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SECTION B

Community Calendar

African American Art Sought

African American artists throughout the state are invited to participate in a juried art exhibit and sale sponsored by the Oregon Commission on Black Affairs. Participants have until Nov. 30 to submit entry forms and slides of their work. The show will be held at the Capitol Galleria in Salem, Jan. 2 through Jan. 31. For information call Anderson DuBoise at 287-1763.

Kwanzaa Works Presented At IFCC

The gallery of the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center this month will feature an exhibit to start the 1995 Kwanzaa Community Project. The works of Adriene Cruz and Charlotte Lewis use fibre, wood, glass, metal and other elements create a cultural experience of African life styles.

Jazz, Prizes Set For Casino Night

Jazz, roulette tables, craps and blackjack will highlight the annual Big Deal Casino Night, a fundraiser for Ad2 Portland with proceeds to fund this year's public service campaign for Gang Peace. The fun begins Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Melody Ballroom, 615 S.E. Alder. Reserve tickets are \$15 by calling 233-1571, box 2. Tickets at the door are \$20 and include two free drinks and \$20 in script.

Dinner Talk On Women's Issues

An analysis of the U.N. World's Conference on Women will be the topic of a meeting of the Portland branch of Radical Women on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Northwest Service Center, 1819 N.W. Everett, Room 201. The public is encouraged to attend. A delicious international supper will be available at 6:30 p.m. for a \$5 donation.

Affirmative Action Targeted

Participants are wanted for two evenings of discussion on several aspects of affirmative action. The Metropolitan Human Rights Commission is sponsoring the Nov. 30 and Dec. 7 sessions as part of a series of programs designed to exchange viewpoints and inform residents on important topics of the day. To register call 823-5136.

Home Ownership Forum Set

It may never be easier than now to purchase a home. And to help learn the ins and outs of making that dream of owning your own home come true, the non-profit Portland Housing Center is offering free information during a Homeownership Forum, Wednesday, Nov. 15 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Holy Cross Church Parish Hall, 5227 N. Bowdoin.

Home Maintenance Help Offered

Instruction of home maintenance issues and identifying and scheduling routine and preventable repairs will be the subjects of a free workshop at Portland Community College in room 217 of Terrell Hall, 705 N. Killingsworth. The non-profit Portland Housing Center sponsors the Wednesday, Nov. 15 session beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Energy Workshops Scheduled

A series of energy conservation workshops to reduce the cold in your home and save on utility bills are held through January. Low-income households can qualify for a free kit of weatherization materials worth \$120. To register, call the Community Energy Project, 422 N.E. Alberta at 284-6827.

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

Ministries Shelter To Open

A new Open House Ministries shelter for the homeless, currently under construction in Vancouver, may be one of the most cooperative efforts by volunteers in several years.

Hundreds of volunteers and contributors, 83 churches, and dozens and dozens of businesses and contractors are combining efforts to build the apartment complex to shelter homeless families.

IBEW Local 48 contractors EIR Electric, Mofford Electric, Contract Electric, Mill Plain Electric, Red's Electric, lead electrical contractor Far West Electric and other electricians volunteered their expertise to provide electrical wiring for the three-story complex.

The electricians are wiring lighting and heating systems, as well as providing power to each individual units in the new shelter.

Open House will offer its housing to any family, couple or single woman who is seeking a permanent end to a homeless situation. The program is designed to encourage participants to remain independent.

Participants in Open House programs do their own cooking and other housekeeping while they work with staff to resolve their homelessness. The project is funded entirely by private donations. Since its inception in 1993, Open House has helped hundreds of families.

"This is a fantastic project," said Bill Slack, retired Business Representative of Local 48 who coordinated the project with recently retired Business Manager Edward Barnes.

"It's great to see our people volunteering their time like this - especially since most contractors are so busy right now with paying jobs that sufficient manpower is hard to find," Barnes said.

"We're very proud," Barnes added. "This project will allow Open House Ministries to help many more homeless people who are



A crew of volunteer electricians and contractors are satisfied with a job well done as they wire the new Open House Ministries homeless shelter.

trying to change their lives. We're grateful that we can be part of that solution."

The electrical crews are about halfway through with the project, according to Dave Wilde, a builder who took a leave of absence

from his job to supervise the construction.

"The electricians have done something only they can do - and they've done it in good spirits. It's been a real boost for us," said John Greyholzer, executive director of Open House

Ministries. "Not only have they contributed their professional expertise, but individually, they've helped us spread the word about this project on a grassroots level through their churches and their communities."

Achievers Meet Saturday At Dishman

African American youth in grades nine through 12 are encouraged to attend a youth cluster meeting of the Black Achievers program. Saturday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. at the Dishman Community Center, 77 N.E. Knott.

Parents are also welcome to learn more about the program and participate

on program committees.

The Black Achievers is a program of the YMCA Columbia-Willamette chapter to set and attain high educational and career goals for young people.

