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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Meeting for TNBA

Formerly The National Black Bowling Association 1 p.m., Aug. 10 1996 at Doris' Cafe. 325 N.E. Russell.

Friends of Oregon picnic

Aug. 8, Thursday. Portland Chamber Friends of Oregon Agriculture Golf Tournament & Picnic. Tournament starts at noon, Lewis River, WA. Call Carl Kato, 228-9411, ext. 234 for registration.

Neighborhood meeting

Eliot Neighborhood Association Meeting, Monday, Aug. 12 7:00 pm. Portland Cable Access, 2625 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

Ice cream social

Aug. 10, Saturday. Old fashion ice cream social to celebrate the creation of Oregon Shizen Kyampu. 7 pm - 9 pm. Laurel Hurst Park Picnic Site E (One block south of SE Burnside at the 3600 block of SE Ankeny Street). For more information please call 236-3710.

Parkrose meeting

Parkrose Neighborhood Association meeting, Tuesday, Aug. 13, 7:00. Our Savior Lutheran Church 11100 NE Skidmore.

Auction

Aug. 10, Sat. Police & Sheriff's Auction, N Marine Dr. near the Jantzen Center South Hall Bidders may register on Preview day Friday Aug 9th from Noon to 7 pm and on Saturday. Sales start at 9:30 am with the personal property and at 1 pm the Cars and Boats Motorcycles.

General meeting

Hawthorne Blvd. Business Association General Meeting, Wednesday, Aug. 14, 8:30 am. Three Doors Down 1429 SE 37th.

Announcement

Aug. 10-11, Sat. & Sun. Buckman Community neighborhood-wide yard sale. Located in Southeast Portland between Hawthorne and Burnside Streets. 9 am - 4 pm.

Meeting

Monday, Aug. 12, 7:00. King Neighborhood Association Meeting, OSU Extension Office 211 SE 80th.

Bicycle-riding workshops

Providence St. Vincent Medical Center will host two workshops on bicycle-riding performance. The two-hour programs are conducted by leading authorities in athletic performance. The first workshop "Bike Fit and Function" is from 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, July 17. For more information, call (503) 297-7678.

