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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Building on the Past

A sneak preview showing of the Historic Preservation League of Oregon's first broadcast production, *Building On the Past: Oregon's Preservation Spirit*, will be hosted by the HPL 6 p.m. to 8: p.m., January 13, 1997 at Montgomery Park in the Banquet Room (2701 NW Vaughn, Portland).

A reception will follow the showing. Tom Doggett, Oregon Public Broadcast Programming Director and Sam Naito, Portland developer, are featured guests of the event.

Children's Museum Events

Winter Revels: Opens January 2-February 24. Create a caste, design your own coat of arms, dress up like lords and ladies, or act out fairytales. This magical kingdom will take the place of H20h! while we make improvements to our popular water exhibit. On March 1, H20h@! reopens with new tanks, improved pumps and different ways to discover the properties of water. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Portland for underwriting the improvements!

Clayshop: Paint your clay creation that's already been fired or glaze your piece and we'll fire it again. Cost is \$.50 per item. Paint and glaze days are scheduled: *Saturday, Jan. 4 9:45-11:15am; and Wednesday, Jan. 8 and 22 3:30-5pm.*

Living Legends Winter Hours: Beat the powwow drum, fish the Columbia River, camp in a tipi and discover playful animal spirits. New winter drop-in hours for this special exhibit in the Children's Cultural center are: *Thursdays, 10am-2:20pm; Saturdays, 10am-4pm; and Sundays, 1pm-4pm.*

The Children's Museum, located at 3037 SW Second in Portland, is open daily from 9am-5pm (closed January 1). Admission is \$3.50 per person for everyone age 1 and older. During the month of January, take advantage of our Treatseats "two-for-one" admission offer. Treatseats discount coupons are available at participating Target store.

Association for Women in Communications program

"Inside TV: How to Get Your Story on the Air." Presented by Teresa Jones and Reed Coleman, KOIN-TV, Wednesday, January 8, 1997 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

They'll present strategies and tips on how you should approach the television medium from their side of the camera. Held at Cal's Pacific Rim Restaurant, 5310 SW Macadam (John's Landing). Tickets in advance by Jan. 3: \$10 students/ \$15 members, \$22 non-members. After Jan. 3 and at the door: \$20 member and \$27 non-members. Price includes program, hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks. Call 503-241-2948 for more information.

Cascade Aids PAL

Program needs Volunteers

Cascade AIDS project is seeking long term volunteers to be Pals to people living with HIV disease, including AIDS. Volunteers in this program are caring people who provide practical and emotional support in a non-judgmental, empathetic way. Pals help with basic needs such as light house-keeping, food preparation, transportation, and/or provide respite care and supportive companionship. Call Grace Taylor at 223-5907, ext. 115, to schedule an interview by January 7. PAL volunteer training begins January 18, 1997.

Concert Benefit

Pianist George Winston's Concert; Food Drive to be held in Lobby. Solo pianist George Winston is going out of his way to help Oregon Food Bank for the second year in a row. Winston will be in Portland on January 9, 1996 at First Congregational Church at 7:30 p.m. Tickets to the performance are \$18.50, available at all Fastixx, Fred Meyer, and Music Millennium outlets, and at the First Congregational Church on the night of the show only. Information and charge-by-Phone (503) 224-8499 or (800) 992-8499.

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Heald College comes to "Silicon Forest"

BY FRED HEMBRY

This writer has viewed tons of commercials for business colleges over the years, promising a better future in less time than a four year college education would take. Can this really be true? Come, let's take a look.

To satisfy my scholastic curiosity, I ventured to Heald Business College in Portland. Heald was established in 1863 by Edward P. Heald in San Francisco, California.

The schools now operate in the northern California region, Hawaii, and Portland. His philosophy was to train individuals for existing jobs in the shortest time possible. In that day, some examples of the school's offerings were, telegraphy, electrical engineering, and penmanship. Obviously, some of the courses have changed, but the training goals have not.

Heald Business college strategically chooses fields that have great demand. Their current orientation is in business administration, and technology. Training is provided for entry-level, and intermediate positions in those areas.

Business colleges differ from community college, or universities in that after approximately two years--or less--one can attain an Associate of Applied Science degree, or a certificate of completion.

It is quite probable that a person will leave the gravity of the minimum wage world with a business college degree. Heald does offer good job placement. "We've been here less than one year and we're getting requests for two-to three hundred graduates", stated Janet Huber, academic dean, adding that those positions were in in the field of high technology.



Portland is also known as the "Silicon Forest". For readers that are not familiar with that phrase, it is akin to San Jose, California's "Silicon Valley". The title was attached to San Jose for its dense concentration of high-technology based engineering corporations.

When California's economy crashed in the early 1990's, Portland was the new lure. Hence, Heald branched to facilitate training for some of the industry's key needs.

The most credible item about Heald is that they have mainstream college and university

accreditation. In Portland, Heald is unique in this qualification.

