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SECTION B

## Community Calendar

### Innovative Canadian Brass to give Portland concert

The Canadian Brass, the talented and entertaining brass ensemble, will appear in concert on Thursday, March 6, at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall in the Portland Center for the Performing Arts. The concert is presented by the Oregon Symphony.

### Graduation guide dogs for the blind

Informal graduation exercises will take place at the campus of Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc., Boring, Ore., on Saturday, March 1, at 1:30 p.m. The 4-H youngsters and other volunteer puppy raisers who helped to raise the Guide Dogs will be at the ceremony to present the dogs they have raised to the new graduates. A demonstration of guide work will follow the ceremony and there will be tours of the campus. Guide dogs for the blind is located at 32901 S.E. Kelso Road in Boring. For more information, call 503/668-2100.

### Oregon Youth Conservation Corps turns ten; seeks alumni

1997 marks OYCC's tenth anniversary. A campaign "A Ten Year Legacy: Sharing the voices" will culminate August 7 & 8 when OYCC alumni are invited to participate in a celebration at the State Capitol.

Anyone who has participated in an OYCC project is asked to contact the Salem office (530 Center Street NE, Suite 300, Salem, Oregon 97310 or 503-373-1283)

### Peninsula Park Community Center reconstructive surgery

February 20, 1997; 7:00 - 9:00 pm; Peninsula Center. Join us to talk about renovation plans for the center & the park. Learn about and give PP&R staff your thoughts on 3 options for center and pool improvements. We'll divide into smaller groups to talk about the park improvements and to brainstorm options for maintaining the Center's programs and role in the community while it is closed for renovation.

### Women in Trades Fair '97

Women! Learn about high paying, exciting jobs in the trades. Free Admission Free Parking Free Childcare (over 2 yrs old) All Ages Welcome! Workshops Exhibits Women's Workclothes Fashion show! Saturday, May 3, 1997; Portland Community College Cascade Campus 705 N. Killingsworth. For more information call (503) 281-0495 ext. 271.

### Here Comes The Show Boat

February 22, 1997; 2:00 P.M. Matinee - 8:00pm. Location is J.B. Thomas Junior High School, 645 N.E. Lincoln, Hillsboro, OR. For additional information contact: Ron Outcalt, Home: 357-9254

### Arts and Humanities Week

The banners are flying in downtown Portland, but the action will be on the Lewis & Clark College Campus as the College invites the public to celebrate the arts and humanities during the College's "signature Year" with the unwrapping of two major academic buildings, the opening of a new art gallery and other events, Feb. 21 to March 1.

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

## Blimpie Subs And Salads opens at Walnut Park

**B**limpie Subs and Salads has opened in the Walnut Park Retail Center located at the corner of N.E. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd. and Killingsworth Street.

The store will occupy 1,360 sq. ft. at the retail center and its opening brings the center to 100 percent occupancy.

The store makes fresh sliced sandwiches, cookies and fresh baked bread. Submarine and deli-type sandwiches have become best sellers as consumers seek out health fast-food alternatives to hamburgers and fries.

The Walnut Park Retail Center opened in 1995 with eight retailers. The Portland Development Commission (PDC) worked with a community leasing panel to select retailers for the Center. Restaurants franchises are desirable tenants as they meet a community need and invite community-based ownership. PDC researched potential franchises and Blimpie's indicated their interest in the space.

After agreeing to lease conditions at Walnut Park, the chain advertised for a store owner in the community and found Northeast Portland residents Alvernon and Bonnie Bagley. The Bagley's have completed a training program with the Blimpie chain. This is their first business venture together.

As with other tenants in the Retail Center, PDC provided a business loan to the franchise to assist with tenant improvements, inventory and working capital. U.S. Bank also assisted with some financing through the Small Business Administration.

Blimpie International is 33 years old, operates 1600 restaurants in all 50 states and



Alvernon & Bonnie Bagley, Owners of Blimpies at Walnut Park.

Photo by Harold Hutchinson

five foreign countries. The chain is based in New York and is ranked as the number two national submarine sandwich chain in the country. In Oregon, the chain operates 12

stores with four under construction. There are eight stores located in the Portland metropolitan area (including Clark County) with two more under construction.

The Walnut Park Blimpie store will be open 10am-12am Sunday through Thursday and from 10 a.m.-3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

## King Food Market faces liquor license fight

BY LEE PERLMAN

**T**he King Food Market will face a rough time renewing its liquor license this year, with restrictions on its sales privileges probable and a loss of license possible.

On February 10 Multnomah County District Court judge Lewis Lawrence found Arouny Chandra, a clerk at the market, guilty of selling a bottle of St. Ides malt liquor to Jonathan Gotchall, a 20 year old painter, without first checking his identification. She was fined \$350. Rich Miller, an inspector for the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, says the store at 3510 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, will probably face a penalty of either a 30-day suspension of its package store license or a fine of \$1950.

It is the store's second conviction on this charge in the last two years, according to Miller. On two other occasions charges were made but could not be proven when the under-age patrons, a sailor and a transient, did not show up for trial. Instead, the store received letters of warning.

