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Community Calendar

Low-Income Energy Assistance Funds

Funds are still available through the Albina Ministerial Alliance for residents of inner-North and Northeast Portland who need help paying their energy or water bills. Low-income people who have not received energy-assistance funds since Oct. 1, 1995 or think they might qualify for a discount on water bills call 240-0828.

PCC Offers Grants

The Portland Community College Foundation is offering scholarships to students who will attend PCC during the 1996-97 academic year. Criteria for scholarships vary, but most require students have attended PCC for one term before applying. Funds are designated by student, field of study, age, geographical residence and other factors. Last year the foundation granted 165 scholarships totaling \$122,500. Applications are available at PCC financial aid offices. Deadline for applications is May 1. Call 977-4385 for more details.

Urban League Annual Meeting

The Urban League of Portland will hold its annual membership meeting Wednesday, April 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Amphitheater at Providence Medical Center 4805 NE Glisan. The event will include the installation of new officers, presentation of the annual report and an awards presentation. Those who plan to attend are encouraged to RSVP at 280-2600.

Young African American Men Honored

The Distinguished Youth Gala Celebration of Academic Achievement will be held Sunday, May 19 at 3 p.m. at the Red Lion Inn at the Quay. The event salutes distinguished African American Young Men in Portland area high schools. Anthony "Tony" Melson of Jefferson High School is the event's distinguished scholar of the year.

Relatives of Diabetics Sought For Research

Legacy Emanuel Childrens Diabetes Center is looking for relatives of diabetes for free screening as part of a research project. Individuals 3 to 45 years old and are siblings, parents, or children of people with type one diabetes or individuals 3 to 20 years old and are an aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandchild, half-sibling or cousin of persons with type one diabetes. Call 413-3288 for more details on the program.

Spring Schedule For Forest Friends

Forest Friends, a classroom series for preschoolers age 3 to 5 begins April 23 at the World Forestry Center. The classes feature stories, music, crafts and nature games. The series includes three parent-child classes that will teach about the life, habits, and ecology of forest creatures featured in the classes. Call 228-1367 for further information.

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to provide emotional support and physical care for Kaiser Permanente hospice patients and their families. Volunteers commit to eight hours a month for six months. Free training is held at 3704 N. Interstate Ave. Thursdays and Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. from April 25 to May 28. Call 499-5285 or (360) 694-2210 (Washington state) for more information.

Conference To Build Garden For Childrens Hospital

Home is Where the Habitat is, a weekend environmental conference will build a natural garden to attract wildlife to the Children's Garden at Legacy Emanuel Childrens Hospital, 2801 N. Gatenbein. The workshop, April 20-21, is sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation. Sara Stein author of "Noah's Garden" is the keynote speaker. Registration is at 8:15.

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

From Welfare To Work Step By Step



Steps staff members Lelia Lomax, Georgiana McElheny and Bill Miller confer. Program Coordinator Gary Coleman

By CC Jackson
Down a long corridor in an old church school building is the path more than 5000 people have taken to get from welfare into the workforce.

-- with the tools necessary to get jobs and keep them.

The program, staffed by Portland Community College under a subcontract from Mt

Hood Community College, works from a vision of a strong community and a mission to empower its clients.

All Adult and Family Service clients and applicants for public assistance with a child one-year-old and up must be in the JOBS program. They must participate in 40 hours of client activities that may include job search, daily networking and attending Steps modules that teach skills such as resume writing, interview

techniques and stress management. Everyone goes to Pod on Fridays where outside speakers address subjects like how to file for earned income credit and what to do about a criminal record. Those who have found employment are acknowledged and hot job leads are announced.

Once in the Steps Program clients are put on tracks toward self-sufficiency. Each track -- employability, career focus, life planning and ABE/GED -- is geared toward individual needs.

Those with low-level learning abilities like dyslexics and illiterates are placed on the employability track, that combines job search, basic skills and self-esteem building. For ten weeks clients are helped to get a new start with a fresh look at their skills and how to apply them. The career focus track is an intensive two week version of the modules with regular coaching and support.

Those with no employment experience at all -- usually single mothers -- find themselves spending five weeks in life planning. It

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Boise Neighborhood Considers Pub

BY LEE PEARLMAN

The fate of the proposed Easy Street Pub and Grill at 915 N. Shaver St. may be decided at a special meeting at 7 p.m. April 22 at the Albina Youth Opportunity School, 3710 N. Mississippi Ave.

According to Larry Jacobson of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, and Mike Sanderson of the Portland Bureau of Licenses, both agencies are waiting to hear from the Boise Neighborhood Association before making their recommendations on the license application.

Boise discussed the issue at its April general meeting, but declined to take any action because interested neighbors were not notified that it would be on the agenda. Instead, the association's officers decided to call a special meeting, and notify all residents and property owners within two blocks of the establishment.

The property is within the city's North-Northeast Liquor

Impact Zone, where the city believes there are alcohol-related problems and an

overabundance of liquor outlets. The Bureau of Licenses tends to frown on new liquor licenses in such areas for establishments that emphasize the sale of liquor as opposed to providing it in conjunction with food, unless there are unusual circumstances involved or a strong show of community support.

