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Community Calendar

Randy Porter and Georgene Rye to perform

Jazz pianist Randy Porter and Gospel Vocalist Georgene Rye will headline in separate performances a benefit concert for the Grace Collins Memorial Center this Saturday, November 23, at Jefferson High School. The concert will also feature a number of supporting acts including the Golden Eagles and the Metropolitan Mass Choir. The concert is a benefit to help toward the act of bringing long time children's activist Evelyn Collins home from recuperation in a local care center. Tickets are \$6.00 in advance and \$8.00 at the door. For information call 281-6930.

Holiday ring off

Fred Meyer CEO and honorary Christmas chairperson Bob Miller and Fred Bear will lead dozens of Salvation Army kettle bell ringers armed with shiny brass bells, Santa Claus and The Salvation Army band in a reverberating official "ring off" to launch the 1996 holiday fund-raising season. Portlanders are invited to join the event on Friday, November 22, 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., in the center of Pioneer Square downtown. Donations collected at 150 red kettles in the tri-county area provide services to thousands of needy families and individuals during the holiday season and throughout the following year.

Giving Tree

The Salvation Army's annual "Giving Tree" program will begin the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 29. Through December 20, holiday shoppers have the opportunity to make the holidays brighter for those in need by giving gifts of clothing and toys to toddlers, children and teen-agers. Participating malls include Lloyd Center, Pioneer Place, Clackamas Town Center, Washington Square, Mall 205 and Jantzen Beach. For more information, contact The Salvation Army at 234-0825.

IFCC presents Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Life

The Interstate Firehouse cultural Center presents Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Life, an art exhibit, marketplace, performance and workshop series honoring the African-inspired holiday. Events have been organized by Portland artist Charlotte Lewis and will take place at the IFCC, 5340 N. Interstate Avenue, from December 5-31. Opening reception and performance: Sunday, December 8, 6-9 pm. Admission to the performance is \$10 per person; proceeds benefit the Black Educational Center, a private elementary school with a culturally based curriculum. Tickets may be reserved by calling the IFCC at 823-2000.

St. Vincent De Paul Christmas food drive

On Saturday November 23, St. Vincent de Paul will begin this year's Christmas food drive--its 57th--with door food collection involving more than 4,500 volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering or contributing can call St. Vincent de Paul Christmas food program, 3601 SE 27th, Portland, OR 97202. St. Vincent is taking requests for food or for "adoption". People in need can call 232-9797.

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

Grand Reopening of New E & M



Local community and business leaders on hand for the E & M Community Market Ribbon Cutting are (from left) Carl Talton, Portland Development Commission; Juan Campos, Key Bank of Oregon; Carolyn Kaleel, Union Gospel Mission; Dr. Mildred Ollee, Portland Community College; Leon Smith, Albina Community Bank and Bishop A.A. Wells. Local little ones are (from left) Anna Ramig, Sarah Ramig, Eily Kaleel and Nathan Kaleel. Grand Opening Day was a day to celebrate an also a business day at the New E & M Community Market. The market will be open everyday from 7:00AM to 11:00PM.

Progress in North Portland was evident, as the New E & M Community Market held its Grand Re-Opening Ceremony on Saturday, November 9. The all-day celebration featured a Grand Re-Opening Ceremony, including prizes, food, cake and fun for the whole family.

Local business leaders were on hand, and Mayor Katz issued a proclamation in honor of the project, naming the day North Portland Community Revitalization Day.

The Emmanuel Community General Services (ECGS), a community service group that focuses on North/Northeast Portland, saw the vacant grocery as an opportunity to encourage locally-owned and operated businesses. ECGS partnered with the Portland Development Commission to gain the financial assistance they needed to purchase the

property and to work on re-opening the doors.

Bishop A.A. Wells, a long-time leader in the church community and a North Portland Community visionary, has coordinated the effort. "It is a great thing to see this community, and members of many communities, pull together in this effort of common good," commented Bishop Wells, who also serves on the board of ECGS.

"We hope this endeavor is contagious and will encourage the residents of North/Northeast Portland to continue to take a stand to increase the quality of our community."

Several measures have been taken to improve operations of the New E & M Community Market, including enlisting a team of local community and business leaders committed to making the project succeed.

The partnership with the Portland Development Commission was crucial to the project's success. PDC's Economic Development Department offered financial assistance through the Small Business Loans Program and also served as technical advisor. Carl Talton, Chairman of PDC, commented "It's very gratifying to see the community commitment that made this project possible. Many partners came together and the store will succeed due to this tremendous support."

Local Albina Community Bank and Key Bank of Oregon also stepped in to help the financial process. Portland Community College's Cascade Campus is only two blocks away and will share the new parking lot with the store. PCC paid to have it repaved as part of their agreement.

