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SECTION B

Community Calendar

The Matron's 41st Anniversary

Sunday Sept. 22, 1996 at Bethel AME Fellowship Hall, 4pm - 6 pm there will be a fashion show held "Something Old, Something New". Refreshments will also follow. Patron donations gratefully accepted.

Homes of the future today!

Everything you want to see and learn about will be on display at the Portland Manufactured Home Show September 12, 13, 14 and 15 at Portland Meadows. This regional show features 30 homes from 14 major manufacturers represented by 18 of Oregon's outstanding retailers, all in one location. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors, kids 16 and under are free. Hours are 10 am to 8 pm, Sunday 10 am to 6 pm. Portland Meadows has easy north/south I-5 access 5 minutes north of downtown Portland at exit 306-B. Acres of free paved parking will be available.

"Backyard Barbecue"

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center is throwing a barbecue bash to launch its 14th season of multicultural performing and visual arts, and all of Portland is invited. Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 15 from 2 to 5 pm, and plan to meet us in Patton Park, next door to the IFCC at 5340 N. Interstate Ave. Get out your best picnic attire and slip on those special dancing shoes: It's time for "Backyard Barbecue: A Taste for the Arts!"

It's elementary

The Oregon Premiere of "It's Elementary" The film maker, Academy Award winner Debra Chasnoff, will be present for the premiere and will attend the reception for sponsors. It will be held at The Northwest Film Center, 1219 SW Park, Sunday, September 29, at 7pm. \$10 ticket price at the Northwest Film Center, Annie Blooms Books, and It's My Pleasure. Also available at Ticket Master - 790-ARTS.

Cost control or health care curse?

Controversial measure on the ballot this November is Ballot Measure 35. Join us when Miller and Dolin bring their views on compensation for health care providers into the spotlight for discussion and debate. Luncheon reservations and cancellations, call 241-9242 by 2 pm Thursday, September 12; \$12 members, \$15 non-members. Doors open at 11:15 am.

Lecture

Ingvar Carlsson, prime minister of Sweden from 1986 to 1991 and from 1994 to 1996 and a key player in Sweden's participation in the European Union, will deliver two lectures at Reed College in October.

The first lecture, "Challenges for the European Union," will take place on Tuesday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Reed's Vollum Lecture Hall. This will be the inaugural lecture of the Munk-Darling Lecture Fund in International Relations. "The Future of the Welfare State" on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at p.m. in Reeds Vollum Lecture Hall. Both events are free and open to the public. For more information, call the Reed events line at 503/777-7755.

Annual Rose Show

Washington Square Shopping Center is proud to sponsor the annual Portland Rose Society Fall Rose Show, Saturday and Sunday, September 14th and 15th. Over ninety categories of roses including single stem, miniatures, arrangements and floating roses, will be on display in and around the Summit Court from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Entries will be accepted from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., Saturday, September 14th at the exhibitors entrance, located between Meier & Frank and Nordstrom. Judging will take place on Saturday, September 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

Gear for the school year



LaDonna Johnson, age 11, smiles over her new school supplies donated through The Salvation Army's "New Gear for the School Year" program. Portland children and families enjoyed "one-stop shopping" at The Salvation Army. New clothing, shoes, school supplies and haircuts were provided free of charge. Approximately 1,000 needy kids received new clothing and school supplies collected during the "New Gear for the School Year" drive in August.

Northeast Coalition protests

BY LEE PERLMAN

A contract for a youth gang outreach program, carried out since 1988 by the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, may be awarded this year to the Portland House of Umoja.

The county's Purchasing Department informed program director Halim Rahsaan in an August 28th letter that it was recommending the change, based on bids made by the two agencies for the \$280,000 contract. If accepted by the County Commission, the change would take effect at the end of September.

The House of Umoja's bid calls for it to subcontract with the Janus Youth Program and Edgefield Youth Center of Gresham for part of the outreach work.

The Northeast Coalition board's executive committee, following two executive sessions, voted unanimously to appeal the recommendation, citing "irregularities" in the process, and to request county executive Beverly Stein to refrain from awarding the contract until this process is completed. Northeast Neighborhood Office executive director Ben Priestley says that Janus submitted a letter to the county in support of the Umoja bid on June 14, when the request for proposals and their specifications were not published until July 17. Priestley says that the coalition may pursue a legal challenge to the process based on the results of the appeal.



Johnny A. Cage, Executive Director of House of Umoja. Photo by Michael Halle

Dennis Morrow of Janus says his program didn't begin to discuss an affiliation with House of Umoja until a week before the contract was submitted, and that the letter of endorsement, misdated, was submitted at that time.

The program provides five outreach workers who provide counseling to African-American, Asian, Hispanic and white youth gangs and gang members. They work with the police to defuse potential gang violence, working at high school athletic events and other youth gatherings. They also provide public education about youth gangs, and how to combat their influence, to civic and commu-

nity groups.

"Because we worked with the police, it took awhile to build up a level of trust among the gangs, program executive director Halim Rahsaan says.

The program has won recognition and requests for advice from throughout the country, and requests for services from throughout the metropolitan area. In fact, the program has sometimes been criticized for being too free with its limited resources, defusing its original mission of addressing inner north and northeast youth gang problems.

Portland Neighborhood Crime Prevention Coordinator Sharon McCormack says she fears that the award may increase the diversion of attention away from north and northeast. She adds, "It's not my position to comment negatively about the House of Umoja, but it was helpful to have this program linked directly to the neighborhoods."

Rahsaan says he feared that with the award to House of Umoja the program will "take a different turn in terms of the services provided. I don't think they'll be working with the schools and the police to the same extent we were."

Rahsaan says that he has spoken to program employees since the notice from the county, and that none is interested in working for the House of Umoja even if the opportunity is offered.