According to Mike Sanderson of the Portland Bureau of Licenses, there have also been some concerns expressed about young men, some apparently gang-affiliated, congregating in the store's parking lot at night. There have at times been allegations of drug dealing on premises. Finally, there is the fact

that alcoholic beverages are clearly its biggest stock in trade. Seven floor-to-ceiling coolers in the small store are devoted to beer and wine, and two are given over to malt liquor and fortified wine, cheap high-alcohol content beverages favored by street gangs.

The processing of the store's 1997 license is awaiting a recommendation from the Portland Police Bureau. This, and the Bureau of Licenses recommendations, will then be forwarded to OLCC. There, Miller says, the store could face mandatory restrictions on its license for the first time.

Gotchall was working as a "decoy" for OLCC in a "sting" operation, a test of how a license holder responds to a request for an illegal sale. King Market proprietor Elaine Rho sees it as the latest case of harassment against her store by regulators determined to "get" her.

"My employees, all three, say it didn't happen, and if it did, it was an honest mistake," Rho says. (At her trial Chanda said she didn't recognize Gotchall, but did sell liquor to a white man who "looked like he was 16.") "We check i.d.s for anyone who looks like they're under 29. They're targeting the little stores like me, never the big stores

like Safeway and Fred Meyer." Of the alleged drug sales she says, "You think I could survive here 10 years, and people wouldn't know that was going on?" As to the selling of fortified wine and malt liquor she says, "It's not against the law, and I'm not the only one doing it. If everyone else would stop selling them, I'd do it too."

Rho and her husband John bought the market in 1987. In 1990, following refusal to sell liquor to an intoxicated black man, a physical struggle with employees ensued following which the man died. The incident set off

protests against the store, although the cause of death turned out to be a heart attack caused at least in part by cocaine.

Since then Rho has sat on the board of the King Neighborhood Association, and counts King president Fred Stewart among her supporters. She sponsors a baseball league, and makes regular charitable contributions to the House of Umoja and St. Andrews Catholic Church. Stewart supports Rho's allegations that she is being unfairly targeted, and says other outlets, including Safeway, have created more neighborhood problems.

Miller says the sting operation was directed against the King Market not because it is small but because it had a history of liquor sales to minors violations, which Safeway and Fred Meyer do not. Even so, he says, this store and other targets received advance warning of the operation, and an invitation to train its clerks in proper sales procedures.

Stewart is unimpressed. "I asked how many sting operations they'd directed against Elaine before they caught her, and they wouldn't tell me," he says. "If a cop followed you around every time you drove somewhere, I guarantee that sooner or later he'd catch you committing a violation." He charges that one police officer told Rho, "However long it takes, we're going to get you."

Miller says Gotchall was the only decoy sent to the King Market.

Sanderson says the King Market has received less regulatory attention from city bureaus than other small package stores such as the Seven Star Market, Cathay Market, Dekum Market and Craigo's. In part this may have been because of her husband John's prominence in the Korean Grocers Association, which has aggressively defended the rights of its members before regulatory bodies. John Rho gave over management of the King Market to Elaine two years ago.

## Free concert on history of spirituals

**S**inger Dorothy Butler will perform a program called "The History of the Spiritual" in the Chapel on the University of Portland campus.

The free program, open to the general public, is set for 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20.

It will include a narrative, traditional spirituals and music of black composers. Butler has performed professionally as a soprano soloist throughout the United

States in churches, colleges and universities, including University of Southern California, Loyola Marymount, Seattle University and Reed College.

She has performed sacred classical concerts for the Old Church Society of Portland as well as appeared on cable television.

A native of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, she was inspired by her father Jay Lee Tate, who encouraged her to sing in church and school.

## Child Care Enhancement Project enters second year

**T**he Child Care Enhancement Project, a program of the Albina Ministerial Alliance, enters its second year of operation with success under its belt.

Since 1996, 16 child care providers in the "Enterprise Zone" of Northeast Portland have

met all criteria to receive funding for program enhancements and assistance.

Funded by the Multnomah/Portland Enterprise Community Commission, TPIC/Urban League "One-Stop", and various local foundations, this multi-year project will enhance the supply and quality of child care in North

and Northeast Portland.

The project recruits child care providers and trains them in early childhood education and business management.

CCEP also works with employers and training programs to ensure that newly employed parents and parents in job training are sup-

ported by the child care they need to secure and maintain employment. The Enterprise Commission recognizes that child care is an essential element of economic development of the Northeast Portland community. Interested persons may call a Resource and Referral specialist at 253-5000, Ext. 5.

## Former Capitol Dairy Queen employees sought

**I**f you remember working for the Capitol Dairy Queen in SW Portland way back in 1984 - and also remember that you didn't get paid - the Bureau of Labor and Industries' Wage and Hour Division may be holding a check for you.

The bureau just received a \$8,400 partial payment on a judgment against the defunct fast-food employer, and is now trying to locate 58 former employees.

Wage and Hour Division Administrator

Christine Hammond says that finding them is proving a challenge.

"We are looking for anyone who worked for Douglas B Crites or the Portland Capitol Dairy Queen on 66th and Capitol Highway in 1984 and wasn't paid," said Hammond. "We have a list of names and the wage claims so that we can verify the employees by name and social security number. The paychecks range from \$2.34 to \$526."

Inquiries should be directed to Susan Dix at 503-731-4074 ext. 246 in Portland.