

METRO Life

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Community Calendar

Chiropractic College Partners in Care Program

This season, Western States Chiropractic College invites the public to join them in supporting the Salvation Army Harbor Light facility through the WSSC partners in Care program. New and current patients can receive a free visit Friday, December 13 at the WSSC Campus Clinic in exchange for a donation of one of these items: Disposable diapers, New socks, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Feminine napkins, Razors, Soap, Rain ponchos, Bottle warmers. To participate in the Partners in Care program, please contact the WSSC Campus Clinic at (503) 255-6771 to schedule an appointment. The clinic is located at 2900 NE 132nd, and is open from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Basic Aid Training

Red Cross will offer Basic Aid Training at American Red Cross, Oregon Trail Chapter 3131 N. Vancouver Ave., Portland. The class will be held on two Saturdays, January 11 & 18, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. Basic aid training, a five-hour course, teaches children ages 9-12 years how to prevent injuries, respond to emergencies, treat minor and serious injuries, and perform choking and rescue breathing skills. Cost is \$20, for more information or to register, call 280-1440.

Babysitting Class

Red Cross will offer a Babysitting class at American Red Cross, Oregon Trail Chapter 3131 N. Vancouver Ave., Portland. The class will be held on two Saturdays, January 18 & 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Red Cross Babysitting class, an eight-hour course, is available to youth, 11 years of age and older, and includes responsibilities of babysitters, job interviews, child development, infant care, accident prevention, first aid, and what to do in an emergency. Cost is \$30, for more information or to register, call 280-1440.

When I'm In Charge

Red Cross will offer a When I'm In Charge class at American Red Cross, Oregon Trail Chapter 3131 N. Vancouver Ave., Portland. The class will be held on Saturday, January 25, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. When I'm in charge, a two-hour course, prepares children ages 8-11 years to respond to a variety of "home alone" situations and includes role playing, a safety quiz and film, and activities that stimulate critical things and discussion. Cost is \$12, for more information or to register, call 280-1440.

Learn About Tutoring

Volunteers interested in learning about tutoring in the Winter of 1997 are invited to an informational coffee:

Tues., Jan. 7th, 10:30 am - Noon
Wed., Jan. 8th, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Tues., Jan. 14th, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
Wed., Jan. 15th, 10:30 am - Noon
Tues., Jan., 21st, 10:30 am - Noon
OASIS (Older Adult Service and Informational System) is located on the tenth floor of the downtown Meier & Frank store. People 55 years or older are teamed with a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd grade student for weekly sessions.

Older Women's League

The Portland Chapter of the Older Women's League (OWL) will hold their annual Holiday Party to which mid-life and older women are invited. Members and guests can bring wrapped presents for homeless and children at the WCA's Center. Items can be warm clothing such as mittens, sox, caps, or non-food-stamp items such toothpaste/brushes, bandaids, shampoo, etc. toys for young children, especially children's pre-school and above books. Located at the Tabor Bldg, 4610 SE Belmont, entering from parking lot in the rear; on December 14, 1996, 10:00 Am to Noon; Bus #15. Free and open to women of all ages. For information about meeting or OWL, call 721-0848.

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

We Do More Than Grab Loose Balls!

BY FRED HEMBRY

When one thinks..... ball-boy, one may picture: A small cute boy clad in team colors, scurrying cross-court after loose basketballs. Its not just boys, and its not that basic. MORE THAN ONE WOULD THINK

The correct term is Ball Attendant. The Observer met with equipment manager and ball attendant supervisor Mark Cashman of the Portland Trail Blazers. Mark is in his third season with the organization.