The business college can be a great way to shorten one's goal of getting a better job quick, and hopefully put another car in one's driveway and an extra chicken in one's pot.

Volunteers rejuvenate Whitaker Ponds



Volunteers from PacificCorp and EnviroCorps plant new trees at Whitaker Ponds in the Columbia Slough. The project is part of Pacific Power's Green Corps environmental program that matches company resources and employee volunteer labor with the efforts of local groups to improve the community's environment.

For the past two Saturdays, employees of PacificCorp teamed with representatives from EnviroCorps to rehabilitate the Whitaker Ponds area of the Columbia Slough.

Their efforts were part of Green Corps '96, a program sponsored by the utility that matches company resources and employee volunteer labor with the efforts of local groups to improve the community's environment.

The local project is one of 29 PacificCorp is sponsoring this year and is among the 130 projects PacificCorp accepted as Green Corps projects during the program's first four years.

"Our employees applied for a company Green Corps grant because they can see Whitaker Ponds as a terrific natural resource," said Sheila Holden, Portland business manager for PacificCorp.

The volunteers removed invasive blackberries and other species from the ponds area and replanted the area with more easily landscaped native plants.

Whitaker Ponds is undergoing restoration as part of Metro Regional Parks and Green Spaces' Master Plan which calls for creation of a regional park and nature trails in the area.

The coordinators for the Whitaker Ponds Green Corps project competed with nearly 70 other employee teams in seven states for one of 29 grants available this year.

Screening criteria for selection included project elements that are consistent with the company's environmental goal, that have broad employee participation and that offer an opportunity for employees to partner with other community members.

PDX 2000 construction update

The Port offers 90 minutes of free parking in Short Term Lot--From through January 5.

The Port of Portland is providing free parking for the first 90 minutes in Portland International Airport's (PDX) Short-Term Lot located east of the PDX Parking Garage. The free parking is being offered as an incentive to drivers to avoid the roadways in front of the terminal.

During the Thanksgiving holiday travel period, both the ticket lobby (upper level) and baggage particularly with drivers who were picking up people.

After the first 90 minutes, the Short-Term Lot's regular rates apply of \$2 per hour and \$22

per day. The free parking offer does not include the Parking Garage and Economy Lot.

MORE ROADWAY CHANGES AND CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS IN JANUARY:

Beginning about January 6, the baggage claim (lower level) roadway will be reconfigured due to construction occurring in the vehicle lanes closest to the terminal will be closed for construction, and the loading and unloading area for Portland International Airport (PDX) parking system shuttle buses will be a canopied area in the fourth lane from the terminal with the buses operating in the two lanes east of the canopies. There will also be a separate canopied load-

ing/unloading area for private auto traffic with three auto lanes.

In addition to the construction work directly in front of the terminal, there will be lane closures on Airport Way north of the Parking Garage for installation of two water lines. Those lane closures will continue until early March.

The third roadway impact will be the closure of the ticket lobby (upper level) roadway's fourth lane (farthest from the terminal), reducing the ticket lobby roadway from four to three lanes. The closure is necessary to accommodate the start of construction of new lanes and center-island curb space for the ticket lobby roadway.

Community Kwanzaa celebration

1996 Festival of Events

Thursday, December 26: Kwanzaa. 7-8:30pm presented by students of the Black Educational Center School.

Friday, December 27: Kujichagulia--Self-determination. 7-9 p.m., Viva Mandela! Documentary film on the life and struggle of South African President Nelson Mandela for self-determination. Sirius Study Group.

Saturday, December 28: Ujima--Collective Work. 2-4 p.m., children's Kwanzaa program. Drumming, storytelling, arts and crafts, African films. Urban League of Portland, Black Educational Center.

Sunday, December 29: Ujamaa--Cooperative Economics. 2-6 p.m. Experience the sights and sounds of an African Marketplace. Arts, crafts, music, food, books, clothing, statues, artifacts, calendars, cards, jewelry, candles...something for everyone. Black Educational Center Parent's Organization.

Monday, December 30: Nia--Purpose. 7-9 p.m., Slide and visual presentation of the 1996 journey to Cairo, Luxor and Aswan, Egypt, and Accra, Kumasi, Cape Coast and Elmina dungeons. Ghana, by Joyce Harris, Charlotte Lewis and Jamila Harris.

Tuesday, December 31: Kuumba--Creativity. 6-8 p.m. 25th Anniversary Karamu (feast). Umoja Candlelighting Ceremony, food, dancing, drumming. Black United Fund of Oregon, Brooks and Associates, Black Educational Center, and other community based organizations.

Wednesday, January 1: Imani--Faith. Celebrate at home with family and friends. Reflect on the meaning of Kwanzaa.

Location: December 26-30 Urban League of Portland Multicultural Senior Center, 5325 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. (Enter building in the rear parking lot) December 31, Cascade Plaza, 4134 N. Vancouver Ave.

For more information call the Black Educational Center: 284-9552.