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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Charity Valentines Day Dance

The Church of Scientology is sponsoring a Sweethearts Ball for Valentines Day with candy, flowers, a romantic get-a-way raffle and live music featuring Sheila Miranda. The dance starts at 7:00 PM, the location is at Celebrity Centre Portland, 709 S. W. Salmon, downtown Portland. Tickets are \$4.00 per person. All proceeds benefit local drug and alcohol treatment center. Come and dance the night away! 228-0116.

Landlord training workshops

Victoria Anderson, Landlord Tenant/Fair Housing Specialist
Landlord Training workshops; March 12, and April 23, 1997
We are always available to discuss our programs and services. Please call us at 282-7744 for further information.

Duplicate bridge newcomers' party

February 17, 1997 - 7:30; Redlion-Jantzen Beach
Free coffee and dessert. Free book discussing Duplicate Bridge. Free plays to local bridge clubs; and we'll get you a partner! Questions? contact alan Johnson at (503) 771-3316, slam@netcom.com

How to stay healthy as you get older

Seniors: How to Stay Healthy As You Get Older, is a free lecture aimed at the general public. 9 a.m., Saturday, March 1; OHSU Old Library Auditorium. Plenty of free parking is available. Lectures are wheelchair accessible and devices for the hearing impaired are available. Call community Relations at 494-4312 for information.

Senator Wyden to hold "Sidewalk Office Hours"

Sat., Feb. 15: Portland's Lloyd Center; and Sun., Feb. 16: Clackamas Town Center. U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) takes to the streets in Portland and Clackamas this month to talk with local residents about their concerns and interests. Wyden, known for holding town meetings in every Oregon County every year, has started his "Sidewalk Office Hours" in order to bring government closer to citizens.

Portland Center Stage

The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe, by Jane Wagner, on Friday, February 14. Curtain at 8:00 pm sharp. Reception follows with refreshments from London Catering, Eola Hills Vineyards, and Saxer Brewing and the music of Boka Marimba. Please RSVP for one or two tickets to Cynthia Fuhrman, Una Loughran or Kim Kalapus at (503) 274-6582 by Wednesday, February 13

Governor's Quality Education Task Force

Wednesday, February 19, 1997; 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.; Main Hearing Room - 1st Floor of the Public Utility Commission Building at 550 Capital Street NE in Salem, Oregon.

The Piedmont Lighthouse, a new After School Program

located on the lower level at the historic Piedmont Friends Church, now known as Lighthouse Church of God in Christ, 5736 N. Albina Ave. Portland Or 97217 (503) 247-9445. The Piedmont Light house is open to receive children 5 through 12 years old, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The core of this program teaches Peace and Progress by supporting awareness of the virtues - the gifts within, problem-solving, conflict resolution skills, (including anger management) and responsibility to studies. If you are interested in our program please feel free to contact Zan Tabor-Stone at 247-9445.

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

Super Town Hall Meet in Northeast

BY NEIL HEILPERN

Ripples of a bipartisan cooperative spirit which kicked off the 1997 Oregon State Legislature three weeks ago will bring the dialogue to an unusual town hall meeting for North Portland next Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Three local state legislators have invited the leaders of the Oregon House and Senate to Madison High School 7-9 p.m. for the "unprecedented" gathering, which will include an information exchange between neighborhood residents and the top guns of the two chambers.

Portland elected officials Sen. Avel Gordly (D-Dist. 10), Rep. Jo Ann Bowman (D-Dist. 19) and Rep. Randall Edwards (D-Dist 15), asked Senate President Brady Adams (R-Grants Pass) and Speaker of the House Rep. Lynn Lundquist (R-Powell Butte) to share information about state budget choices and how they will affect the area, with an emphasis on education and social issues.

"These budget choices are hard choices," said Gordly, who this year stepped up from the house to a senate seat. "In the face of measure 47, when a lot of people are saying keep the (tax surplus) kicker and use it for education, the leadership doesn't want that to happen."

"The health plan is also under attack," she noted. "A single mother with three children who is covered by the Oregon Health Plan wants to be able to stay on it."

As the top leaders of their respective chambers, Lundquist and Adams decide which proposed legislation is referred to which committee, often a life-and-death decision for the bill.