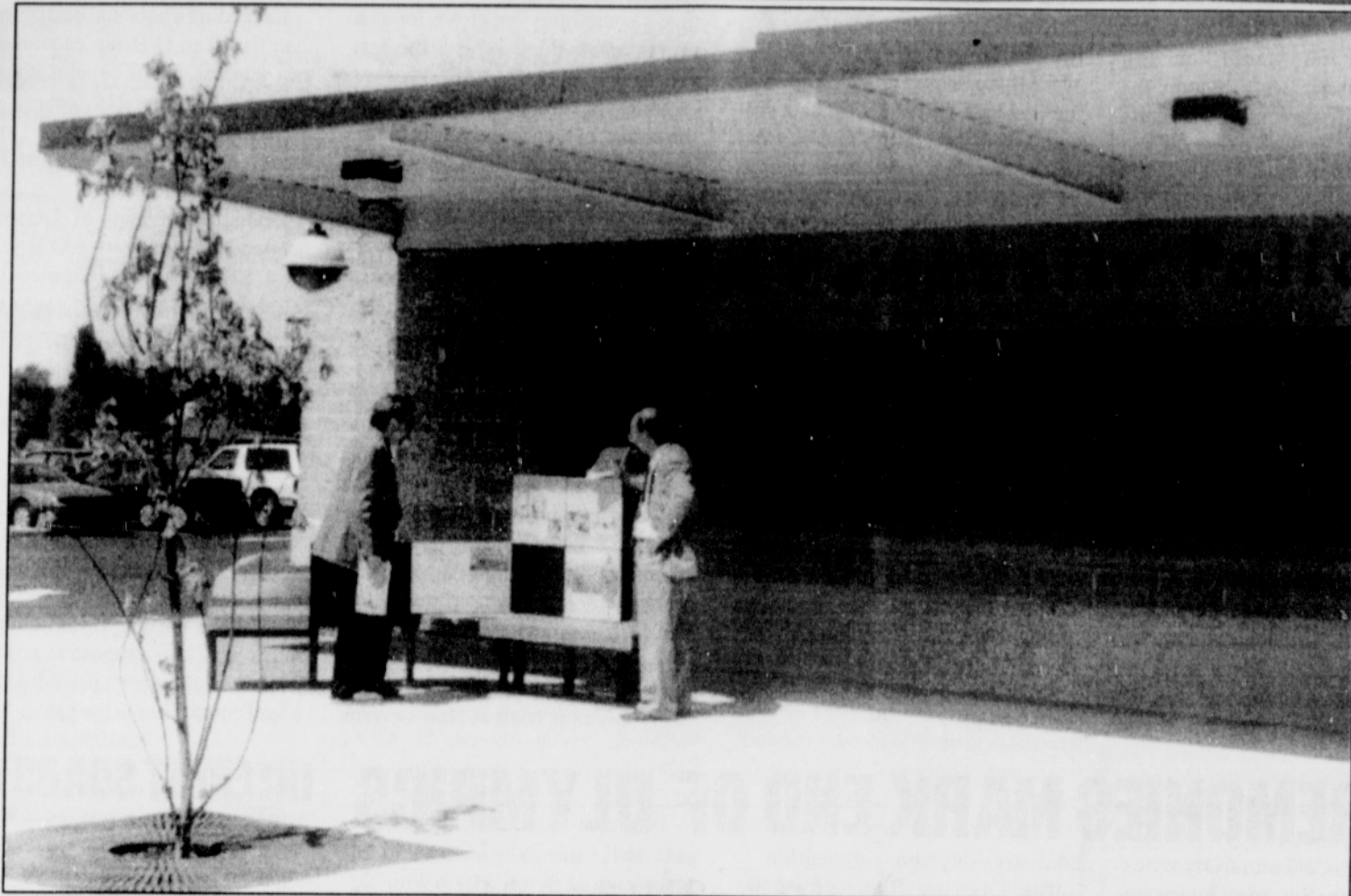
Ceramic workshop

The MHCC Ceramic Club is sponsoring a workshop called "Terra Cotta Vessels and Colorful Vases" July 22-Aug. 2 in the Ceramics Studio, Room VA6, at Mt. Hood Community College. This workshop is an intermediate to advanced level that requires participants to already know how to throw or hand build pots. Call Stephen Mickey at 667-7149 for info.

Still hoppin'

Northwest Portland Parks are still hoppin' with free live music every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7-8:30 p.m. On Tuesday, July 30, in Couch Park, N.W. Glisan at 20th, catch a trio of well-known local performers collaborating as In Cahoots.

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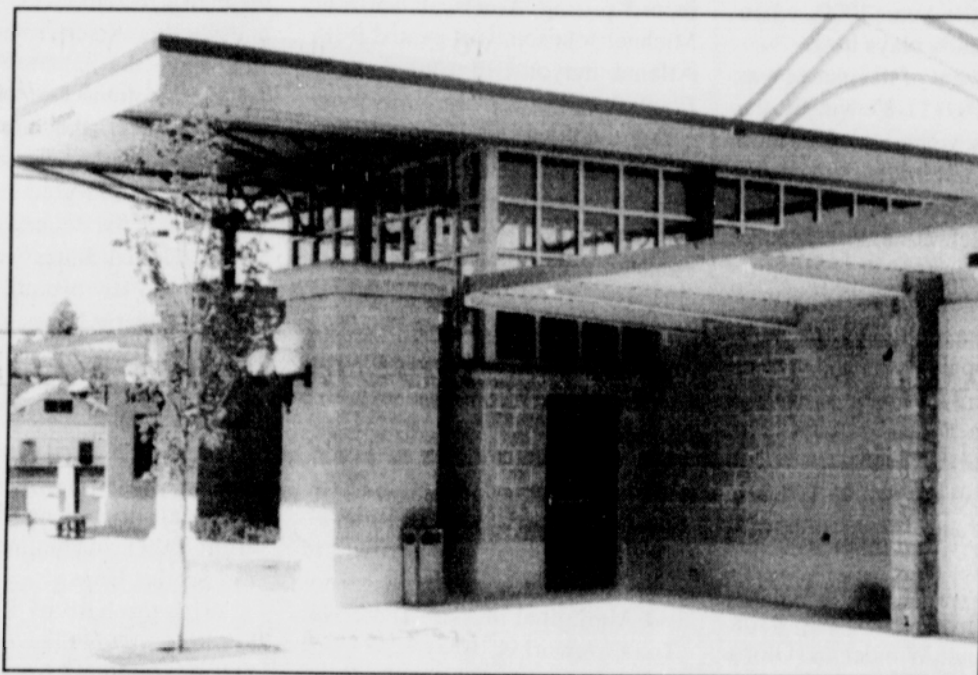


