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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Friends of people with AIDS

Friends of people with AIDS will be holding the fifth annual "Friends of P.W.A. Benefit Auction - Sunday, October 6, 1996 at Darcelle XV 208 N.W. 3rd Ave., Portland. The doors will open at 1:00 p.m. with lunch at 2:00 and the MAIN EVENT - THE AUCTION WILL START AT 3:00 p.m. For tickets please call 245-7428.

Community meeting

Portland/Multnomah Enterprise Community Commission and The US Small Business Administration, cordially invite you to a roundtable discussion focused on Federal opportunities and resources available to organizations within Portland's Enterprise Community. Wednesday October 9, 1996, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon, at the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs Cascade Business Plaza 4134 N. Vancouver Ave. Portland, OR.

Capulets' Ball fundraiser

Oregon Ballet Theatre (OBT) will celebrate the opening of its 1996/97 season in grand Renaissance style with "The Capulets' Ball," Thursday, October 17, 1996 at 5:30 pm, in the Grand Ballroom of the Portland Marriott Hotel. The fundraiser will be held in conjunction with OBT's performances of the tragic love story Romeo & Juliet, October 17-20, 1996. Tickets for performances of Romeo & Juliet are available at the Oregon Ballet Theatre Ticket Office by calling 503-2-Ballet.

Hospice volunteer training

Kaiser Permanente is offering free training for people wanting to provide emotional support, physical care, and respite for hospice patients and their families. Training is from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Oct. 1 to Oct 29. To register, please call Kilian Kuntz at (503) 499-5285 or from Vancouver (360) 694-2210.

Annual Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival is a unique crafts marketplace on Oct. 25-27, 1996 at the Oregon Convention Center located at 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Admission is good for the entire weekend, \$6 adults, \$3.50 children age 6-12, Free children 5 and under. Contact Campbell Productions for more info. 503/274-0019.

Make it happen

A Success Team is a group which dedicates itself to helping each and every member identify their own personal goals, and then achieve them! Free introductory success team workshop Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1996, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in Lake Oswego. For more info. call (503) 697-8843.

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



Members of PSU Project PLUS team include (back row from left) Brooke Marris, Dan Field, coach Cedric Poindexter, Maria Lopez.; (front row from left) Joel Murphy, Emanuel Cha, These students volunteer time helping their peers get ready for college and do homework. These volunteers are taking the place of school councilors lost to budget cuts.

Youth gang outreach continues

BY LEE PERLMAN

The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods intends to keep its Youth Gang Outreach program going on its remaining funds and the hope of more, despite the loss of its County contract.

The Multnomah County Purchasing Department informed the coalition last month that it had awarded a \$180,000 contract for the program, originated by the coalition in 1988, to the Portland House of Umoja. The coalition

informed the county of its intent to appeal the award based on alleged "irregularities" in the bidding process. Assuming the decision is not reversed, the contract would pass to the House of Umoja at the end of September.

The coalition retains title to \$40,000 remaining from a \$53,000 United Way grant intended to supplement the county funding. Last week the coalition voted to use these funds to keep the existing program going, and to seek additional funds for its ongoing operation. Executive director Ben Priestley

said the United Way money would pay for the program's current operations for about two months.

Outreach Program staff work with youth gangs, the Portland Police Bureau and Portland Public Schools to counsel gang members and defuse potentially violent situations. Coalition board members said they expected the House of Umoja to make significant changes in the program's operation, and that it was necessary to continue its current activities.

Thriftway zone change without street closure

BY LEE PERLMAN

The United Grocers cooperative won a battle, but may have lost the war, in the efforts to build a

Last Wednesday City Council unanimously approved a

Comprehensive Plan map change for the property, including a change from residential to commercial use for a satellite parking lot south of Northeast Emerson Street. The designation was for a CS zone, as recommended by a city hearings officer last month, rather than the CN2 zone the coop had sought. Among other things, the change means that the new store could not have a 137-space parking lot as planned. However, United Grocers consultant Lans Stout said "We think we can make it work" with the CS zone.

A more serious issue is the coop's pro-

posed vacation of

Northeast Emerson Street to connect the two parcels of land and expand the site to accommodate a 40,000 square foot store. The issue was not before the Council Wednesday, but commissioners Charlie Hales and Gretchen Kafoury both indicated they would oppose it if it ever is presented. "I can't stop you from trying, but creating a footprint for a suburban store is going nowhere with me," Hales said. He cited the Irvington Market in northeast Portland, the Nature's and Zupan's stores in southeast, and Strohecker's in southwest as examples of new markets that were able to develop within a standard street grid. Mayor Vera Katz cited an older Thriftway market in northwest.

Stout said the project "probably won't necessarily die without the street vacation."

United Grocers Real Estate Development Manager Roger Staver was less optimistic. "We have a design for a store with a street vacation and an operator lined up to manage it, and we have no design and no operator for one without it," he said after the vote. "This site may become a Pay Less."

J.C. Kizak of the Concordia Neighborhood Association testified to her group's strong support for a new Thriftway on the site. Sue Chase and Steve McKenster, both residents of Northeast 34th Avenue, testified against it. McKenster said he and his neighbors realized the property will someday be redeveloped and said, "We're not opposed to a store there, just to this store." Chase said that the effect of the store on traffic on nearby streets hadn't been properly assessed, and that the zone change should not be granted

until it was. Planner Susan McKinney said such concerns could be addressed when the city reviews actual development plans.