Gordly expressed hope that a large turnout of average citizens would provide input for the leadership to bring back to the capitol.

Education seemed to be the hottest topic for the local legislators.

"We have to resolve the education funding question, first and foremost," said Bowman. "I'd like them to address welfare reform and tax structure, but given the amount of time we have, education should take up most of it."

"The average person is concerned with classroom sizes and whether or not there are enough books for the students," said Gordly.

"Whether it's education, public safety, or economic opportunity, these services do not have to compete with each other if we are



Sen. Pres. Brady Adams (left) & House Speaker Lynn Lundquist (right), shown at recent Salem rally, will be in NE Portland February 18 for a town hall meeting with local legislators and the public.

willing to pay for them," Bowman added. "That means repealing the kicker or coming up with other ways to raise revenue."

Although he was not available for an interview with The Observer last week, Edwards' legislative aide Joyce Cresswell indicated that "Education is his main interest, getting schools funded. As a member of the House Revenue Committee he might have some effect on that."

"He is hoping for school funding and not seeing any more teacher cuts in Portland," said Cresswell. "He is working hard for adequate funding for kids statewide."

Cresswell said the visit by the two leaders would "give them a chance to look Portlanders in the eye and let Portlanders look them in the eye and cross pollinate their ideas a little bit, a greater communication between urban and rural areas."

Gordly stressed that everyone who wants to ask questions will be answered in one form or another.

"As each person comes in, they will write their questions on a piece of paper," said Gordly. "Any questions not answered that evening will be answered by one or more legislators, either written or with a phone

"Air Man" visits child center

Reggie "Air Man" Dixon paid a visit to the children at Providence Child Center on Monday, February 10.

He showed his razzle dazzle moves for the kids in the Children's Nursing Center, Montessori School, and Wee Care programs.

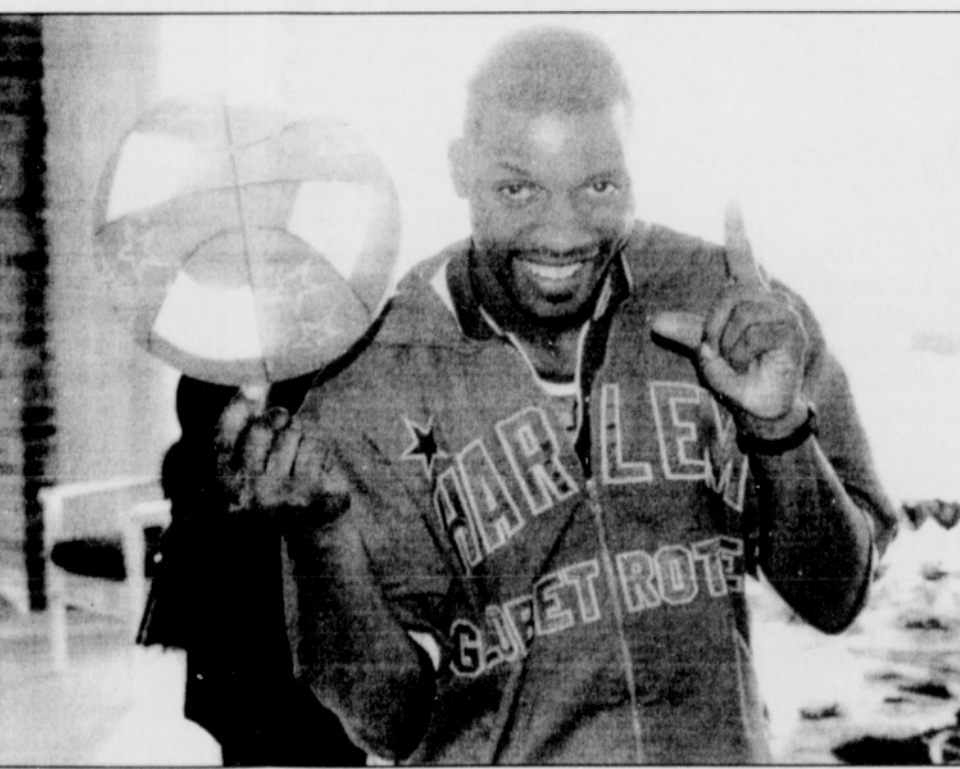
The children in the Children's Nursing Center have profound disabilities and multiple health problems which necessitate round-the-clock, residential skilled nursing care.

