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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Race Relations

To further positive race relations, The Metropolitan Human Rights Commission is hosting a series of dialogues on race relations. One dialogue took place on Saturday, November 9. Another dialogue will take place on Saturday, November 16, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon, in the Community Room of Mid-County Sewer Project, SE 162nd & Stark, Portland (in Village Square Shopping Center). Participants in MHRC Community Dialogues will engage in dialogue, not debate. To register, call Linda Hunter, MHRC Community Relations, 823-5284 (voice TTY). If you are a person with a disability and need accommodation, please call 48 hours in advance.

APA receives funding

To reduce the under representation of minorities in the biomedical field and address the problems minority students encounter in higher education, the American Psychological Association's (APA) Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs (OEMA) has sought and was awarded a \$750,000 grant from the National Institute of General Medical Science (NIGMS) for a three-year project to "increase the number of persons of color in the educational pipeline." For more information, contact Pam Willenz at the Public Affairs Office, (203) 336-5700.

Free Thanksgiving dinner

St. Andrew Church will offer its annual free Thanksgiving dinner at St. Andrew Community Center, 4940 NE 8th Ave., from 12 noon to 3 p.m., Thursday, November 28. Donations of any traditional Thanksgiving food items, from cooked turkeys to pies, will be welcomed for the dinner. The contributions will be accepted Wednesday, November 27, and Thanksgiving Day, starting at 9 a.m., at the St. Andrew Community Center. For more information contact Dan Coyne a 281-1005.

The Power of Kindness

If you believe in the power of kindness, Volunteers of America invites you to join its Random Acts of Kindness committee. Help get the community involved in the kindness movement. For more information, contact Volunteers of America at 235-8655. Kindness helps everyone.

Holiday in the Country

In celebration of the holidays, the Jenkins Estate will host its annual Holiday in the Country Show and Sale, November 16 and 17 from 10:00 a.m. - 6 p.m. Artists from the northwest will offer their items for sale in the main house and stable which they have transformed into a fine holiday specialty boutique. There's a gift for every budget. There is free parking and no admittance fee.

A.C. Green Scholarships

A series of Oregon State University scholarships funded by Phoenix Suns basketball star A.C. Green will be announced at 10 a.m. Thursday, November 14, in the OSU Memorial Union Martin Luther King Room. Details of Green's BLG Scholarship will be announced by Lee Johnson, an Austin, Texas attorney who attended OSU with Green.

Embracing diversity is focus of local Churches

The congregations of Portland, under the leadership of The Rev. Luther Sturtevant of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, will be part of a national teleconference on Saturday, November 16, 1996. The Portland gathering, which will include local workshop sessions, will be held at First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Pastors, parishioners, lay leaders, religious educators, seminarians and theologians are invited to attend.

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Aladdin (right) discovers the magic lamp.

Photo by Newel Stickney

Aladdin and His Magic Lamp

Tears of Joy Theatre's production of *Aladdin and His Magic Lamp* will open this award-winning theater's season at the Winningstad Theater in the Portland Center for the Performing Arts from November 15 - December 1.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays; 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturdays; and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Special Friday evening performances will be opened at 7:15 p.m. by Portland's own Middle Eastern Music ensemble, Al-Andalus. The Portland Center for the Performing Arts is located at 1111 SW Broadway in Portland. Season tickets are available for \$7.00. Individual tickets are \$9.50 for adults and \$8.50 for children. For tickets and information call 248-0557.

New to this show is an exhibit on the Middle East which will accompany all the performances of *Aladdin and His Magic Lamp*.

Tears of Joy's Family Series will continue with *Toy Box*, *Fire on the Mountain*, and concludes with *Pinocchio*. All performances this season will be accompanied by a lobby exhibit or activity.



Albina Head Start's pilot project *Share Our Strength 'Operation Frontline'* is a program that tries to increase the cooking, budgeting and nutritional knowledge of low-income families. Pictured left (from left to right) are Matthew Lasof, Chef at Avalon Bar & Grill; Elaine Remeriz, Operation Frontline Coordinator; and Fernando Divina, Chef and owner of Fiddleheads Restaurant.

Breaking Down Barriers

BY SEAN P. NELSON, THE ASIAN REPORTER

As we arrive at the Urban League Northeast Multicultural Senior Center, we can hear African American Barbara McFarland-hunt, an alto, belting out a beautiful song.

She has been singing since she was six years old, and the song is a tribute to the center's Queen for a Day, Frieda Murray.

Mrs. Murray, an African American, is handicapped but has a wonderful smiling attitude. This is why her fellow seniors in the county program have chosen her as Queen, said activities Director Jaime Lombos, a Filipino American.

