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Community Calendar

Presidential Assistant to Speak

Marsha Scott, deputy assistant to President Clinton on the office of Political Affairs, will speak at the Human Rights Campaign Black Tie dinner Saturday, May 4 at the Portland Marriott Grand Ballroom. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Call 322-8838 for more information.

Minority Entrepreneurs Luncheon

The Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs will hold their annual lunch and trade show "Oregonians United for Business Success" Thursday May 2 at the Oregon Convention Center. Phyllis Lee Director of Multicultural Affairs at Oregon State University will be the keynote speaker. For more information call 249-7744

Minimum Wage Petition Sign-up

A coalition of labor unions community and religious organizations will stage a minimum wage petitioning mobilization Saturday, May 4. The coalition wants to raise the minimum wage to \$6.50 an hour in three steps. Volunteers should meet at 10 a.m. at 1125 SE Madison. For more information call 736-0121

Israeli Speaks On Peace

Dr. Raya Fidel will speak on the origins of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and why self rule has not worked in the area. Saturday, May 4 at 8 p.m. at eh Friends Meeting House, 4312 SE Stark. A buffet will be served at 6:30 p.m. for a \$7.95 donation. Low income rates and work exchange is available. For information about the lecture or childcare and rides call 228-3090.

Robert Shapiro At Powells

The man who assembled the "dream team" of defence lawyers for the O.J. Simpson trial. Shapiro will answer questions about the "trial of the century" at Powells City of Books Friday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m. In his new book "The search for Justice," Shapiro addresses issues of fact, law and ethics. Also at Powells, Christopher Tilghman talks about his new book Mason's Retreat. Powells is at 1005 W Burnside Ave.

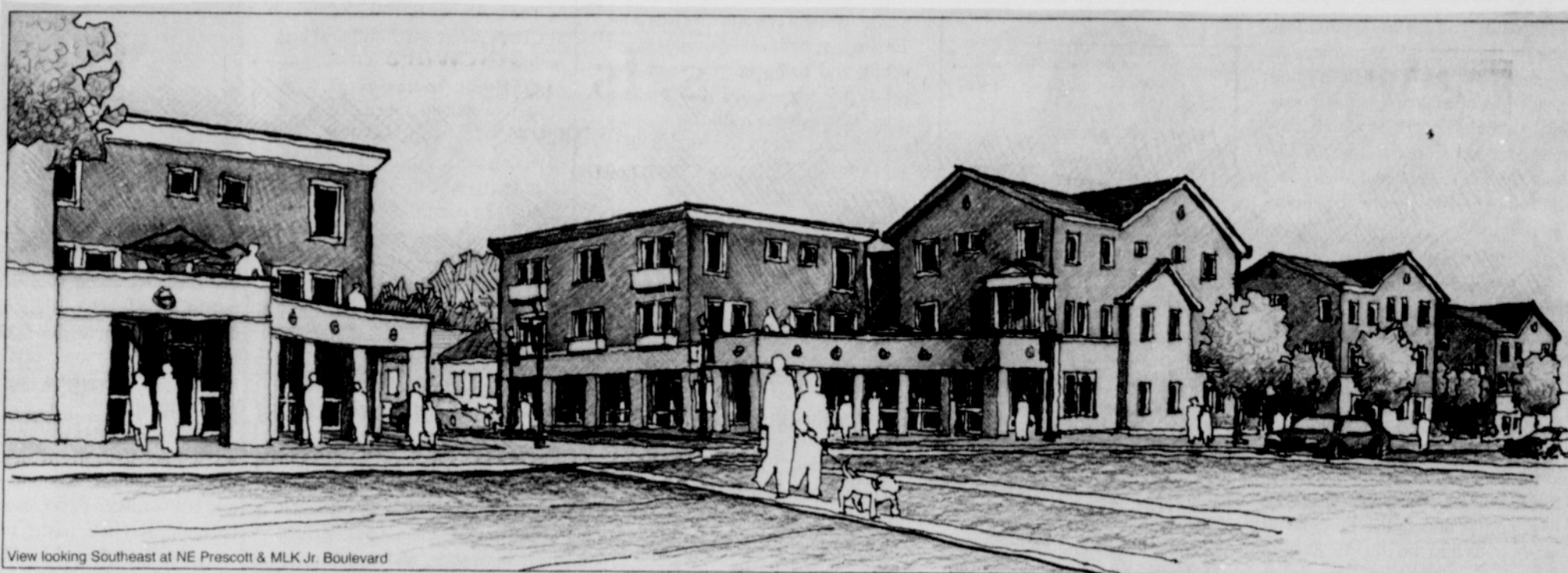
Pass it On

Is your basement attic or garage overflowing with stuff you don't need There is an easy way to turn household junk into someone else's treasure and help youth. The Youth Progress Association is sponsoring the "Pass it On" project Saturday, May 4 to collect furniture and other household items to furnish their youth residential homes. Donations can be brought to Youth Progress at 1235 SE Belmont from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. call 233-6121 from more information.

Quilts On Display

A collection of quilts will be on display at the Hoover-Mintron House Museum in Newberg in May. Museum hours are Wednesday through Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. There will be no charge for the exhibit after regular museum admission. The museum is located at 115 S. River St. Call (503) 538-6609.