"The Harlem Globetrotters is not about making millions of dollars, it's about making millions of smiles," said Dixon who is Advance Goodwill Ambassador for the Harlem Globetrotters. "The children really loved seeing his antics" said Director of Public Affairs, Shoshana Grammer.

Most of the children are at the Children's Nursing Center to receive long-term chronic care while others are there for a short-stay visit for a rest for their families, rehabilitation from hospital stay or for hospice care.

Care are kids who are at the Child Center for daycare and educational services.

Reggie picked children out the audience



to help him twirl the ball on their index fingers and pass the ball between their legs in classic Globetrotter fashion.

All the children, with fragile and able bodies enjoyed the show that Reggie brought to them.

Accelerated Head Start Funding Bill Set for Hearing

Senator Avel Gordly's accelerated Head Start funding bill (SB 340) is scheduled for public hearing Monday, February 17 at 3:00 p.m. before the Senate Education Committee in Room 343 of the State Capitol.

"We are investing so much in prisons.

With Oregon's booming economy, we can and must stop failing our children, and invest in them early. We can prevent a lot of future pain and suffering by putting our young children first," Gordly stated.

"Head Start is the best program going that deals with children and the family unit together," Gordly added. Senator Gordly

proposes 100% funding of Head Start by 1999 compared to Governor John Kitzhaber's 50% funding by 1999 and 100% funding by 2004.

Senator Gordly is working with Senate Education Committee Chair Senator Tom Hartung to coordinate invited testimony for the February 17 public hearing.

call."

What does it mean for the citizens of Northeast Portland when the legislative leaders come to their neighborhood?

Bowman noted that Adams and Lundquist are "concerned about our issues and want to hear directly from our communities. They know not everyone can come to Salem, but the issues facing the legislature are statewide and the citizens of Northeast Portland have a very important role in resolving some of these issues."

"This is the only opportunity our residents will have to talk to the leadership in Northeast Portland," she stressed, urging people to "make the time for this town meeting."

"It is their right to be heard on whether they agree with the leadership's legislative and budget priorities, and a chance to just listen and learn about what's happening in our state government," Bowman added.

Expressing a desire to effectively represent her district, Bowman said, "I can only do this if citizens attend these meetings and share their priorities and concerns. When I ran for this office I said I could not do this alone, that we had to do this together. This is the time to strengthen that partnership."

Lundquist agreed with the need for partnerships.

"I am committed to bringing people together to form partnerships along all traditional lines," said Lundquist. "This is what good government is about, opening lines of communications where none existed."

"As a legislator from the central part of the state, I'm sure people in the Portland area wonder what my interest and my knowledge is regarding the Portland metropolitan area," he said.

"I have severely strong feelings that I want to be a speaker for all of Oregon," he added. "The only way that can happen is to speak with all the people."

"When I go to these town hall meetings, I like to tell a few things that are going on in Salem," said Lundquist. "I want to talk

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Council supports drugfree zones

BY LEE PERLMAN

With commissioner Eric Sten dissenting, a majority of the Portland City Council indicated it would create two drug-free zones in northeast Portland.

The zones, to be officially voted on February 12, are bounded roughly by the I-5 Freeway, Northeast Fremont and Skidmore streets and Ninth Avenue; and by Northeast Eighth and 20th avenues and Going and Wygant streets. They are known as the Beech and Alberta zones, respectively.

Once enacted, anyone arrested for buying or selling drugs in these areas will be barred from entering these or any of the city's other drug-free zones for 90 days, and if caught doing so would be subject to arrest for criminal trespass. Anyone convicted of buying or selling drugs in the zone would be barred from it for a year. Anyone excluded would have six days to appeal the decision to a hearings officer. Even after the exclusion took affect, those who live, work, or receive training or medical treatment within the zones could get special variances to travel to these locations, but they could not stop at any other point along the way. A resident of a district who is excluded from it, and violates the exclusion, could be barred from visiting his own home.

Council heard testimony on the proposal at a hearing February 5th. At that time mayor Vera Katz and commissioners Jim Francesconi and Charlie Hales indicated they would vote for the ordinance on February 12.