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SECTION B

Community Calendar

North Portland Candidates Forum

North Portland residents will be able to meet all candidates running in North Portland for Oregon House District 17 and Senate District 8 seats. The forum will be held Monday, April 29 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Peninsula School, 8125 Emerald Ave. The event is sponsored by the Neighborhood Associations of North Portland.

Asthma, Allergies Parents Support Group To Meet

A support group for parents with children with asthma and allergies will meet Monday, April 29 at 7 p.m. at Lake Oswego Baptist Church, 4565 SW Carman Drive. Monday's topic will be "Moral Support Night."

WalkAmerica

Portlanders can walk for someone they love on Saturday, April 27, at the Lewis and Clark Chapter of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation's 26th WalkAmerican. The 20K, 10K and 3K walks will begin and end at the Rose Quarter Commons. The 20K and 10K walks begin at 8 a.m. and the 3K mini walk begins at 9 a.m.

Operation E.A.S.Y. Benefit

Operation E.A.S.Y. (Efforts Aimed at Sensitizing You), a non-profit program for at-risk youth in Portland public schools, will hold their 10th Anniversary Benefit, Thursday, April 25 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Bijou Cafe, 132 SW Third. The event will include hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment and sales. Proceeds go to benefit the program. Contact 230-2378.

Luncheon for Domestic Violence Center

A luncheon for the Domestic Violence Resource Center will be May 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Tuality Health Education Center at 334 SE 8th Ave, Hillsboro. Holocaust survivor Alice Kern will speak. All proceeds will benefit the shelter. Call 357-1193 for reservations.

News Media Discussions

Those interested in critiquing the news media are invited to join a series of discussions at Reflections Books and Coffee, 446 NE Killingsworth, Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The sessions are a part of an adult education class sponsored by Red Rose School. Topics include news coverage of North/Northeast neighborhoods and what can be done to encourage better coverage. Sessions will continue until May, 29.

Parenting Tools Offered

H Stephen Glenn, family psychologist and author, will lecture on "Developing Capable People" Monday, April 29, at St. Anne's Chapel on Marylhurst Campus. Glenn will offer tools to give children skills to live successfully in today's world. The program is recommended for parents, family members and child care providers. Call 697-9765 for more information.

Multnomah County AIDS Prevention

Multnomah County is involved in a program to help drug users protect themselves from AIDS. They are seeking people who use Heroin, Cocaine or Methamphetamine to answer some questions. All information is confidential and participants will be paid for their time. For more information call 248-3651 and ask for Jack.

Potters Exhibit

The Oregon Potters Association will hold their annual spring exhibit April 26 through 28 at the Oregon convention center. The show will feature work from more than 200 members. Hours are Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be an artist awards ceremony and reception Friday from 6 to 9 p.m.

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



The 38th annual Ebony Fashion Fair, Friday, April 19, at the Convention Center presented Portlanders with the opportunity to view the latest in styles from Saint Laurent to De La Renta. The "worlds largest traveling fashion show" was sponsored by Links, Inc, a national service organization. Proceeds from the show go towards local organizations. During the presentation scholarships were awarded to local youth. Sarah Barnes, Ikeya Hillman, Ayanna Howard-Townsend, Damian McCarthy, Tony Melson, Nicole Mitsch, Renee Stephens, Renesa Tucker and Renee Watson received scholarships for their educational achievements. Ebony Fashion Fair models Tiffany Kilbride, Anesha Johnson and Nicole Franklin showed "The Power of Color" (above) in fashion and in style and Trene Craig (right) models a colorful outfit at the event.



Gas Prices Continue to Climb

Prices Hit Highest Point Since Gulf War

The American Automobile Association reports gas prices in Oregon have jumped more than 10 cents per gallon in the last three weeks. The statewide average price for regular unleaded miniserve stands at \$1.367 per gallon, compared to \$1.265 just three weeks ago. This is the highest gas prices have been since December of 1990, just before the start of Operation Desert Storm when the price of gas soared to \$1.444. Today's price is only 7 cents below that record high. The last time Americans saw such a steep increase in prices was when Iraq invaded Kuwait in August of 1990. In three weeks gas prices jumped an average of 23 cents per gallon.

Today's prices are much higher than they were during the "gas shortage" of the mid to late 70's when prices at times, soared as high as a dollar per gallon.

Prices in the Western United States continue to be higher than any other region of the country. The average price of regular unleaded full-serve in the West is \$1.612. That's nearly 14 cents higher than the national average of \$1.474 and 24.3 cents higher than Oregon's mini-serve price.

Hawaii has the highest full-serve and self-serve prices at \$1.947 and \$1.599 respectively. California has the second highest full-serve price at \$1.686 per gallon, while Nevada has the second highest self-serve price at \$1.404 per gallon. Washington's full-serve price ranks third highest in the West at \$1.262 per gallon for regular unleaded gas.

While gas prices normally increase about the end of May for the summer travel season, reliable sources tell AAA that prices may drop by June or July.

Oregon and New Jersey are the only states that prohibit self-serve.

New Jersey mini-serve prices are nearly 22 cents lower than Oregon's. Adjusting for Oregon's higher state gas taxes, the price of fuel in Oregon is only 8.4 cents higher than New Jersey's.

