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Community Calendar

Youth Group Recruits New Members

Young people are encouraged to learn more about the youth activities of ACT-SO, a program of the Portland branch of the NAACP, at a meeting Saturday, Jan. 7 at 10 a.m. in the boardroom of the Portland Public Schools Building, 501 N. Dixon. Planned activities of the group for 1995 include a career day, community walk-athon, dance, and panel discussions on various topics. Refreshments will be provided. A raffle with prizes will also take place. The organization is lead by young people for young people.

Five Bands Gather For Concert

Five local bands will shake the halls at Portland State University Friday, Jan. 6 from 7 p.m. to midnight in PSU's Smith Center Ballroom for a benefit dance and concert. The public is invited. The bands, Nervous Christians, The Jimmies, Francis Farmer Gals, Iceberg Slim and Brown Bag Crew will perform. A \$3 donation to the event will help establish a school for research in herbal medicines.

Singers Wanted For King Tribute

All voices are invited to participate in a gospel workshop and be part of the 10th anniversary celebration of "Keep Living the Dream" as a member of the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Mass Choir. The workshop dates are Jan. 13 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church, 3725 N. Gantenbein and Jan. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Jefferson High School Performing Arts Center. The annual program will be held Jan. 16 at Jefferson High.

Monograms Opens At Portland Repertory

Portland Repertory Theatre will ring in the New Year with the critically acclaimed drama Monograms, Dec. 31 through Feb. 4 at the theatre's mainstage. The play dramatizes the life of illustrious Oregon poet Hazel Hall, a reclusive poet who worked as a seamstress to support herself. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Rep Box Office at 224-4491 or Ticketmaster at 224-4400.

New Year's Eve Party Planned

Area residents are invited to a New Year's Eve celebration sponsored by the Zeta Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. The semi-formal event for adults will be held Saturday from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Shenanigan's restaurant on Swan Island. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. The party will include music, dancing, door prizes, party favors, champagne toast, and food. Call 285-5747 or 289-1466 for tickets.

Ribbons To Symbolize King Dream

The student government council of Portland Community College at the Cascade campus will pay tribute to the words, love, honor and dedication of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by displaying yellow ribbons during the month of January. The ribbons can be purchased at the campus bookstore for \$1 beginning on Jan. 3.

Central City Hosts Alcohol-Free Party

"Tuxes to Tennes," an alcohol-free New Year's Eve celebration will be held Saturday at the Portland Conference Center, 300 N.E. Multnomah. Music artist Curtis Salgado and the Stiletto's will entertain. The event is sponsored by Central City Concern, an organization helping the fight against homelessness and chemical dependency.

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Head Start For The New Year

Stephanie Davis of The Learning Channel joins children of the Albina Head Start program, Professor Iris, also of the cable television series and Santa Claus at a special holiday party. Paragon Cable sponsored the party, providing a gift from the wish lists of each child in the Head Start programs at 111 N.E. Failing and 315 N. Sumner.

Extending The Hand Of Friendship

Students at Whitaker Middle School used their December's Advisory Theme "Extend The Hand Of Friendship" to make sure that students at The Albina Headstart Center had a Happy Holiday Season" said, Edna Mae Pittman.

This was our second Food Drive and the students worked real hard. The five classes who participated in the Food Drive collected more than 400 cans of food. The students in Mr Rost's class who collected 186 cans will be treated to a Pizza Party when they return to school. Its good for the students to want to

be friendly during this time of year and I hope that this feeling will extend throughout the year. A bonus this year was Rinella Produce who donated five cases of oranges, five cases of apples, 1,000 pounds of potatoes and 500 pounds of onions. This donation was done on Friday when I informed the owner Dave

Rinella and manager Frederick Pittman that food collection for this season had not been as high as expected.

A Big Thank You to the students at Whitaker Middle School, Dave Rinella and Frederick Pittman at Rinella Produce for "Extending Their Hands of Friendship."

\$1.2 Million Given To Self Enhancement Center

The promise of a new youth center for kids in north/northeast Portland has taken a big step forward with a new major gift pledged toward the construction.

Ed and Sue Cooley of Portland have committed \$1.2 million to underwrite the proposed \$8.5 million Self Enhancement, Inc. facility.

The non-profit organization provides inner-city kids with constructive alternatives to drugs, gangs and violence.

The Cooleys said they contributed because of the organization's prevention programs which are based on principles of mutual respect, relationship-building and goal setting.

"We are impressed that the young people of SEI have set goals to achieve even while facing challenging obstacles everyday," said Sue Cooley. "SEI has made tremendous progress during the past several years due to the total community effort and involvement. We wanted to be a party of the exiting program."

With \$1.5 million more to raise, groundbreaking for the center is planned for

spring 1995. Other significant gifts have been received from Rocky and Harriet Dixon and the Collins Foundation.

"The contributions we've received the past two months will make ground breaking for the Center for Self Enhancement not just a dream, but a reality," said SEI president and founder Tony Hopson. We've been very blessed."

The center will be a 60,000 square-foot facility containing classrooms, computer and music laboratories, a multicultural library, athletic facilities, a dance studio, an auditorium and administrative offices. It will serve youth on weekends and every weekday until 10 p.m. and will be used by other civil groups while children are in school.

The center would offer programs in self-esteem and social development, career and social talent development, academic enhancement, cultural development, health and athletic development and community and family involvement.

The organization was founded in 1981 to encourage Portland's inner-city youth to make positive choices to achieve their full potential.



Cultural Band On Stage

Ronald Harrison on sax (left) and piano player Larry Natwick of the Cultural Recreation Band performed during a special holiday event at Emanuel Hospital for Project Network, a community service program.

King Event Celebrates 10th Anniversary

"Keep Living the Dream: A Tribute to Martin Luther King Jr.," will be performed Jan. 16 at the Jefferson High School Performing Arts Center.

The production by World Arts Foundation, Inc. is also celebrating its 10th anniversary this year of entertaining and educating area residents.

According to Master of Ceremony

Donny Adair, "Keep Living the Dream" has become more than a staged production.

"This program has become a festival that belongs to the community," Adair said.

Program director and foundation chair Michael Grice said the celebration is an invitation to all residents to gather and stand together with friends and family to cultivate love and respect for each other.

But most importantly, he stresses, "it is a time to acknowledge our heritage and prepare for the future."

Under this year's national theme, "On the King Holiday Help Somebody; Every American Can Make a Difference," the Portland-based program, which is Oregon's largest tribute to the King legacy, will feature the Portland Mass Choir, Mayor Vera Katz, State

Rep. Margaret Carter of Portland and recording artist Tracy Harris, who just released two singles on the Motown label.

The program is held on Martin Luther King Jr's birthday from 12-6 p.m. and will be simulcast on KBOO radio and cable channel 31. Admission is \$1 or two cans of non-perishable food which will be donated to the local food bank.