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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Sale, Barbecue At Senior Center

A rummage sale and family barbecue will be held Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Multicultural Senior Center at Northeast Killingsworth and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Proceeds will support programs at the center. A chicken or ribs barbecue lunch will sell for \$5.

African Harvest Celebrated

An African Harvest Festival with musicians Obo Addy, Kukuru, Okropong, Boka Marimba, and Shakata is held Saturday from 1 to 7 p.m. at Cathedral Park under the east end of the St. Johns Bridge. The festival is sponsored by the Homowa Foundation for African Arts and Cultures, Collins Foundation, Templeton Foundation and Nike, Inc.

Home Composting Help Offered

It's never too late to start a home compost pile. In fact, the faded blooms and fallen leaves of late summer and early fall are perfect materials for the compost pile. To help home gardeners get their compost cooking, Metro will offer 18 free workshops beginning Aug. 16. Those interested in attending should call Metro Recycling at 234-3000.

Clothing Needed For Children

The Low Income Families Emergency Center's 10th annual back-to-school clothing drive is underway. The most urgent need is for larger sizes and underwear, according to director Charles Carter. Summer and winter clothing for children of all ages are also needed. Clothing can be dropped off at the LIFE center, 2746 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd or can be picked up by calling the center at 284-6878.

Pioneer Brass In Concert

The six-piece brass ensemble Pioneer Brass will be the featured performers Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the popular Concerts on the Commons series, presented by the Tualatin Parks and Recreation at Tualatin Commons off Boones Ferry Road on Seneca Street. Espresso and other delights are available during the event.

Parade To Celebrate Women's Vote

The 75th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote, will be celebrated in Portland with a parade and celebration Saturday, Aug. 26. The parade march will gather at 9 a.m. and begin at 10 a.m. from the South Park Blocks at Southwest Jefferson Street. Performances, music and speeches will take place the same day, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Waterfront Park Ankeny Stage near the Burnside bridge.

Theatre Presents Class Struggle

"Class Struggle," a play about students who find themselves in a school where the teachers have gone on strike, is performed Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave. The production addresses the common issues of drugs, sex and gangs facing teenagers today. It is the premier presentation for "Theatre In D'Hood," a summer drama program for area kids.

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On Camera



Portland kids (left) from Riverside Little League gather at Willamette Park as extras for the NBC movie "Death By Sunset." Also on hand for the taping, were cast members Ken Olin (top, from left), Lindsay Frost and John Terry. The episode will premier this fall.

Ex-addict Helps Adults Raise Children

BY PROMISE KING

At the end of his speech, parents, who came to listen to Lonnie Bushey speak about child delinquency, rose with the resolve to be more involved in their kids' lives.

Bushey, 31, of Los Angeles, is a motivational speaker who talks from experience on how to help children cope with the pressures of alcohol, gangs, and drugs. He bridges the gap between parents' desires and the daily pressures children face.

At age 13, Bushey thought drugs and booze were cool things, until he almost died from an overdose.

And 10 years after he turned his life around, he now speaks to about 20,000 kids and parents each month throughout the United States.

Bushey was at the Northeast Precinct Community Center last week, a guest of the Police Activities League, to offer tools and strategies on how to take a pro-active approach to juvenile crises.

His presentation focused on the choices adolescents face on a daily basis and their consequences.

Bushey also touched on self-esteem, gangs, choosing friends, alcoholic parents, peer pressure and issues parents face as they raise their children.



Lonnie Bushey

Boot Camp Planned For Delinquents

An Oregon boot camp for young offenders has received its go ahead with the appropriation of nearly \$1.6 million in monies from the Justice Department.

Oregon officials announced the receipt of the federal aid last week in Washington, D.C. It will be used to build a 52-bed facility.

Officials said the plans call for the boot camp to house juveniles for six months in a program that integrates educational, vocational, environmental and treatment components in a military-style structure.

The funding is part of a federal program that targets non-violent of-

fenders with the goal of freeing conventional prison space for violent offenders.

In Oregon, while adult crime statistics have flattened out, violent juvenile crime has more than doubled over the past decade.

"This grant is much deserved, Oregon has made some of the most dramatic reforms in juvenile justice in the country," said U.S. Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore.

U.S. Rep. Elizabeth Furse said she has high hopes for the program.

"The beauty of the boot camp idea is that it punishes young offenders while disciplining them," Furse said.

Child's Path Offers Free Food For Kids

Program Finds Solution To Kids In Hunger

BY PROMISE KING

Patty West's face grows grim as she recounts the thousands of Oregon kids that go to bed each night without food.

As program coordinator at Child's Path, West oversees tons of free nutritious food waiting to be picked up by needy families.

"No child should go hungry because we have an abundance of free food for every child that is in need," West said compassionately.

Forget the red tape and bureaucratic bottlenecks or the unwelcome reception you sometimes face when you go in to collect your welfare check or food stamps, just walk into the smiling face of West and collect free food.

All you need to go through is a simple certification session.

Child's Path gives free nutritious food to qualified families every month.

"We offer a variety of high quality, USDA canned and dried staples, including infant formula, milk, eggs, honey, peanut butter, fruit juice, rice, cereals, beans, meat, fruits and vegetable," said West.

The program also offers cooking lessons, food samples, recipes, newsletters and other nutrition information.

Child's Path, under the direction of the Food Bank, is a joint venture of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Oregon Housing and Community Services and individual donors.

It serves families living in north/northeast and southeast Portland.

The food, according to the coordinator, is for pregnant mothers, new mothers and nursing mothers. Beginning at age one, children receive a complete food package, including the full range of table foods, until they graduate from Child's Path on their sixth birthday.

Children receive services only if they are not enrolled in the Women, Infant and Children program (WIC). But other family members may participate in both programs.

You automatically qualify if you receive welfare, energy assistance, Social Security income or other public assistance. Foster children are also eligible.



Sabrina Earls of Child's Path offers help to a local resident. The agency distributes free food from its warehouse at 3724 N. Williams.

College students, working families and two-parent families are also served by Child's Path.

The Child's Path program began in 1988. Its goal is to help end childhood hunger in the inner city.

A new national study had found that at least 36,000 kids are hungry in Oregon and another 131,000 are at the risk of being hungry.

For services and more information call 281-3113.

Hunger Warehouse Has New Home

The Clark County Stop Hunger Warehouse opens in a new facility this week at 418 N.E. Repass Road in Hazel Dell.

The warehouse serves as a distribution point and the lead agency for as many as seven different emergency food programs. It assists in helping feed up to 21,000 people throughout southwest Washington each month.

Nearly 1.8 million pounds of food was distributed from the warehouse to area food banks and distribution sites in 1994.