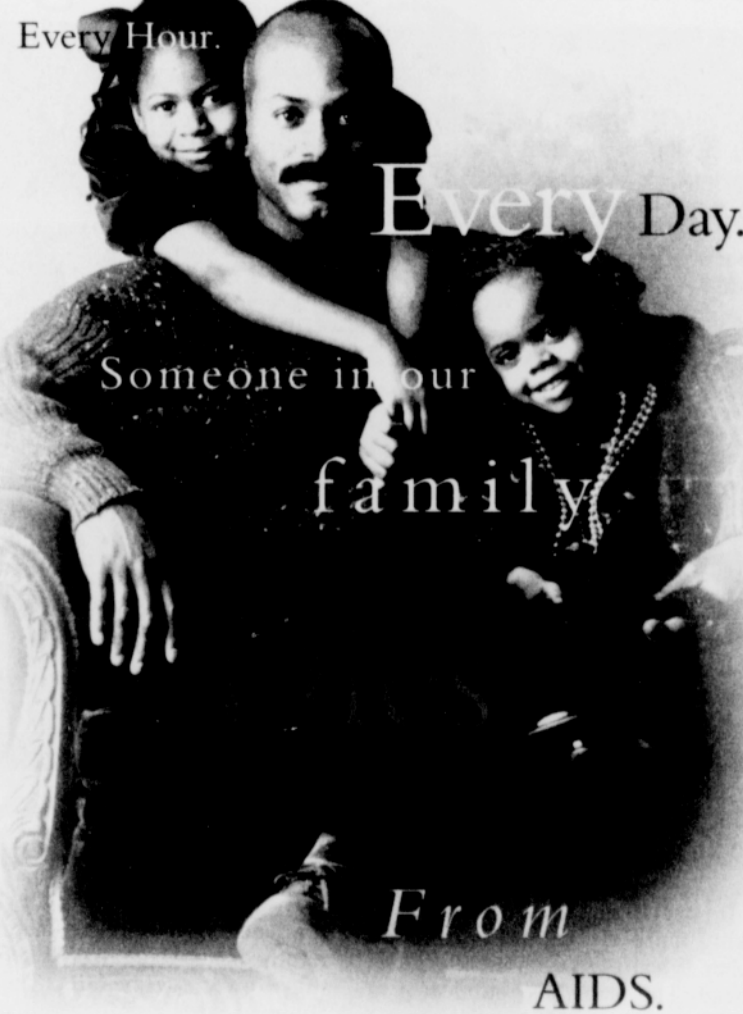
The Iniciacion de la Independencia festivities, planned by the Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department and the Ballet Folklorico Mextil, run from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Bagley Community Center, 4100 Plomondon.

Information booths, arts and

crafts, ethnic food, children's games and entertainment focus on Central and South American countries. Entertainment includes a traditional Mexican family dance from 8 p.m. to midnight with music by Imagen. Cost is \$5 per person. The dance is free for children 12 years of age and under in attendance with their family.



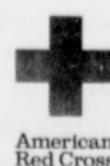
Honored -- Booker Rice, vice president and field Diversity officer for The Prudential, presents a painting to Dr. Maya Angelou, poet laureate of the United States. The financial services company held a reception honoring Dr. Angelou at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) conference in Chicago, IL, where Dr. Angelou won the prestigious Spingarn Medal. The painting, titled "Through Thick and Thin," is the work of Charles Caldwell, an artist who resides in Prudential's headquarters city, Newark, N.J. It depicts an African-American family gathering.



AIDS, a result of HIV infection, is an epidemic in our community, killing our mothers and fathers. Our sisters and our brothers. How can we stop this disease from claiming more lives? You can begin by calling your local Red Cross chapter for information about the African American HIV/AIDS Program. A program designed by African Americans -- that can teach us how to protect ourselves and our families.

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