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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Moose Teaches Workshops

Police Chief Charles Moose will teach two winter workshops at the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College. Leadership Skill Development will be held Feb. 18 and Feb. 25. This weekend, Moose joins his wife, Sandra to teach the workshop Gender Conflict Resolution. Contact PCC at 414-2913 for more information.

Teens To Build Leadership Skills

A three-day workshop for teenagers to build leadership skills is held this weekend at Western Youth Development, 300 N.E. Multnomah. The Step Into The Future seminar will include help on setting goals, effective communication, dealing with peer pressure and finding fulfillment and satisfaction in daily life. There is no cost to participants. Call Suzanne Edmark at 239-4849 to register.

Family Supper Set At St. Andrews

The Albina Ministerial Alliance holds its first annual "Alliance Family Supper, Friday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church, 806 N.E. Alberta. \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. For more information call 285-0493.

History Focus On African Americans

The African-American presence in the Northwest is the topic of a special lecture on Tuesday, Jan. 24 in Foster Auditorium at Clark College in Vancouver. Historian and writer Joseph Franklin will talk about the little known development of the African American culture in our region.

Celebrating Harmony And Diversity

An evening of fun and cultural enrichment will be held Friday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Gaiser Hall Student Center at Clark College in Vancouver. The evening will include ethnic dining, entertainment and informational exhibits from a variety of cultures.

Help Offered For College Planning

The Kaplan Education Center will hold a free seminar for high school students and parents on Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. in the Galleria, 4th floor, room 402. Students will learn what to expect and how to prepare for SAT exams, the college admission process, financial aid and scholarships.

Library Events For Kids

The Hollywood branch of the Multnomah County Library features the program Winter Fun on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Participating children will hear wintertime stories and learn how to make a birdfeeder. On Saturday, Feb. 11 at 11:30 a.m., the program Have A Heart will feature Valentine stories and crafts.

Pat Metheny Group To Perform

Pat Metheny and his band will perform in Portland Friday, Feb. 24 at 8 p.m. at Civic Auditorium. Tickets are on sale at Fastix or by calling 224-TIXX.

SUBMISSIONS: Community Calendar information will be given priority if dated two weeks before the event date.



Working to reduce violence at home and in the community are Bridget Wright (center) and other members of north and northeast Portland's Family Care Team. (Photo By Michael Leighton)

Family Care Takes Aim At Violence

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON

A group of north and northeast Portland adults are learning skills of mediation and conflict resolution.

Their aim is to end a cycle of anger and violence and thereby make their own lives and those around them more livable.

Saving just one person from the damage of domestic violence makes it all worth it, according to Barbara Pacheco.

Pacheco and others find immediate satisfaction by seeing the anger management skills they learn transfer into higher self-esteem for themselves and especially their children.

Now with added support from Camp

Fire Boys and Girls they hope to get more residents involved in the program.

Camp Fire already had been working to make neighborhoods safer in its Gang Peace program. The agency goes into the elementary schools to teach children mediation so they can better deal with violence and conflicts.

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Moose Cited In Fight Against Drugs

Portland Police Chief Charles A. Moose has received a community leadership award from the FBI for his efforts in reducing illegal drugs.

Each year since 1990, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has recognized individuals and organizations in the Portland area for their work in reducing the demand for illegal drugs in their communities.

In being nominated by the special agent in charge of the Portland FBI office, Moose was cited for work in community policing and problem solving in drug-affected neighborhoods. His work with the Iris Court Community Policing Project, Comprehensive Options for Drug Abusers, Mainstream Youth

Program, the Boys and Girls Club and other public and private agencies working on the problems generated by the abuse of illegal drugs, were mentioned as examples of the chief's public service record.

Also noted was the positive impact the chief and his wife, Sandy, have made on northeast Portland's King neighborhood since moving there in 1993.

Past award winners have included the Regional Drug Initiative, an organization of community leaders who have assembled to combat drug problems; William J. Sorenson, for his support of YMCA midnight basketball; Fred Stickel, publisher of the Oregonian; and Barbara Sue Seal, real estate executive.



Police Chief Charles Moose

Carter Set Early Legislative Agenda

Businesses receiving property tax benefits could face additional requirements under a law being proposed by Rep. Margaret Carter, D-Portland.

Carter said her plan for amending Oregon's enterprise zone law could provide that specific neighborhood needs are met by companies receiving benefits through the state program. The proposed legislation is one of three proposals Carter has presented to legislative council for drafting into proposed law.

The north and northeast Portland representative is also working to put more state support into a program designed to meet the credit needs of lower-income neighborhoods.

Increasing funding to the Private Lender

Participation Agreement Program would help meet emerging businesses needs, Carter said.

State support for the Youth Conservation Corps to work with troubled young people is also being sought. Carter said a funding request was made at the request of the Portland Rainbow Coalition and Jobs for Justice.

The corps is an organization that works with young people who are in danger of failing in school, committing offenses, or who are already coming in contact with the court for minor offenses.

Participants would combine work and study, complete a GED if needed, and save money for higher education. Corps projects would focus on ecosystem restoration in cooperation with state and local agencies.

Neighborhood Concerns Put In Focus

A plan to make an inner north and northeast Portland neighborhood a stronger and more stable community will be unveiled Monday at a community meeting hosted by Housing Our Families.

Residents and community resource partners plan to gather at the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 3725 N. Gantenbein at 7 p.m.

A primary focus will be the Maya Angelou Community Action Initiative which contains 15 projects to be accomplished by residents and civic organizations over the

next year.

Housing Our Families is a non-profit community development corporation working to create affordable housing and revitalize the neighborhoods of inner north and northeast Portland.

In August 1993, the corporation acquired the Maya Angelou Apartments (formerly known as Colonial Park), a 42-unit complex in the Boise neighborhood. Since then, the organization has been working with the tenants and neighbors of the apartments to develop innovative strategies to increase the safety and liveability of the community.

Humboldt School 'Dreamers' Begin Journey

Portland's inner city has a new class of "dreamers" with sights on academic excellence and a future of attending college.

The entire class of fourth grade students at Humboldt Elementary School at 4915 N. Gantenbein, is the fourth "I Have a Dream Foundation" class to be established in Oregon.

Eugene Lang, the foundation's national founder, was at the school last week to wel-

come the 60 students who comprise the class into the program.

The Humboldt School "dreamers" are promised \$4,000 in college scholarships if they successfully complete high school. In the meantime, they will benefit from special programs of educational enrichment as part of the program.

Local sponsors are Vicki Zidell, a community volunteer and former hospital public relations professional; David

Gostnell, a neuropsychologist and psychologist; and Gloria Gostnell, a program officer of the Meyer Memorial Trust. The sponsors pledge their time and resources to the students over an extended period of time.

Major financial support was made by a \$600,000 grant from the Fred Meyer Memorial Trust. Pacific Power and Light also provided a matching grant of \$200,000 for future "I Have A Dream Foundation of Oregon"

activities.

The "I Have a Dream" program was founded by Lang in New York in 1981. He "adopted" and promised financial help for college educations to an entire graduating class at the same East Harlem elementary school he attended as a child.

The program has grown and today, more than 12,900 students in 56 cities participate as "dreamers."