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SECTION B

Community Calendar

George Benson To Perform In Concert

George Benson with special guest Tom Grant will perform Saturday, Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. at Sokol Blosser Winery in Dundee. Tickets are \$23.50, not including service charge and available at Fred Meyer Fastixx locations.

Roseway Plans Neighbor Fair

The fourth annual Roseway Neighborfair will be held at Wellington Park, at Northeast 67th and Mason Saturday, Sept. 16 from noon until 4 p.m. The event will feature a raffle with prizes and face painting for kids of all ages. A free health screen for vision, hearing, blood pressure and diabetes will be sponsored by the Roseway Lions Club.

Convention Center Plans Party

A community celebration "Picnic by the Points," is scheduled Sept. 9 and 10 to mark the 5th anniversary of the Oregon Convention Center. The outdoor celebration will include family entertainment such as clowns, face painters and an OMSI "hands-on" science fair. There will also be a variety of northeast neighborhood food booths, and main stage entertainment with Portland's top blues and gospel artists.

Farmers Market In Fourth Year

Portland's farmers market is in its fourth season at 1200 N.W. Front, just north of the Broadway Bridge. Customers can buy fresh produce directly from the farmer who grew it. Cooking demonstrations also run every Saturday through Oct. 9 at 10 a.m.

Air Museum Observes VJ-Day

The Pearson Air Museum, 1105 E. Fifth St. in Vancouver will host a public reception for members of the famous Flying Tigers of World War II, Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A breakfast is also planned at 8 a.m. with the museum open to the public from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The events mark the 50th anniversary of VJ-Day, the day commemorating the end of the war.

King Neighbors To Clean-Up

All King neighborhood residents are welcome to drop of trash, yard debris, hazardous waste and tires during a clean-up and block revitalization day, Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Northeast Community Precinct. A free barbecue for residents of the neighborhood is also planned. Volunteers are needed, call 282-3249.

Open House For New Program

An open house to celebrate the opening of a new crisis intervention program will be held Thursday, Sept. 7 at 1811 N.E. 39th Ave., the new office of the Sexual Exploitation Education Project. Food and drink, provided by Nature's Fresh! Northwest, exciting prizes and childcare will be provided during the event, scheduled from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Senior Volunteers Needed

Senior citizens who want to help their community are needed in the Multnomah County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. For information, call Helen Wahl at 229-7787 and ask about volunteer activities to suit your interests.

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Walnut Park Homes Dedicated

Walnut Park Townhomes, a development of 44 new or renovated homes is coming to the King Neighborhood of northeast Portland.

The project of the Northeast Community Development Corp., established by the minority community of northeast Portland in 1984, was dedicated last week in a ground breaking ceremony.

Grouped in attached pairs, each of the King neighborhood townhomes has its own front porch, rear patio and off-street parking. The housing is along Northeast Roselawn and Sumner streets between Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd and Ninth Avenue.

The non-profit corporation serves the needs of lower and moderate income families. It's current emphasis is in the development of affordable homes in the Boise, Humboldt, King and Vernon neighborhoods.

The Walnut Park project is one of the most significant revitalization efforts mounted in northeast Portland. It will have a substantial impact on the neighborhood by radically upgrading existing homes and building 16 new in-fill townhouses on vacant lots.

During the ceremony, NECDC officials said their focus will extend beyond housing to the revitalization of community.

"The process is characterized by its simultaneous focus on community building as well as program activities," said George Richardson, NECDC board chairman.

"Through a unique resource coordi-



Janet Bureson (from left), State Rep. Avel Gordly, Jaki Walker, George Richardson, Jim Taylor and Dick Hanlin at a ground breaking ceremony marking successful plan to revitalize the King neighborhood with new, affordable housing.

nation strategy, the project will also serve as a model for future Portland revitalization initiatives," Richardson

said. "At the same time that we are building houses, we will be implementing a

collaborative and comprehensive approach to neighborhood revitalization," he added.

House Of RaHab To Open In Northeast

A new treatment center for disadvantaged women who suffer from drug addiction and domestic violence is planned in northeast Portland.

The House of Rahab will target its services for a diversified female population.

One of the center's primary goals will be educational, helping center residents learn and obtain job skills to be applied in today's workforce.

Rahab center officials said they want to demonstrate to those seeking help that "as a community we believe in them and are confident that they can achieve their goals."

The officials are preparing to move into the former Parkrose nursing home at 10336 N.E. Wygant. An opening is anticipated by Oct. 1, with the facility providing space for up to 60 women.

A chief proponent and organizer of the center is House of Rahab Director Charlene Newman.

Newman has worked at the Hooper Detoxification Center in northeast Portland for 11 years. She said it's always been her dream to open a center such as this one.