So far, Jacobson and Sanderson have received 14 letters opposing Easy Street's license application. They have also received eight letters of support, all of them form letters with identical language produced by the same printer, and in four cases without an accompanying address.

Housing Our Families plans to build a nine-unit low-income housing project on a vacant lot across the street, and the pub abuts more housing to the north. Other opponents cite past problems with alcohol sales in the area.

Leah Van Horton, owner of a recently renovated historic building on North Mississippi Avenue, wrote, "Given the his

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Ebony Fashion Fair

The 38th annual Ebony fashion fair "The Power of Color" will appear in portland at the Oregon Convention Center ballroom on Friday, April 19th, 1996, at 8:00 p.m. The world's largest traveling fashion show is produced by Ebony Magazine and is sponsored by The Portland Chapter of the Links, Inc., for the benefit of The Links educational and scholarship fund.

Mrs. Eunice W. Johnson, producer and director of the show, personally selects fashions from the exclusive collection of famed designers such as Yves Saint Laurent, Oscar De La Renta, Valentino, Bob Mackie, Giorgio Sant'Angelo, Fabrice and Bruce Oldfield.

Proceeds from previous shows made it possible to contribute to many local charities such as: POIC, NAACP (Locally and nationally), St. Vincent Depaul Child Development Center, Volunteers of America Fund, Portland State University, Multnomah Association for Retarded Children, United Negro College Fund (Locally and nationally), American Cancer Society-Oregon Division, Kidney Association of Oregon, U.N.I.C.F Ethiopian Aid (Africare, Inc.), American Heart Association of Oregon, Head Start, Peninsula Little League, and many other groups and organizations.



The classic casual wear from Louis Ferand - Red jumpsuit, yellow coat and green suede vest with yellow suit and red coat. Both outfits with red fur hats.

Community Service Award Nominations Sought

The Oregon Community Foundation is requesting nominations for the George A. Russill Community Service Awards, a \$2,000 award given to an individual who has performed exceptionally useful and effective volunteer service in the greater Portland area.

Nominees should demonstrate leadership, vision and initiative as well as service. Candidates for public office and holders of public office are not eligible. Awards are not made posthumously.

The George A. Russill Award was established in 1978 by the friends of George Russill, a Portland attorney who was an active volunteer in city and state politics.

Nomination forms for the George A.

Russill award are available through The Oregon Community Foundation, 621 SW Morrison Street, Suite 725, Portland, Oregon, 97225, (503) 227-6846. Deadline for nominations are April 18, 1996 at 5 p.m.

Chefs' Night Out Benefits Local Hunger-Relief

Nancy and Rick, struggling to support 10 month-old twins on Rick's \$6-per-hour job at a local grocery store, recently received a staggering blow. The grocery store has closed and Rick's out of a job. They were barely making it before; now they need help. The family has turned to St. Francis Catholic Church in Sherwood, an Oregon Food Bank network food pantry. They've received a food box, but especially appreciate baby formula, which Nancy estimates would cost them \$100 to \$150 a month. "St. Francis has been an unbelievable help," Nancy says.

As a beneficiary of Chefs' Night Out, the annual fundraiser which invites local food lovers to sample the creations of local restaurants, Oregon Food Bank will be able to help local hunger relief pantries and agencies get food to hungry families, including Nancy and Rick's.

The ninth annual Chefs' Night Out will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday, April 22 at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts, 1111 S.W. Broadway. Participants will offer delectables from at least 30 restaurants, many Oregon wineries, microbreweries, coffee brewers and mineral water purveyors. Tickets are \$50 per person and are available from center's box office or from Fred Meyer Fastix outlets.

Organizers hope to raise at least \$45,000 from the event. Oregon Food Bank will share 80 percent of Chefs' Night Out proceeds with: Foodtrain, a St. Vincent de Paul

program that "rescues" prepared and perishable foods; Sisters of the Road Cafe, a nonprofit restaurant in Northwest Portland that serves low-income and homeless people; and Klamath/Lake County Food Bank, an Oregon Food Bank network agency in Klamath Falls.

Chefs' Night Out is Portland's version of a nationwide event, Taste of the Nation, organized by Share Our Strength, a Washington, D.C.-based anti-hunger relief agency. The remaining 20 percent of the event's proceeds will go to Share Our Strength to help international relief efforts.

"We appreciate our partnership with Share Our Strength and the local community in implementing Chefs' Night Out," said Rach-

el Bristol Little, Oregon Food Bank's executive director. "We are blessed with wonderful restaurants, planners and volunteers who make our event a success each year. The ongoing support provided by Share Our Strength fosters greater awareness of hunger in our communities and support for our fight against hunger."

As Oregon Food Bank copes with drastic cuts in federal emergency food assistance, funds such as those raised from Chefs' Night Out will be used to make up for these losses by targeting new sources of food. For every dollar received, Oregon Food Bank distributes 9 pounds of food.

For more information about Oregon Food Bank's and Chefs' Night Out, call (503) 282-0555.