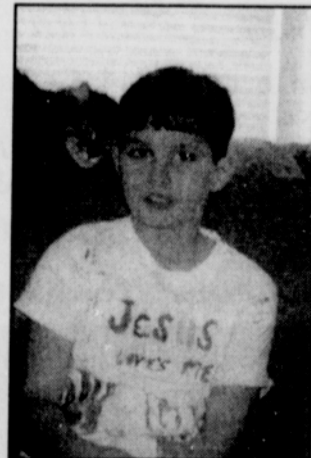
McKinney argued that the plan designation changes should be made whether a Thriftway is built on the site or not. The current zoning "virtually assures that there will be no new development there," she told Council. Leaving it vacant, in turn, would be "a barrier to the redevelopment of the area," she said.

Hales praised United Grocers' willingness to replace a former Thriftway store on the site that was closed in 1993, and its willingness to work with the community. "There are a number of good things going on here," he said. "There's a neighborhood that's getting healthier, and there's a retailer who realizes that."

Portland's "waiting children"



Oliva



Bill



Octavia and Troy, 11 and 4

ahead from the tragedies of his past and look forward to life with a loving family.

Oliva, age 2. Oliva is a beautiful toddler of Hispanic/Caucasian heritage. She has a magnetic smile and infectious giggle which playfully erupt when she connects with people!

Despite various delays and some trouble focusing from early drug effects, she has made much welcomed developmental gains. With patience and persistence she can be encouraged to try new things. She is an endearing little girl who deserves

a sweet and loving family.

Octavia and Troy, ages 11 and 45. These African-American/Caucasian siblings make a unique and delightful pair. Octavia is a sweet, beaming older sister. In school where she is doing quite well, teachers have only positive things to say about her. She is attached to her younger brother and enjoys babying him.

Little Troy adores all of the attention. This darling child is benefitting from individualized schooling. Together Octavia and Troy would brighten a home!

The Special Needs Adoption Coalition at The Boys and Girls Aid Society, (503) 222-9661.

Below are some examples of the special children looking for a loving home:

Bill, age 9. This friendly boy is well-liked by friends and is even considered a leader. Bill, of Cuban/Caucasian heritage, describes himself as a happy person. His interests include Nintendo, reading and sports. A beginning athlete, Bill likes swimming and harbors the goal of playing on a soccer team. Counseling has been helping him to move

In Portland as in all cities around the United States, there are many children awaiting adoption.

In the state of Oregon alone, there are over 200 children in need of adoptive families.

A group of private agencies work with the state to help find adoptive families. These agencies are completely waiving fees in order to encourage the adoption of these children in need. Single adults, both male and female, as well as couples are welcome to consider adoption. To learn more contact

SEI Golf tournament

Area corporate leaders (NIKE, Tektronix, Ownco Marketing, KGW, Legacy Health System, Hoffman Construction, Medicalogic, Inc., KVO Advertising/Public Relations) braved a soggy, Friday the 13th on the links of Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club to benefit programs of Self Enhancement, Inc.

The day's festivities included a lively spouse program which featured a putting contest, crystal ball readings, cooking demonstration by Chef Darrel Pucette of Western Culinary Institute, (Pepper Prawn Soup, Strawberry Flambe, Cioppino) and wine tasting with Karen Kinsdale of The Cellar Door.

All in attendance were moved by the outstanding singing performance of a group of SEI kids, and topping off the evening was a rousing live auction hosted by Les Sarnoff of KINK-FM radio. A surprise bid of the night was the princely sum paid (\$1,250) for a Chef's dinner for 10 at Atwater's Restaurant certainly a testament to the popularity of Atwater's new chef, Joe Nouhan. Noted was the generosity of Duncan Campbell, of the Campbell Group, and Sharon VanSickle, of KVO Advertising/Public Relations who were both spotted purchasing a number of items to be re-donated to SEI or other charitable organizations (i.e. Sharon bought 100 theater tickets; Duncan, office furniture).

Close to \$40,000 was raised to benefit SEI programs by the combination of corporate sponsorship, auction items, raffle tickets and player entries. Self Enhancement, Inc. encourages inner-city youth to make positive choices to achieve their full potential. Completion of the Center for Self Enhancement will further expand SEI capacity to offer area youth a place enrichment and refuge.

C.A.S.T. to reel in special

Nothing puts a smile of the face of a child like the opportunity to just have fun. And nothing makes an adult feel more important than being that special person who helps to create that smile.

Adult volunteers with the Bureau of Reclamation, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Oregon State B.A.S.S. will be working hard to put big smiles on the faces of children with disabilities during the C.A.S.T. For Kids event.

The event is set for Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at Henry Hagg Lake located about six miles southwest of Forest Grove, Ore.

C.A.S.T., which stands for Catch A Special Thrill, offers children with a wide range of disabilities an opportunity to enjoy a day of fishing. About 20 children from the Portland Shriners Hospital for Children will take part in the one-day activities.

The children will range in age from 7-14 and have a variety of physical/developmental disabilities or in some cases, terminal illness.

The B.A.S.S. volunteers will be on hand with their fishing boats and a lot of attention for these little anglers. Forest Grove

and Ballard Towne Kiwanis will sponsor a barbecue following the fishing activities. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will furnish life vests for the event.

"This is such a great opportunity for everyone involved," said Chuck Korson, Reclamation Natural Resource Specialist. We have a chance to dedicate a few hours that add up to a lifetime of memories for kids who rarely get to enjoy something so basic as fishing."

The C.A.S.T. For Kids event is part of an ongoing partnership between Reclamation and the National B.A.S.S. Federation and its local chapters in the Pacific Northwest Region. The events were started in 1991 by the Bass Anglers and Sportsman Society and Reclamation's Pacific Northwest Regional Office.

"The young anglers learn about safety, natural resources, and the children learn invaluable lessons of patience, fellowship, and interpersonal communications."

The one-day events take place in various locations in the Pacific Northwest from June through October.

They are planned and carried out by volunteers from both federal service and the private sector.