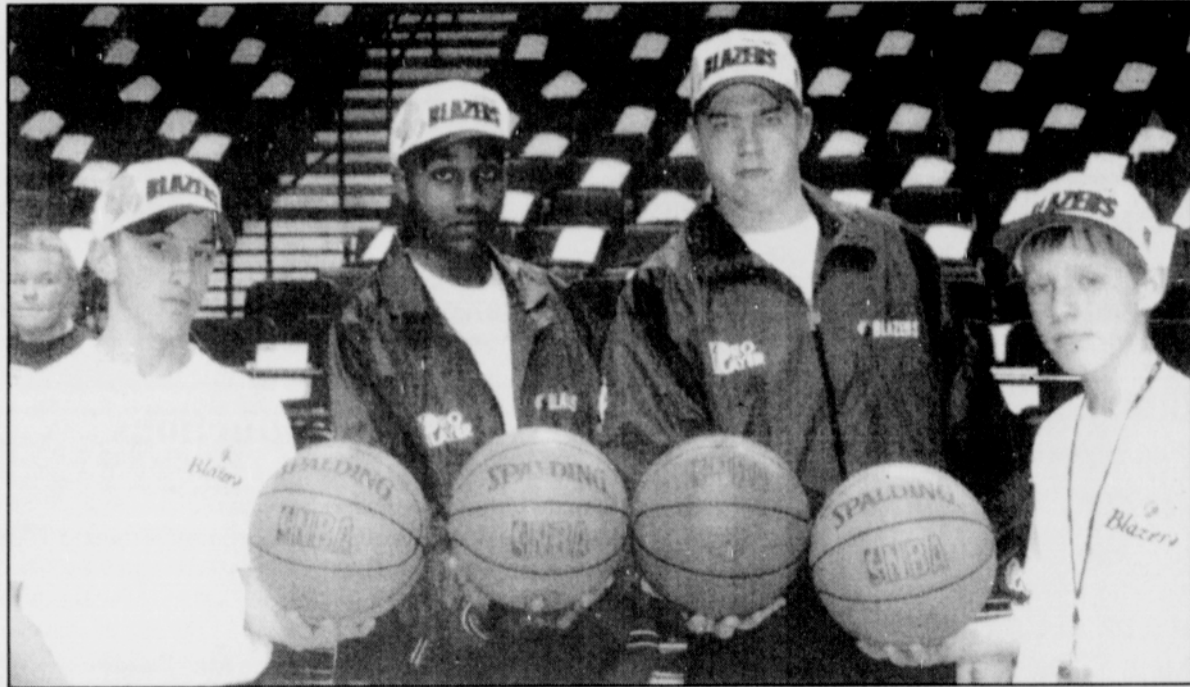
"Its (being a ball attendant) more than one would think," stated Mark. Ball attending is a bi-gender profession.

Unfortunately, only one position exists for young women. This is due to male locker-room privacy issues. Most of the work is in the locker room. This limits the productive time that can be offered to females.

ONE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE GRADE SCHOOL AGED TO SUIT-UP

The age range allowed for ball attendants is from fourteen up. In fact Mark worked his way through college as an attendant. The attendant team consists of fourteen members. They are chosen annually. The prior year members receive tenure. New people are selected for openings left by predecessors. Eight is the average number used for each game. Six are for reserve purposes.

Why so many? This isn't dodgeball its basketball!, one may state. Well explain.



(From left to right) TrailBlazer Ball Boys Andrew Gilbo, Ronnie Geawood, J.R. Shockley, and Thomas Moyer.

IT ALL STARTS IN THE LOCKER ROOM

Yes, the locker room. It one of the many responsibilities for the attendants. This are of course, is where the players prepare for a game, rest at half time, and prepare for the real world after each game.

In addition to serving the Blazers, they are responsible for the opposing teams locker room requirements, as well as the game officials.

LOTS TO DO ON THE COURT

When the buzzer sounds the game play for these guys is like this:

Locker room: Two do clean up, laundry duty, and player attending.

Home Bench: Three or four get towels, water, and Gatorade.

Court: Two for ball retrieval, towels, and garment pick up.

Mop duty: Two remove sweat deposited on floor during game for safety.

Referee attendant: One gets water, towels, etc. for the referees.

WOW! THAT'S WORK!

For all the armchair skeptics, ball attendants do sweat. Of course, it dose have great fringe benefits. Below is a brief list:

- Looks excellent on a college resume, one gets to look up to (literally) the greatest basketball players in the world, and cool gear.
- In addition to the above, they receive minimum wage pay. That will keep the Child Labor Commission at bay for sure.

Housing Our Families gets first choice

BY LEE PERLMAN

Housing Our Families won the Great Concordia Land Swapstakes last week, as Multnomah county awarded it a choice property over four competing non-profit corporations.

The house and lot at 5404 N.E. 27th Ave. was one of seven properties that the county commission awarded this year under its Affordable Housing Development Program to groups pledging to create rental or owner-

occupied housing for low-income people. All the properties were seized by the county for non-payment of taxes. The number of parcels involved this year was the lowest since the program began in 1992, and reflects the rising value of land, especially in inner northeast.

The county's Bureau of Community and Family Services favored the Housing Our Families bid for the Northeast 27th Avenue house and lot in the Concordia neighborhood over its competitors. HOF proposed to con-

vert the house to a duplex and build three new units. It promised the most affordable housing (all units to rent at \$430 to \$550 a month), and guaranteed that the housing would remain affordable indefinitely.

The bureau rejected proposals for owner-occupied housing on the site by Habitat for Humanity, Metro Community Development Corporation and Northeast Community Development Corporation, and a rent-to-own proposal by the Sabin Community Development Corporation. Sabin CDC's proposed

six townhouse units would have rented for \$695 a month, and covenants giving the agency right of first refusal to repurchase the homes at affordable rates would only last for 25 years.