The new market, whose motto is "A

Partnership Working For You", pledges to offer a safe and clean store, multi-ethnic products, competitive prices, excellent customer service, products that promote a healthy community and to invest proceeds back into the community.

The New E & M Community Market may be just the beginning of a surge of progress in this North Portland Neighborhood.

There are significant signs of rebound in the community -- home remodeling is on the rise and property values are appreciating.

The New E & M Community market is located at 909 N. Killingsworth. The new store hours will be 7:00AM - 11:00PM, seven days a week.

The market will be open for special, abbreviated hours on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Local governments get results on MLK Boulevard

Guided by the concerns and vision of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard neighbors, area businesses and nonprofit organizations, Gov. John Kitzhaber Friday endorsed plans for more than \$16 million in proposed projects aimed at enhancing revitalization activities along the MLK corridor.

The governor was in Portland to help celebrate the public/private partnership. The event was at Steen's Coffeehouse, located on King Boulevard adjacent to a transportation demonstration project. The project, a part of the revitalization effort taking place, involves removal of a portion of the controversial center median and striping of more than 50 on-street parking spaces.

In what the governor termed as "an unprecedented cooperative effort," a multi-agency team (state, regional and local governments) unveiled plans for specific programs and products. Programs relate to transportation and access, business development, environmental management, housing, street design and zoning.

"This project is all about building communities," Gov. Kitzhaber noted in reference to the coordinated strategy.

Kitzhaber established a Community Solutions Team from five state agencies to work with communities around the state to solve growth-related issues. "The Albina community had a vision, and the collective resources of the state, Metro, the city of Portland,

neighborhood and nonprofit organizations are being brought to bear. One look around and it's clear the boulevard is coming back," he said.

The local MLK Action Committee is comprised of individual business owners, neighborhood and business associations, nonprofit agencies regional and local governments.

Since beginning to meet in June 1996, the committee has generated a list of projects to address livability concerns and to strengthen and diversify Albina's economy, employment base and neighborhoods.

"The committee process benefitted from the groundwork laid by our predecessors," noted Carl Talton, chair of the local commit-

tee and chair of the Portland Development Commission. "The city and commission worked with the community for three years to formulate an Albina community plan. Public and private investment in the corridor has totaled more than \$10 million. More than 300 affordable housing units have or are being built, storefront and business loans are revitalizing the economy, and major redevelopment projects are under way."

"We wanted to launch innovative projects that would serve as the catalyst for redevelopment along the entire corridor," explained Talton. "Our goal is to capitalize on revitalization activities occurring on the boulevard so that it functions as the main street it once was," he added.

Winter message to Oregonians: Be prepared

Portland General Electric (PGE) and the American Red Cross encourages Oregonians to prepare early for possible winter storms and for any other emergency situations. Take the time now to prepare a well stocked home emergency kit, and keep it in a convenient, cool and safe spot--in the garage, in a closet or under a bed.

PGE's Eldridge and the Red Cross suggest filling a plastic box, tub or garbage can with the following items:

- Battery-powered radio
- Flashlights, "Glowsticks", a battery-powered lantern
- Extra batteries

- Disposable handwarmers
- Candle in holders, matches in a water-proof container
- Battery-powered or wind-up alarm clock
- First aid kit with reference guide

And it's wise to keep these supplies on hand, too:

- Canned foods, manual can opener, paper plates and plastic utensils
- Barbecue and/or camp stove (use outside or with proper ventilation)
- Bottled water
- Ample supply of warm blankets or sleeping bags

All homes should have a working fire

extinguisher and working smoke detectors near the ceiling on every level. Never leave burning candles unattended in the home. Candles burn down, and often catch things on fire as they burn.

Emergency supplies should last a family at least 72 hours. For example, keep enough drinking water on hand to provide each person with at least half a gallon per day. Be sure to include extra water for pets, too.

Many homeowners forget that automatic garage door openers don't work when the power is out. Before getting stuck in the garage, check to see if the opener has a manual override.

Doris' Cafe provides Thanksgiving meals

Doris' Cafe provides Thanksgiving meals for the elderly who are ill and home bound. They also serve the homeless. Last year they prepared and delivered over 1,400 dinners throughout the Portland metropolitan area.

The restaurant is closed for the entire day of Monday, November 25, 1996 to handle calls for Thanksgiving meals only. This year they expect a 40% to 50% increased

need for these meals. Due to this increase, your help is needed for food and monetary donations.

Please show your support by giving to those less fortunate.

Please make your check payable to: Doris' Cafe, 325 N. Russell, Portland, OR 97212.

If you have questions or would like to lend a helping hand please call 503/287-9249.