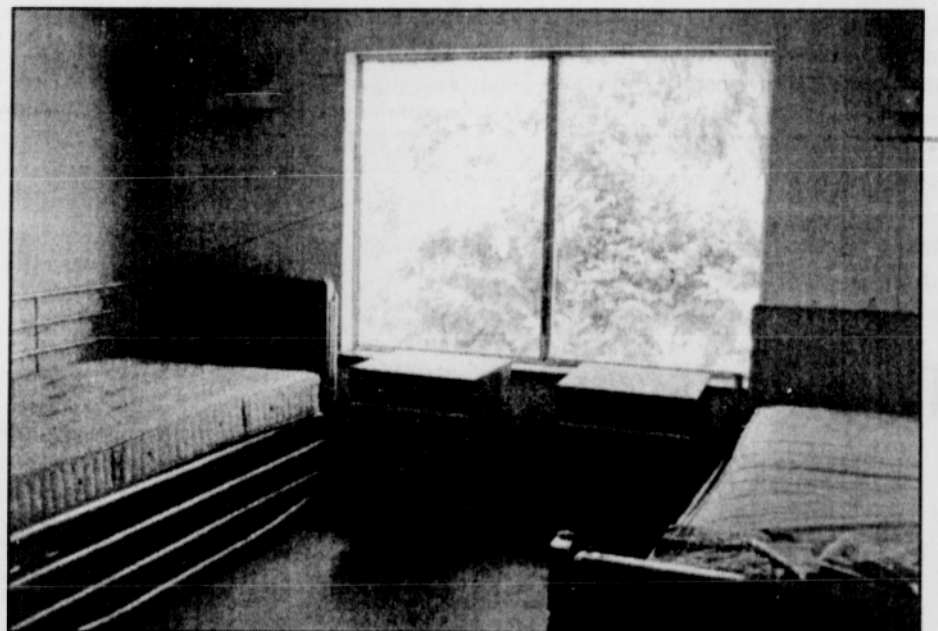
"I was very excited to see this type of center open, personally, it's one of a kind, this vision is something that's become a reality," Newman said.

MYCAP director Johnny Gage says the new facility will be a great asset to the surrounding community and will provide community service work for young adults.

The House of Umoja also is going to be very active in the center.

Center officials are looking for sponsors to take on the task of furnishing rooms.

"We have the beds, but the rooms need to be furnished with beautiful things as a reflection of the beauty we see in them



Furnishings are vacant at the future House of Rahab, a treatment center for drug addiction and domestic abuse. Donations to decorate the rooms are being sought.

(center women)," officials said.

Donations have been received from City Liquidators and Portland Mattress Co., Touch Paging and others, but more

donations are greatly needed.

Contact the House of Rahab at P.O. Box 301037, Portland, OR 97294. Evenings call Charlene Newman at 654-8483.

NECA/IBEW Donation Helps Send Youth Choir To L. A.



Ed Barnes of the Metro Electrical Training Trust, Ken Fry, Metro Electrical Training Center Training Director, and Rick Brame, a member of IBEW Local 48 and president of the Portland Chapter of the Electrical Workers Minority Caucus, present the check to the choir's Executive Director, Pearl Thomas.

In cooperation with the local chapter of the Electrical Workers Minority Caucus, the Metro Electrical Training Trust and the International Brotherhood of

Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 48 have donated a total of \$1,000 to help send the Portland Metropolitan Youth Mass Choir to a national music convention and workshop later this

month.

The monies donated by the Metro Trust--Funded by IBEW Local 48 and the Oregon-Columbia Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA)--and IBEW Local 48, will go toward expenses to send members of the choir to the 29th Gospel Music Workshop of America, Inc. national convention in Los Angeles. The group hopes to join 130,000 other young singers from the U.S., Africa, Canada, England, and other countries at the conference. The choir is working toward a total funding goal of \$50,000.

"We're not there yet," said Pearl Thomas, Executive Director of the choir, "But we certainly appreciate the help that the Electrical Workers Minority Caucus has provided, and the funds that the Metro Trust and Local 48 have generously donated toward our goal."

The Youth Mass Choir is a gospel music group made up of youth, aged four to 18 years, for the North and Northeast, Portland, and Vancouver areas. According to the group's Executive Director, these talented young people are ambitious, determined, and dedicated to fulfilling their dreams and goals. The Choir has made many television, radio,

and community appearances throughout the area.

The Electrical Workers Minority Caucus, composed of minority and female union members, is dedicated to promoting employment equality within the IBEW. Its members encourage minority electricians to run for positions within the IBEW and to become active in their local union's affairs. They also provide assistance to minority workers, providing education on how to work within the union and offering mentoring to minority apprentices.

"We want to thank Metro and Local 48 for helping us support this fine group of young people," said Rick M. Brame, a member of IBEW Local 48 and president of the Portland Chapter of the Electrical Workers Minority Caucus.

"We're always proud to help support young people working toward a worthy goal," said Tim Gauthier, Executive Manager of NECA.

"We wish the members of the Portland Youth Mass Choir the very best--both during their conference, and throughout their lives," said Greg Teeple, Business Manager of IBEW Local 48.