Habitat proposed to put only three units on the property, which the bureau felt was not its "highest and best use," and it had questions about the financing of NECDC and Metro's proposals.

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Affordable rental units/homes

Developers, financiers, government officials, neighborhood representatives, citizens and other invited guests gathered have recently opened Franciscan Enterprise of Oregon's (FEO) most recent project and their first to offer home-ownership opportunities.

The project, located at 606 N.E. Killingsworth Court, is centered around six new rental units in two separate triplexes.

Flanking the triplexes on either side is a

rehabilitated single family home and a newly constructed duplex, both for sale.

All the rental units offer affordable rents and the homes are offered at an average of \$80,000 each. FEO will work with the Portland Development Commission to fins qualified low-income families interested in owning the homes and PDC will assist the new owners with permanent financing.

Speaking at the opening, City Commissioner Gretchen Miller Kafoury commented, "Throughout the King Neighborhood you

see evidence that Franciscan Enterprise has been at work here. We are grateful for these new apartments and are excited for the new families who will own these homes."

The \$800,000 project was financed through a Rental Housing Development Loan from the Portland Development Commission, the city's Bureau of Housing and Community Development, Partners for the Common Good 2000, McAuley Institute, developer equity, and a grant from Pacific Gas Transmission Company.

Fire totals building

BY DANNY BELL

The City Center Storage building, at 2600 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, was totally destroyed by fire on Saturday, November 30th.

The 26,000 square-foot building was estimated to be a loss of \$200,000 to the structure and \$300,000 to the contents.

No injuries were reported but police and fire officials had to evacuate a three to four block area. More than 150 firefighters fought the fire.

Neil Heesaker, an official for the Portland Fire Bureau said, "Due to the fact that it was not known whether flammable materials were stored in the building, that the surrounding area had to be evacuated"

As the risk of explosion diminished, thick black smoke prevented residents from returning home. Four people had to be provided with emergency shelter according to the Red Cross.

The blaze sent flames shooting 20 to 30 feet high and black smoke curling more than 100 feet into gray overcast skies.

The first alarm was turned in at 10:17am. Saturday, after Storage Manager Lloyd Kaston reported seeing smoke fill the storage site after he had turned on the electricity. A second alarm was called in at 10:24am, a third by 10:34am, and a fourth alarm at 10:51am.

Sixteen engine companies and seven ladder companies sprayed more than 6,000 gal-



The charred remains are all that is left of the City Center Storage building.

lon of water a minute on the blaze. The unusual demand of water coursing through the pipes caused sediment to stir and consequently muddied the water for about a ten block radius, which subside about noon.

Streets adjacent to the building were blocked off until fire inspectors were certain that the fire was stable, opening Monday morning.

The 46-year-old building is owned by Angelo Lampus. He said that the site had 321 storage units and estimated that half the peo-

ple renting space were insured.

Lampus, 70, said that the building had been in the family since 1921.

The building had passed fire inspection in 1991, but the Fire Bureau noted it then as a fire hazard because it lacked automatic fire alarms, sprinkler system, fire walls and fire doors that would be required on today's structures. As a result Heesaker said, "The nearest fire station had completed a fire fighting plan that helped during Saturday's fire."

Christmas Day Potluck Free Food For All

Feeding the hungry and the homeless, "Potluck in the Park" is again joining with the YWCA to host a free Christmas Day dinner.

Food will be served from 1:00 to 4:00 PM Wednesday, December 25 at Portland's Downtown YWCA - at 1111 SW 10th Avenue, between Main and Jefferson Streets.

All downtown Portland residents - especially the homeless, the poor and the elderly - are warmly invited to attend. There will be upbeat piano music. And Santa will be on hand to pass out warm hats, gloves, and socks stuffed with soaps, toothbrushes, and Christmas treats.

This annual Christmas Dinner Feeds 800-900 people. "Potluck in the Park" also serves a free meal every Sunday afternoon, beginning at 3:00 PM, in O'Bryant Square at SW Park and Washington Streets. The project is staffed entirely by volunteers, who provide most of the food. Those wishing to donate food for the Christmas Dinner should call (503) 226-2578.

1000 pairs of goodie filled socks are being contributed to this year's Christmas Dinner as a school-wide project of the Cathedral School in Northwest Portland. Cathedral students are contributing all of the goodies and stuffing socks contributed by Nike. Flyers publicizing the Christmas Dinner are being distributed to downtown low income hotels and apartments by Lincoln High School students.

For the third straight year, the YWCA of Portland is donating the use of its gym at the downtown Center for the Christmas Dinner. Other sponsors include West Coast Productions and Barbur Boulevard Rentals (donating a stage, tables, chairs, and other equipment), and the downtown Marriott (providing staff to cook and carve donated turkeys).