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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Justice day Friday

Local peace and justice advocacy groups will hold a march Friday to demand a reduction of federal military spending and reallocation of funds on human and social needs. The march will begin at 3:30 p.m. at Lincoln High School and proceed downtown before a 4:30 p.m. demonstration Terry Schunk Plaza on Southwest Third and Madison.

Author on black youth

Jawanza Kunjufu, a renowned educator and author who focuses on empowering black youth, will speak Friday at 7 p.m. at Bethel AME Church, 5828 N.E. Eighth Ave. Tickets are available at Reflections Coffee and Bookstore in the Walnut Park Shopping Center at \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and \$10 at the door. Kunjufu will attend a reception from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Reflections.

Tonka tours Hollywood

The world's largest Tonka truck will visit the Hollywood West Fred Meyer store Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. as part of its 50th anniversary nationwide tour. The 67-foot semi tractor-trailer is an interactive playground for kids, complete with realistic "trucking" activities, a hands-on playing area, raceway, CD-ROM games and more.

Afternoon bike rides

Bicycle enthusiasts are invited to join together for a pair of fast rides with lots of climbing each Monday and Thursday from 12:10 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Riders meet at the southwest corner of Pioneer Courthouse Square between noon and 12:10 p.m. Contact Ray Thomas at 228-5222 or meet at the start.

PSU celebrates

Twenty-five free public lectures at five per hour are offered by faculty and guests Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. as part of Portland State University's PSU Weekend. The event also includes on-campus open houses, performances and tours.

Oregon Action sale

Entertainment, a silent auction and food is some of the fun Saturday evening during the Oregon Action fundraiser at St. Philip Neri Church at Southeast 16th and Division. Oregon Action is a statewide economic and social justice organization that addresses the excesses of corporate power and money in the state.

Largest rummage sale

Hundreds of community volunteers, parents and students are busy collecting, sorting and pricing thousands of items in preparation for the Catlin Gabel School's 53rd annual rummage sale to be held Oct. 30 through Nov. 2 at the Expo Center.

Home buying help

Free home buying and home maintenance classes are offered by the Portland Housing Center, a non-profit group that provides information and counseling to home buyers and home owners. Evening sessions are held at the Portland Community College Cascade campus. To register call 282-7744.

End the violence

If you are a victim of emotional, physical or sexual abuse, there is support available. Clackamas Women's Services provides free, safe and confidential support groups in areas throughout Clackamas County. If you would like to meet and share with other survivors of domestic violence call Delina Codey at 722-2366.

Annual St. Charles Spaghetti dinner

St. Charles Church at Northeast 42nd and Emerson, holds its annual Spaghetti and meatball dinner, Sunday, Nov. 2 from noon to 6 p.m. Full takeout is available.

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A tale of gopher feet, a trial and other miracles

Strom & Ireland present the musical comedy *Tobray* at the Main Street Theatre, at Main and Park downtown, this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and Oct. 30, Nov. 1 and Nov. 2.

Concert To Kick Off Food Drive

Crystal Thornton will be the honorary chair and featured soloist for this year's "Sing for Their Supper" kick-off concert for the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Drive.

Choirs from Central Catholic High School, Grant High School (the Royal Blues), LaSalle High School, Oregon Episcopal School and St. Mary's Academy will also perform.

The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of the food drive and generate excitement and support.

The concert will be held on Sunday, Nov. 16 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, Northeast 18th and Couch streets.

Admission is two cans of food. Free will cash contributions will also be taken. Everyone is welcome!

Every year the Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides Christmas Food Boxes to over 5,000 families in the Portland area.

St. Vincent's needs food as well as financial support, hundreds of volunteers and the support of businesses and individuals to make this happen.

For more information about the food drive, call 238-5778.

Local journalists 'reaching back, giving back'

Too often media images of Africans and African-Americans give skewed, inconsistent characterizations of the community.

The shift towards more accurate coverage starts when writers from within the black community guide the public discourse on black issues and magnify the voices of black leaders.

The Portland Association of Black Journalists is paving the way for this to happen.

The group will award scholarships to local-area high school seniors at its Annual Scholarship Banquet, Oct. 29 at the Couch Street Fish House.

Two college-bound students will be awarded \$500 each to pursue interests in journalism. The scholarship winners will be announced one week prior to the event. The theme for the banquet is, "Reaching Back, Giving Back."

In recognition of the economic changes occurring in Portland's black neighborhoods and the need to have a public forum for

community leaders, the local journalists have selected Baruti L. Artharee, housing director for the Portland Development Commission, to be the banquet's keynote speaker.