Multnomah County officials, Raymond Stout (left), Programmer Analyst, and Newcombe Wang (right), Senior Systems Analyst, examine showboards outside the new Southeast Precinct grounds.

The newly remodeled Southeast Precinct invited the public to their open house last Friday from 4:00-8:00pm at 4735 East Burnside St.

Citizens enjoyed three long table full of delectable refreshments made by the precinct volunteers. Volunteer also tended to information booths with displays and materials on various crime prevention issues that the Portland Bureau of Police take an active role in advocating.

text by Sabrina Sakata



Exchange program links countries

On July 29 interns from Mutare, Zimbabwe, Sapporo, Japan, and Portland convened to prepare for a "tri lateral exchange" which will connect elementary school classrooms in each country via computer technology.

This project to create a "global classroom" was initiated by the Portland-Mutare and Portland-Sapporo Sister City Associations, and is made possible through a \$9,000 travel grant awarded to the associations by Sister Cities International.

The exchange will configure and connect computer equipment in schools to enable

students to develop multimedia projects, communicate through e-mail, access worldwide web networks, and utilize resources on CD rom. Hardware resources to be installed in each of the three classrooms will include multimedia-capable computers, a CD rom, MIDI board, and a digital camera.

Teacher interns Kenji Fukuda of Sapporo and Veronica Nyoni of Mutare will join Portland's Sabin Elementary teacher Lurlene Shamsud-Din and exchange coordinator Peggy Bradley in Portland the last week of July to investigate hardware and software resources and familiarize themselves with multimedia systems, network communica-

tions, and 2-dimensional drawing programs. The interns will be hosted by their respective sister city associations.

On August 4, the interns, along with Bradley, flew to Mutare where they will be hosted by the African counterpart of the Portland-Mutare Sister City Association. In the Mutare classroom, the interns will set up the computer and develop a resource guide for the group projects that will be conducted in the "global classroom." The exchange will provide children with an opportunity to learn about, and benefit from, computer technology, providing them with valuable experience and knowledge for a brighter future.

Furse Nets Funding For Salmon

\$6 Million Floor Amendment will Help Recover Declining Runs.

Oregon Congresswoman Elizabeth Furse secured an additional \$6 million for endangered species recovery funding to the FY 97 Commerce Appropriations bill on the House floor today.

"The future of our salmon fishing industry depends upon restoring depleted salmon runs," said Representative Elizabeth Furse. "Without adequate recovery funding, the salmon and Northwest fishers will both go belly up."

Originally slashing funds for species recovery by 50 percent, the Commerce bill now provides level funding to the National Marine

Fisheries Service to develop and implement recovery plans for endangered species. Most of this increase is expected to be spent on restoration of Northwest salmon.

Furse added, "These aren't the funds that help put species on the endangered species list, these are the dollars that help get species OFF the list."

Rosemont neighbors 'cautiously optimistic'

BY LEE PERLMAN

Hilary Russell, a 17-year resident of North Kerby Street, and Mary Anna Bishop, who bought her first house there last year, are suspicious of and concerned about efforts to redevelop Rosemont School.

However, both are encouraged by new proposals and plans in the development process.

Central City Concern, a non-profit agency seeking to develop the 7.6 acre property at 597 N. Dekum St., has added developer Brian McCarl, the Walsh Construction Company, David Evans and Associates, and architect Martha Peck Andrews as partners in planning the development of the property. Any or all may participate in the actual development depending on what the planning process produces, according to CCC executive director Richard Harris.