"All the seniors recognized her for her perseverance and for being a strong person who has gone through the turmoils of life."

"She was chosen for being a person who has a very good attitude."

This attitude is evident as she smiles both for my camera and for the cake she receives from Mark Washington, her grandson from the Portland Observer, and family friend Annie Jennings.

Frieda's situation underscores that fact that seniors are willing to help one another. It also is living proof of the statement that you can do anything you put your mind to. In this case, Frieda's resistance to despair is nothing short of heroic.

Her party is a part of the center's Activities Program, which Mr. Lombos runs with Associate Activities Coordinator Sylvia Garcia, a Hispanic American, and others.

He describes the mission of the center's Activities Program as helping seniors of all ethnicities get to know each other.

Mr. Lombos was an I&R, or an Information and Referral Specialist, and an outreach worker.

Seven months later African American Program Director Esther Hinson hired him in his current position. He is also a realtor.

"She was the one who gave me a break to be an I and R in the first place, so I kinda stuck with her like glue."

Community service awards given

The late Joyce Washington, past publisher of the *Portland Observer*, was the recipient of the 1996 Neil Kelly Award at the 10th Annual "Excellence in Business" Awards Dinner on November 6.

The award is presented "to the individual and/or business which best signify the most successful efforts in business and community development for North-Northeast Portland."

A lifelong advocate for family values, elderly care and the community, Mrs. Washington was a member of the NAACP, the Urban League, and the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME).

As the only female publisher among the members of the West Coast Black Publisher's Association, she was a pioneer in journalism.

Her volunteer work included Meals on Wheels, the Multi-Cultural Senior Services Center and Project Head Start, and many other organizations and projects over the years.

The Neil Kelly Award was accepted on Mrs. Washington's behalf by her eldest son, Chuck Washington, publisher of the *Portland Observer*, and her son Mark Washington, the *Observer's* distribution manager.



Joyce Washington

Ken Boddie was Master of Ceremonies for the event. Baruti Artharee, Director of Oregon Housing & Community Services, was the keynote speaker. Mr. Artharee highlighted the many developments and projects taking place in N-NE Portland, and specifically addressed the efforts and accomplishments of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd and Main Street project in progress. The theme of this year's banquet was "Teaming Up for Results".

Juan Campos, Vice President of Key Bank of Oregon, received the Association's Com-

munity Service Award on behalf of the Bank's Community Services Department. This award recognizes Key Bank for its ongoing generous support of a wide variety of community efforts.

The Association's "Effective Government Award" was presented to Governor Kitzhaber's Solution Team and to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Action Committee for the MLK Blvd Main Street Project recognizing its significant contribution to the community over the past year.

Three neighborhood businesses were honored for their contributions to area economic development: Interstate Rentals won the medium-sized business award, Realty World (formerly Albina Progressive Realty) won the small business award, and Safeway's MLK Jr. Blvd store won the large business award.

These businesses have made significant contributions by their involvement in and support of many community activities. As employers, investors, activists, supporters and advocates for the community they each contribute daily to the quality of life in North-Northeast Portland.

Past winners of the Neil Kelly Award include Sam Brooks, Sheila Holden and Carl Talton.

E & M Market Reopening

BY LEE PERLMAN

About 300 people turned out for the grand opening of the E and M Community Market, a response store officials hope will continue.

The 24,000 square foot store at 919 N. Killingsworth St., now a subsidiary of Emanuel Temple, will forgo the sale of alcohol and tobacco products, which earned the former store \$260,000 in gross sales during its last year of operation. Store official Everett Rice

told the *Observer*, "Our market research showed that the community was so positive toward this concept that we said, 'Let's do it.'"

Rice says that the store may hold a contest to pick a new name early next year, and perhaps even offer a prize for the winning idea, but that, this is not yet determined.

Bishop Wells of Emanuel Temple fears a name change might interfere with community recognition of the market.

Concordia Elects New President

BY LEE PERLMAN

Resident and former businessman Pat Messinger replaced resident and mail carrier Isham Harris as president of the Concordia Neighborhood Association last week.

Messinger, a four-year resident of the area, has served as chair of the association's land use committee and has been active in the Alberta Concordia Revitalization Project. He ran unopposed.

Harris, who presided for two years, took over an organization so divided by internal strife that it could barely function.

During the previous two years president Ron Fossum and committee chairs Sandy Oldenkamp and Bill Hermanson had resigned under pressure. Harris was elected in part because he was perceived as perhaps the only active member of the association whose leadership would be acceptable to all parties. He declined to run for a third term.