

METRO *Life*

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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Free Lead Testing For Kids

Oregon Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program and Multnomah County Health Department are providing free lead testing for children six months to six years every Wednesday from 2:30 to 6 p.m. at the Rosa Young House, 4206 NE Garfield. For more details call 248-5240.

Recruiting Women Mentors

Women in Community Service is recruiting women volunteers for positions as mentors for graduates of their Lifeskills program. The next training classes are scheduled for April 13 from 9-4 p.m. and April 17 from 6-9 p.m. at the Southeast Multicultural Center, 4610 SE Belmont. Call 280-6646 ex. 310 for more information.

Volunteers Needed For Crisis Line

Metro Crisis Line is recruiting volunteers to staff its 24-hour telephone crisis intervention and information referral hot line. Training will be provided for those willing to commit to one four-hour day, evening, night or weekend shift each week. No experience necessary but must be 18 or older. Call 226-3099.

Ghanaian Dance Workshop

Learn about west African dance and culture with Obo Addy, Chata and percussionists of Okropong at a Ghanaian Dance Workshop April 8 through June 3, Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. at the Portland State University's Health and Physical Education Building, 930 SW Hall St. Beginners and drop-ins are welcome. Call 725-5670 for details.

Buckman Art Show And Sale

Buckman Elementary School will hold its annual Art Show and Sell April 4-6 at the school's cafeteria at 320 SE 16th ave. The show will include paintings, ceramics, prints jewelry clothes photography and glass works from established and emerging talent. The sale supports the arts program at Buckman Elementary School.

Technology For People With Disabilities Workshop

Learn how computers can allow people with disabilities to see, hear and feel what is on the computer screen, and how office technology can be adapted to allow employers to recruit from a wider pool of job applicants. The workshop, sponsored by City Club and the Oregon Commission for the Blind, will be held April 4 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the United Way Community Service Center, 619 SW 11th Ave in the third floor board room. Call 228-7231 for more information.

Play Reading Series At Firehouse

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, Lewis and Clark College and Portland State University present their 4th annual play reading series beginning April 9. Plays include *The Child is Father of the Man* by Connor Kerns, *Tiger Eyes* by Anilisa Sloan and act II and III of *Wimmin Out the House* by RaChelle Schmidt. Call 823-2000 for times, location and further information.

Brave Old World In Convert

Congregation Neveh Shalom, The Mittleman Jewish Community Center and the Portland International Performance Festival present *Brave Old World* in concert Sunday, April 7, at 7 p.m. at Congregation Neveh Shalom, 2900 SW Peaceful Lane. A dance workshop with the group will be held Saturday April 6 at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center, 6651 SW Capital Hwy. Call 246-8831 for more information.

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



Jefferson Dancers Schedule 1996 Spring Concerts

The Jefferson Dancers present their 1996 spring concerts in six shows at the Intermediate Theatre of the Portland Center for the Performing Arts, April 30 - May 4 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 5 at 2 p.m.

Two completely different programs on alternate nights feature multiple collaborations with other professional artists. Program A (Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday) includes Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*, performed with the Choral Cross-Ties of Oregon along with outstanding members of several local high school choirs; *Strata*, personally performed by accomplished choreographer and Jefferson alum, David Ward; Susan Molitor's *Armonia*; Heather Cornell's *Ocsibisa*; and Julane Stites' *Soul Shakedown*, performed with live music by The Cal Scott Group, gospel vocalist Tracy Harris and the Jefferson Choir Ensemble. Cal Scott will perform a piece from his new CD. Program B (Wednesday, Friday, Sunday) features two additional David Ward pieces, *Silver Spoon* and *America's Shadow*; Elena Carter's *Poets and Muses*; two tap pieces by Terry Brock, *A-Train* and *Beguine*, performed by Jefferson alumni dancers Ron Smith and Kristen Branson; and Julane Stites' *So Old, So Good*.

This highly entertaining, energetic show features a variety of choreographers and dance styles, professional costuming, lighting, and live music. Don't miss it! Tickets are \$13, \$11 and \$7; available at the PCPA Box Office and at all Fred Meyer Fastix outlets: 224-TIXX.

Women-Owned Businesses Soaring

The National Foundation of Women Business Owners announced last week that there are close to 8 million women-owned businesses, accounting for a third of all US business and employing a fourth of all workers.

There was a 78 percent increase of women heading their own companies since 1987, compared to a 47 percent increase for all US businesses during the same period.

The result -- sales have vaulted 236 percent and employment jumped from 6.6 million workers to 18.5 million, a 26 percent increase in the workforce.

"Sales and employment generated by women-owned businesses have skyrocketed in the

past nine years," said Susan Peterson the foundation chairwoman.

"The sheer strength of the numbers reaffirms that women business owners are a powerful catalyst for promoting the health of our economy," she added.

Anorvia Hardy, owner of Mother Dear's Tasty Pastries, started baking pies at her home. She expanded into catering and, in January of 1994, opened shop in the new Walnut Park complex at Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. She offers a lunch menu along with her specialty pies and cobblers. She even makes wedding pies.

The growth is attributed to the increase of working women since World War II. When women advance as far as they can they open

their own businesses.

Another factor is the increase of women in business schools or considering entrepreneurship from the beginning of their careers.