The addition has been hailed enthusiastically

by representatives of the Piedmont Neighborhood Association. After having spent the previous nine months trading charges of bad faith, the neighborhood representatives and development team have devised an entirely new scheme for the property in two weeks. This calls for 60 to 70 owner-occupied single family houses or row houses on the property's periphery, 65 rental units for recovering alcoholics and drug abusers and their families, another 25 rental units for AIDS patients, and 70 to 75 units for the elderly, some of it "assisted living." The elderly housing will be located in the property's historic former convent if it can be converted to this use feasibly.

Apparently impressed by the recent progress and the new spirit of cooperation with the neighborhood, the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, owners of the property, have extended Central City's option to buy from August 5 to the end of September, CCC

executive director Richard Harris says.

CCC had originally proposed that the property be developed for 25 units of housing for AIDS patients, and 75 units for recovering drug and alcohol abusers and their families. Piedmont had protested that such a large concentration of a "fragile" population would work against their goals of creating stability and attracting permanent residents.

In response to the new developments, Piedmont has entered into active negotiations with CCC and its partners. It has also expanded its negotiating team to include 10 additional neighborhood residents, six of whom live within a few blocks of the property. These include Bishop and Russell.

Bishop says the new proposal is an improvement over what has gone before, but she is still concerned about the presence of the alcohol and drug-free apartments; had she known they would be there, she says, she might not have purchased her house last year.

Russell says her real preference is that the property remain as it is; she knows that's not realistic. "It's clear the city is looking at higher density housing here, and if Central City Concern doesn't build it, someone else will," she says. "I'd rather work with them than wait for someone else to come along."

Bishop, like many of her neighbors, considered the original proposal for drug and alcohol-free housing, with a six-month turnover in population, unacceptable. "That's not stability," she says. "Most of the kids in those units will be at-risk. If they don't feel a commitment to the community, they could have a really negative impact." She likes the proposed scheme, where the apartments will be "surrounded" by owner-occupied housing, much better. "It will be easier for them to feel part of the community, yet have their own little community within it." She also

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A Cultural Affair to Remember

BY JOEY MURPHY

Cuisine from hot dogs to du du bu kho. Performances from Native American drumming to African American gospel. Rowdy teens. Quiet families.

Such was the diverse scene at the second annual Neighborhood Cultural fair last Sunday, sponsored by the Central Northeast Neighborhoods and the Southeast Asian Vicariate.

Although the crowd was predominantly Asian, most said the multicultural element was valuable.

"If we understand each other's culture, we will live in harmony," said Father Vincent Minh, Episcopal vicar of Southeast Asians in the Portland area.

The fair was held outside the Southeast Asian Vicariate at NE 54th and Alameda.

"It's a very international neighborhood," Minh said, "on Sandy Boulevard there are many cultural restaurants: Italian, Vietnamese, Mexican and German."

Many agreed with Minh's sentiments. "Learning about other cultures helps us better understand each other," Youth Gang Outreach director Halim Rahsaan said.

Even the vendors at the fair valued the variety.

"It's good advertising," Michelle Ngo, manager of the photography studio Joelle Concepts, said "I'm interested in all races."

Police attended the event. Sergeant Jim McDaniel, with the gang team, was there because Southeast Asian gang members were among the crowd.

"When they see us here, it eliminates a kit if the problem," McDaniel said. "If they had weapons, once they saw us they'd take them back out."

Jangchup performed in the Tibetan dance routine. Part of the Northwest Tibetan Cultural Association, the group practices about once a month. Jangchup said she enjoyed the performance, through the group wasn't able to participate in the rest of the fair.

Other performances included traditional Middle Eastern dance, Mexican mariachi music and dancing, Cambodian dance, a magician, and Ukrainian music.

Besides the performances, vendors sold a variety of food.

Vendor Isabel Campell described her du du bu kho, a dish of shredded papaya and beef jerky, as "fabulous."

Campell was at the fair last year, and said business was better then. Many said attendance was down this year due to the weather. It had been raining intermittently through the day.

The hot dog vendor, however, refused to comment on his dogs. They weren't selling very well.

Jenny Trinh was just there "to see my friends and eat ice cream," she said. "It's fun, and the multicultural thing is cool."