Ken Bodie, KOIN (6) TV anchorman and a founder member of PABJ, will also be honored with an achievement award.

The festivities will be held at Couch Street Fish House at 105 N.W. Third Ave. at 5:30 p.m. Local jazz singer Pam Jordan will open the program. Tickets cost \$25.00 in advance or \$35 at the door.

PABJ is a chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists, the world's largest organization of journalists of color.

"We as black journalists are reaching back to give something back to the community, in this case to young black students," say PABJ president Michael Ottey.

"Baruti Artharee, who has a long history of working with young people is the perfect choice for our keynote speaker. It will be a wonderful event," Ottey said.



Local black journalists honor Baruti Artharee, housing director for the Portland Development Commission, for his community leadership.



Area residents celebrate grand opening of Instar Place. (Photo by M. Washington)

Partnership brings results

A home constructed by Portland YouthBuilders will provide housing for people with mental illness with services proved by Garlington Center.

"Instar Place represents a unique trio of partnerships," said Helen Barney of the Housing Authority of Portland. "We are happy to join with Garlington Center to serve the needs of an important population

and YouthBuilders to offer the opportunity to learn the best in construction skills."

Instar Place is designed as a two-story house containing five single room occupancy units, each with a private bedroom and bath.

The home will provide safe, drug-free housing for five persons who suffer from a mental illness. The residents will receive full case management services.

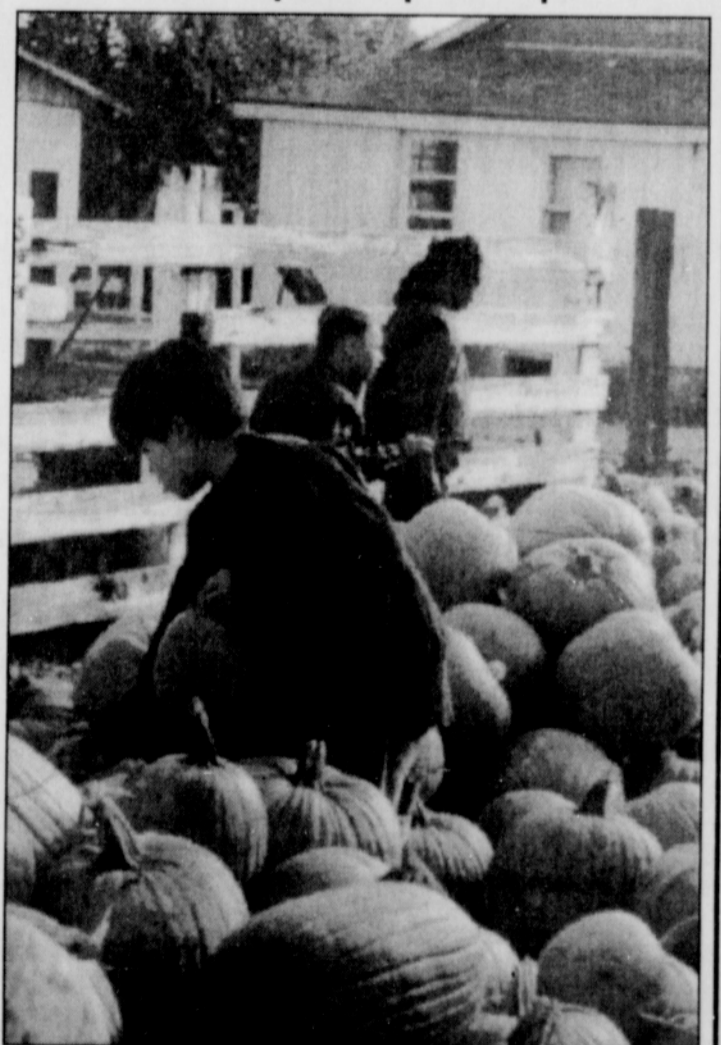
Downtown to see old-fashioned harvest fest and pumpkin patch

Pioneer Courthouse Square will be converted into an old-fashioned pumpkin patch Friday through Sunday for the first annual downtown Harvest Festival & Pumpkin Patch.

Sauvie Island's finest pumpkins, delicious Hood River apples and pears, and other harvest produce will be available for sale.

Admission is free for this fun family event. Free kids activities include face-painting from 1-3 p.m. daily, as well as Pumpkin Patch runs from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Portland's Smart Park garages and the Association for Portland Progress are the sponsors of this event.



Kids scramble over pumpkins on Sauvie Island farm.

(Photo by M. Washington)