Oregon's state gas tax is 24 cents per gallon; New Jersey's state gas tax is 10.5 cents per gallon.

Over the last two months gas prices have increased an average of 11 cents per gallon nationwide.

To help ease the economic effects of the gas prices, the American Automobile Association offers the following suggestions:

- Keep tires properly inflated. Under-inflated tires cut fuel economy.
- Accelerate gently. Maintain steady speeds.
- A car with an automatic transmission generally uses more gasoline than a car with a manual transmission.
- Radial tires reduce rolling resistance, usually a fuel savings of 5 to 10 percent.
- Do not purchase mid-grade or premium gas unless it is recommended by the vehicle's manufacturer or is needed to prevent knocking in an older vehicle.
- Use the air conditioner only when absolutely necessary.
- Don't let the vehicle idle for more than a minute. Idling consumes half-a-gallon to one gallon of gas per hour and wastes more gas than restarting the engine.
- Check the engine oil level when buying gas.
- Combine errands into one trip or go to one location to take care of as many errands as possible.
- Avoid excess weight by carefully packing the vehicle.
- Periodically calculate the vehicle's fuel economy performance. A loss of fuel economy could mean mechanical trouble.

PDC Approves Housing Projects

The Portland Development Commission, at its regular monthly meeting, approved loans for two North/Northeast Portland housing projects that will add a total of 73 new affordable rental housing units to the Albina and Boise neighborhoods.

GBC, Inc., a non-profit group comprised of directors of the General Baptist Convention of the Northwest, will develop the first project, a 64-unit apartment complex in the area of N.E. Garfield and N.E. Fremont Streets. The complex will be targeted toward seniors earning 60 percent of median income who wish to live in a multi-family complex with their peers and still remain in the neighborhood.

The three-story building, designed to reinforce the residential character of the neighborhood, will feature a pitched roof, articulated dormers, and residential windows. It will have attractively landscaped grounds with a secured entrance and a secure outdoor courtyard. The ground floor lobby area will feature a fireplace, a recreation/activity room with kitchenette, a library and a multi-purpose room for tenant meetings or activities. Through the Rental Housing Development Loan Program, PDC is providing a \$400,000 loan for the \$4.5 million project. Other financing is being provided by the Network for Oregon Affordable Housing

(NOAH), First Interstate Bank, a Housing Trust Fund Grant, Oregon Affordable Housing Tax Credits and Low Income Housing Tax Credits.

Housing Our Families, Inc. will build the second project, called the Betty Campbell Building, on the corner of N. Mississippi and N. Shaver in the Boise Neighborhood. The three-story, wood frame building will feature nine housing units and 2600 sq. ft. of commercial space. Housing Our Families will be the anchor tenant leasing 1800 sq. ft. and sub-leasing the remaining 800 sq. ft. to another retail business.

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Portland Skater Receives Grant

Eight year old Figure Skater, Brittany Christian, a fourth grade student at Portland Adventist Elementary School, was selected as the recipient of a Travel and Training Grant funded by Ocean Spray.

Cranberry, Inc. through the Women's Sports Foundation.

The foundation, created by Billy Jean King and supported by such champions as Donna de Verona, Wyoming Tyus and others, is dedicated to provide grants to aspiring athletes with successful competitive records who have, in the eyes of the Foundation, the potential to achieve higher performance goals.

Over 145 individuals and teams applied



Brittany Christian

for this grant. Brittany was one of 39 recipients. The Women's Sport Foundation wants their grant to help Brittany reach her goals, as past grants have helped Skaters, Kristi Yamaguchi and Michelle Kwan.

Brittany, representing the Lloyd Center Ice Skating Club, started competing at the age of 5. From 1993 through 1995 she won eight First Place, two Second Place and two Third Place Awards out of twelve events.

Brittany recently competed in the 1996 Spring Festival Competition, held at the Dorothy Hamill Ice Centre in Portland, in which she won First Place in the Technical Event against 11 girls and Second Place in the Light Entertainment.

First Annual Oregon Day Of Service Set For Saturday

On Saturday, April 27, 1996, thousands of Oregonians throughout the state will join together in the first annual Oregon Day of Service. The day concludes National Volunteer Week 1996.

"Today, more than ever, people are coming together to make a difference in our lives and communities," organizers say. "This is a

real grassroots effort of empowering individuals and communities to collectively set aside one day a year to volunteer and unite themselves as community stewards and problem solvers.

"The expression 'thinking globally and acting locally' will be put into action on this special day. We are announcing this day in hopes to inspire

and unite all citizens young and old to make a difference in their own neighborhoods--the sky's the limit."

Organizers are asking Oregonians to volunteer with a local service organization to show support for service. They also suggest people initiate and organize a community service project; or contact the ODS Volunteer Referral and Clearinghouse Hotline.

To get involved, call 1-800-826-4865, c/o Oregon Commission for National and Community Service, and ask for the latest copy of the Oregon Day of Service Update. This will include a listing of all the service projects across the state.

The event is organized by a steering committee comprised of citizens, community based groups and state government.