The students receive guidance and college information, participate in educational and recreational activities and have opportunities to meet and work

with Portland corporate and community leaders.

Students can participate in one or more of the following career cluster groups: Business, communications, computers, engineering, health, law and government.

The program matches African American adults as role models and

mentors so that students can experience hands-on learning at the adult's business or corporation, receive internships and possible employment.

Prizes will be given to the first 10 students who enter the door.

Free Black Achievers T-shirts will be given to all students who enroll in the program.

Business Specialist Targets Northeast

The Business Outreach Center in the OAME (Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs) Plaza in north Portland has hired a new assistant director.

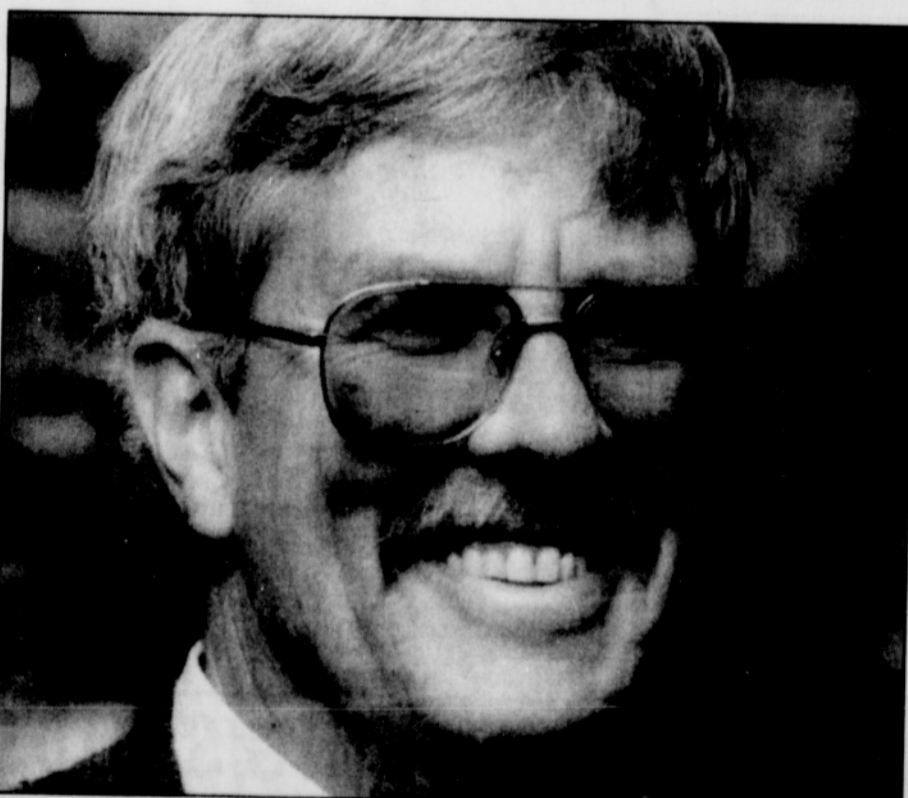
Tim Shea, who has more than 20 years of experiences as a business manager, counselor and owner, joins the center staff.

His responsibilities will be to concentrate on assistance and counseling to small and medium sized businesses with particular focus on the north and northeast Portland.

The center, at 4134 N. Vancouver, was created by the Portland State University School of Business Administration in 1994.

Shea has a masters of business administration degree and a bachelor's degree in marketing from Portland State.

"There's a great deal of entrepre-



Tim Shea focuses his efforts on economic development for the north/northeast community at the Business Outreach Center in the OAME Plaza on north Vancouver Avenue.

neurial activity in north Portland," Shea said. "Some people have learned their business informally and may what to know how to deal with the infrastructure of creating a business.

"We try to bring them into a format that's understandable and comfortable to them," he said.

Currently, the center is working with about 50 businesses at various levels of help, officials said. Clients include restaurants, importers, manufacturers and service businesses.

The center also works closely with the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs, headed by Sam Brooks.

Phone Books Accepted For Curb Recycling

Portland Residents now have a choice on how they can recycle old phone books.

For the first time, residents throughout the metro area can recycle phone books at the curb or they can take them to participating Fred Meyer stores.

Portland has expanded its curbside recycling program to include the outdated books. As new US West Direct phone books are distributed, residents can put the old directories in their yellow recycling bins. The books should not be mixed with newspapers or magazines and should not be put in plastic bags.

Residents can also take outdated phone books to the participating Fred Meyer stores. The phone books will be sent to a paper recycler for reprocessing.

Businesses can call their hauler to make arrangements for collection. The phone company will also pick-up the directories.

"We are very proud of our 'closed loop' recycling system where all old phone books are remanufactured into paper for new phone books," said Scott Toyohara, recycling manager for US West Direct. "But what really matters here is that everybody pitches in and recycles their old phone books."