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



View looking Southeast at NE Prescott & MLK Jr. Boulevard



View at Entry Court

Northeast Community Development Corporation and the ONE company of Los Angeles plan to build this 55-unit low income housing project on Northeast Martin Lutheran King Jr. Blvd. between Going and Skidmore streets. They will discuss the final design Monday at a 6:30 p.m. meeting at the Lutheran Inner Cities Ministry Community Center, 4219 NE MLK Jr. Blvd.

Abuse Prevention Worth A Pound of Cure

Professional and volunteers committed to the prevention of child abuse are gathering at a Saturday workshop May 4, 8:30am till Noon.

They will discuss the "Emerging Issues in Child Abuse Prevention." The keynote speaker will be Stephen J. Bavolek, Ph.D., who is recognized for his work in promoting nurturing attitudes in parenting and skills for the preven-

tion and treatment of child abuse.

The workshop takes place in the gymnasium at Waverly Children's Home 3550 S.E. Woodward. During the past 15 years Stephen Bavolek has authored and validated family-based parenting programs, school curricula, games, videos, instructional aides and training materials all designed to enhance the lives of individuals and families through nurturing. He

has conducted over 800 workshops, appeared on radio and television programs, and has published numerous books, articles, programs and newsletters.

He is President of Family Development Resources Inc., and Executive Director of the Family Nurturing Center. He is in town as the keynote speaker for the Parents Anonymous of Oregon State Conference scheduled for May 5

at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas. All interested parties are welcome.

The cost is \$25 and pre-registration is encouraged. There will be registration at the door on a space available basis. A continental breakfast will be served from 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. For more information call either Waverly Children's Home: 234-7532, or Lutheran Family Services: 231-7480.

Cultural Center Hidden Community Asset



Sue Busby and Jamaica Kincaid at the ORIGINS lecture series

BY CC JACKSON

If you've driven on Interstate Ave., you probably didn't notice the unassuming building under the big green water tower.

You may have noticed the tower or the little park next door. You may have seen the building and wondered what lies behind the two boarded garage doors under the marquee or what the modest sign "IFCC" means.

If you aren't among the 12,000 who stop each year, you don't know what you're missing.

That little brick building is the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, a 110 seat theater, art gallery and much more. Located in a renovated 1910 firehouse, the non-profit center was founded in 1982. With support from the city and the savvy leadership of Sue Busby, the IFCC has grown from a "check book operation" to a staff of seven and a budget of more than \$200,000.

"We're a community based, grass roots organization," Busby says. "It means the people who use our space are not necessarily middle class, nor do they have recreation or the arts as a priority in their lives, so we do stuff that is almost free."

The center has workshops and classes in various aspects of the arts and the gallery exhibits works of artist from the diverse cultures of the northwest. It is the home of the Oregon Stage Company, with frequent visits from groups like Portland Accessible Theater.

It presents playwrights with a venue to have their scripts read with comment from the audiences, and with the ORIGINS lecture series artists discuss the process of creating and how their ethnic background relates to their art. Noted Caribbean American author, Jamaica Kincaid appeared this winter and

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TriMet Approves Fare Increase

Tri-Met Board of Directors approved the proposed fare increases to go into effect September 1, 1996. Every other year, Tri-Met boosts cash fares 5 cents and monthly passes \$2 to keep up with rising costs. The Board approved an adjustment to that policy which included an extra \$1 increase for adult monthly passes to help offset the loss of \$1.4 million in federal operating assistance for Fiscal Year 1997.

Lift rides, which provide door-to-door service for elderly and people with disabilities,

will increase 25 cents bringing the fare to \$1. LIFT fares have not been adjusted for two years. Ridership has increased 27 percent

and Tri-Met has increased service hours over 30 percent. It costs the transit agency almost \$15 to provide each LIFT ride.

The following fares will go into effect on September 1, 1996:

	1-2 Zones	All-Zones
Adult cash fares	\$1.05	\$1.35
Adult Passes	\$36	\$46
Youth cash fares	n/a	\$80
Youth Passes	n/a	\$27
Honored Citizen fares	\$.50-no change	\$.50-no change

Monthly Boulevard Stroll

A group of small businesses anchored along NE Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard have banded together to promote a stretch of the boulevard undergoing revitalization.

The six business invite neighbors to stroll along the four block area between NE Russell and Graham the first Saturday of each month and encourage them to support the community establishments. The businesses include Bridges Soup & Sandwich shop, Doris' Cafe, Steen's Coffee House, VESSELS, Fashion Statement by Elsie; and Salon N2U.

Bridget Bayer, owner of Bridges, started pulling the other business owners together last fall. "I felt there should be places in the neighborhood to walk to and enjoy," she explained. "We are so close together, we should be pooling our resources and energies and working together."

The American State Bank's Gladys McCoy monument, directly across the boulevard from her shop, made Bayer even more anxious to promote the area. "I never knew Mrs. McCoy personally but I know she did a lot for the community," Bridget went on to say. "The monument and garden is a nice place to visit and appreciate," she concluded.

Each business will be offering special promotions and discounts during each First Saturday Stroll. The first Stroll in April was just in time for Easter. The next event, May 4, is the Saturday before Mother's Day. Shoppers can park in the American State Bank parking lot and 'stroll' along both sides of the Boulevard to shop, eat and enjoy music.