Representatives from the House of Umoja were unavailable for comment at press time.

Changing public image of youth

The Urban League of Portland will join more than 100 Urban League affiliates across the country on Saturday, September 21 in celebrating inner city youth who are "doing the right thing" at school, at home, and in their community.

The day will kickoff a five-year campaign of events sponsored by the Urban League of Portland to celebrate the achievements of inner city youth. The initiative is funded by a five-year grant from the Borden Foundation.

Plans for the kickoff and for other events during the school year are being made by a group of students in the Urban League's E. Shelton Hill Achievers Corps. Governor John Kitzhaber and Mayor Vera Katz have proclaimed September 21 as "Doing the Right Thing Day" in Oregon and Portland in honor of the event.

The jamboree will feature a student talent contest with a \$400 grand prize, student

poetry readings, and motivational guest speakers. National Urban League Vice President for Education John Cawthorne is a confirmed speaker. Invited speakers include Governor Kitzhaber, Mayor Katz and Portland School Superintendent Jack Bierwirth.

"Our goal is to start this new school year by focusing the community's attention on youth who are doing the right thing, everyday right here in Portland," said Urban League of Portland President Lawrence J. Dark. "We as a community must help change the public image of youth--especially African American and other youth of color--who are not gang involved or affected. Many youth are doing the best they can with the resources they have. We have to stop seeing our children as deficits and problems, and start seeing them as investments we need to support. Because young people often adopt the behavior we expect of them."

Businesses and organizations may rent a booth to pass out information and provide a

game for youth to play at the event. For booth and other event information, contact David Brody at (503) 280-2611.

Youth development is the current focus for the Urban League Movement around the country. The National Urban League has chosen "Our Children=Our Destiny" as its motto through the year 2000. Earlier this year, the Portland affiliate was one of five out of 115 affiliates selected to receive a five-year grant from the Borden Foundation to stage celebratory events for students who are "doing the right thing."

"Many inner city youngsters are excelling in school," noted National Urban League President Hugh B. Price, in explaining the September 21 campaign kickoff. "Many others are making genuine academic progress and are engaged in constructive extracurricular activities and community service. They deserve to have their success stories told loudly and proudly."

Dawson Park make-over

Thanks to the generosity of Portland citizens, improvements to Dawson Park (N. Vancouver & N. Stanton) are about to begin.

Passage of Measure 26-10 provided funds for renovation of Portland's Parks & Recre-

ation system--114 projects in all.

This September, construction will begin at Dawson Park and will be completed by the end of the year. The improvements include renovating the play equipment, modifying paths for accessibility, and upgrading the pathway light-

ing to increase energy efficiency.

Restroom renovation will take place in 1997 to consolidate it with two other park restroom renovation projects.

This reduces costs and increases efficiency in construction management.

BBQ on Powell

BY PAMELA JORDAN

Sweet, smoky smells waft out into the parking lot and Powell Boulevard, luring customers into Campbell's Bar-B-Que. But a few weeks ago another kind of smoke drew fire trucks to its parking lot, and media reported that the restaurant had burned to the ground.

"I started with condolence calls at home, people saying they'd heard a radio report that we were closed" said Annette Campbell. "I had to tell them 'no, we didn't burn down, we're still open for business.' The fire was really no big deal."

A small fire in the restaurant's brick barbecue pit forced Campbell to close the restaurant for two days while they reset their sprinkler system, but then it was full speed ahead for the business that is a staple of barbecue lovers across the northwest.

Barbecue runs in the Campbell family's blood. Manager Annette's great grandfather John a cowboy in Texas, rode on horseback from ranch to ranch roasting up meats in his special blend of peppers, spices and apple cider vinegar. Her grandfather, LaVaughn was also known for his cooking. He'd forego the barbecue sauce--instead rubbing the meats with salt, pepper and other dried seasonings, then roasting them over a special combination of woods.

Annette's father, Felton, decided to meld the two styles, creating his own combination of sauce, seasonings and smoking that made him a hit with his friends.

"Our house had always been the place for parties and gatherings, so we went to another level and started to restaurant," said Annette. Seven years later the restaurant at 8701 S.E. Powell Boulevard is still going strong.

Campbell serves it's own home-made sausage links--one of the most popular menu items--along with pork ribs, and brisket. Healthy servings of side dishes like potato salad, cold slaw, pinto beans, corn bread and homemade rolls round out the meals. Most regular customers top off their meals with sweet-potato pie, lemon custard pie, or a fruit cobbler.

Campbell's also caters, private parties and business gatherings. Repeat customers book catering services months--even up to a year--in advance.

Customers who want a taste of Campbell's without leaving home can buy three types of bottled barbecue sauces. Those sauces--smoky brown sugar, medium barbecue, and hot barbecue sauces, are sold at the restaurant. Retail customers from as far away as Holland and Japan also buy the sauces to sell in their stores.

If all goes as planned, the sauce and special blend of packaged dry meat seasonings will be on local grocers shelves soon.

Campbell says there's no real secret to the restaurant's success. "We're just regular people who opened a restaurant, and the place started jumping," Campbell said. "We cook good food, and we love people. God's hand is on the business."

Hatfield speaks

Senator Mark O. Hatfield issued the following statement concerning the Resolution passed by the United States Senate today:

"The recent actions taken by President Clinton in Iraq are simply about sustaining the flow of oil out of the Middle East. Unfortunately we have learned nothing since the Arab oil boycott of the 70's or the Persian Gulf War of the 90's. Instead this nation's dependence on foreign oil has increased to more than 51% of our daily demand.

"This dependence on foreign oil has forced this country to resort, once again, to the use of military action in the Middle East. While I join my colleagues in the Senate in supporting the troops involved with these missions, I cannot lend my support to the bad policy that sent them there and ordered their actions."