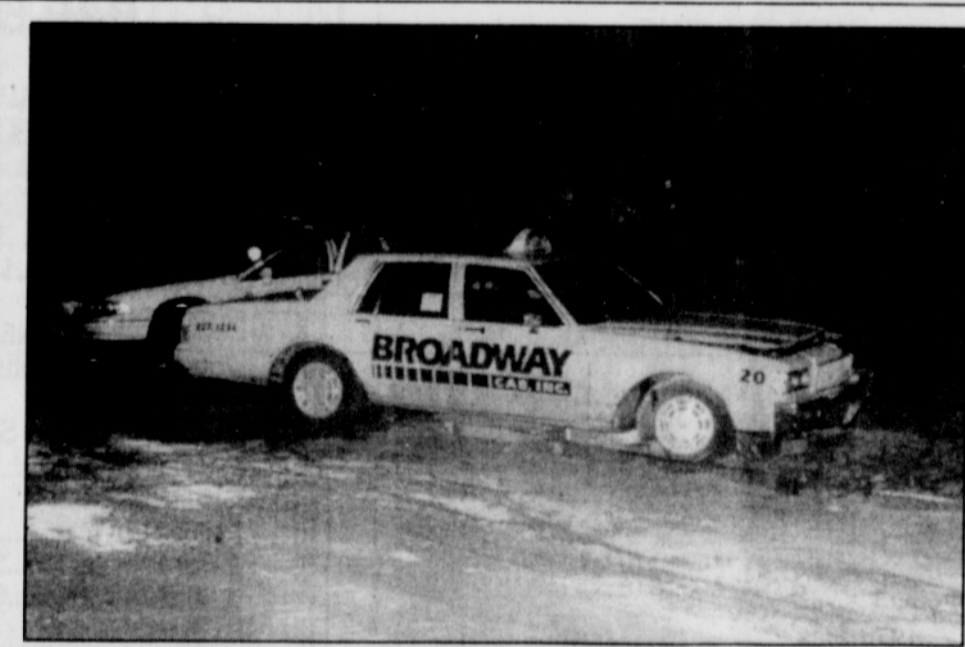
Daughters are inheriting businesses from their parents and single mothers are going into business because it gives them flexibility in caring for their children.

Information for the report, "1995 Facts on Women Own Businesses", was taken from data from the census bureau, the Internal Revenue Service and Dun and Bradstreet Information Service. It showed the number of companies owned by women is increasing in every state. Nevada increase by 130 percent since 1987, followed by 112 percent in Georgia, and 108 percent in New Mexico.

Oregon has 121,000 women owned businesses. California is the largest with more than 1 million. Texas is second with 552,000 and New York third with 527,000. North Dakota and the District of Columbia have the least with 19,000.

The majority of companies owned by women, 52 percent, are in the service industry, with 19 percent in retail and 10 percent in finance, insurance and real estate.

The fastest growing sectors are non-traditional. Women-owned construction firms jumped 170 percent and wholesale trade rose 157 percent. Transportation, communication, agriculture and manufacturing are seeing large increases in companies headed by women.



Portland Cab Driver Slain

On Sunday, February 4, 1996, at about 8:18 p.m., 49-year-old Jim Lowe, a cab driver for Broadway Cab, picked up three young black males at NE 42nd and Beech.

Approximately seven minutes later, in the 4500 Block of NE Holman, the three subjects robbed Lowe of the little cash he was carrying, then shot him in the face with a small caliber weapon.

Prior to entering Lowe's cab, the three subjects had been in a market at NE 42nd and Beech and appeared to be considering robbing it. However, other customers and the owner entered the market.

The suspects were described as:

A black male, 17-20 years, 5'11" to 6', thin build, wearing a hip length black starter jacket and a stocking cap.

A black male, 18-20 years, with short Afro hair and a nosering (possibly a diamond). He was wearing a black jacket with a hood.

A black male, 17 to 20 years, 5'11", medium build, wearing black pants and a black starter jacket with a dark colored hood.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime. You do not have to give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

Schools To Receive Awards For Hunger Relief Efforts

Tired of watching overpaid, over-rated movie stars win too many awards at the always tedious annual Academy Awards ceremony.

A more satisfying and deserving awards ceremony on Wednesday will honor students of all ages who collected food for Oregon Food Bank network agencies. The 25th Annual Project Second Wind Awards Ceremony was held at 2840 N.E. Riverside Way on

Wednesday, March 27

Master of ceremonies was the charismatic Nick Jones, Portland Trail Blazers Community Activities Coordinator. At least 31 students and their schools received awards in such categories as

"Top Students."

"Total Pounds of Food Collected Per Student."

"Total Pounds Collected by a High School/

Middle School/Elementary School."

Project Second Wind, a food drive sponsored each year by Portland Public Schools, is celebrating its 25th annual food drive. Theme for the drive is "Oregon Students Fight Hunger." During the March 4-8 drive, thousands of Portland-area students from about 90 schools spent time, energy and imagination collecting food and participating in hun-

ger-related educational activities. Oregon Air National Guard volunteers are collecting food from schools and transporting it to the warehouse for pickup by metro-area hunger-relief agencies.

Project Second Wind's sponsors include PACC Health Plans, Portland Public Schools, First Interstate Bank, The Oregon Air National Guard and KGW Northwest NewsChannel 8.