

# Family Living

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## Buy once. Give twice...

### At our children's store

One of Portland's treasures, Our Children's Store, has recently re-opened in the Galleria for the holiday shopping season. This annual gift store is run by volunteers and is supported by corporate sponsors so that every penny spent on the gifts in the store benefits one of 65 Portland-area children's charities. Our Children's Store is once again located in The Galleria (912 SW Morrison, Downtown Portland), but this year it is on the Second Floor (between Bogart's and Coffee Ritz). It will be open through the end of the year. Hours are Mon. through Fri., 10am-6pm; and Sun., Noon-5pm. Extended hours begin during Thanksgiving week. Interested volunteers should call the store at 223-5029.

According to Store Manager Jocelyn McDonald, "We're excited about this year's potential. We have lots of unique merchandise at a great value. And, most importantly, in a time of over-commercialized holidays, these gifts have meaning."

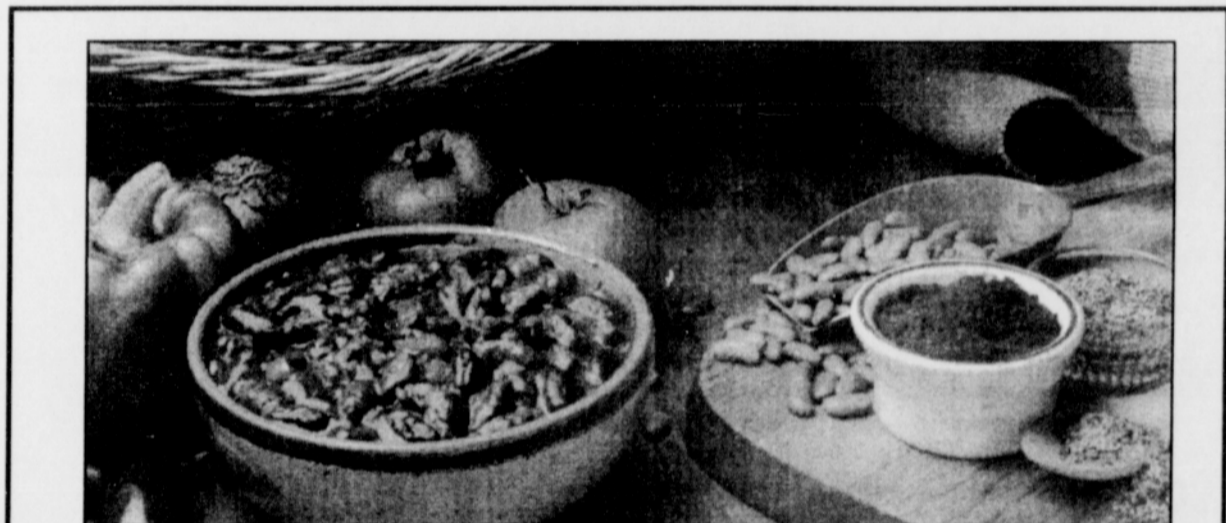
Every item at Our Children's Store comes with an information card about

the sponsoring charity and the children it helps. So everyone buying something at Our Children's Store will know exactly who they'll be helping with their purchase—whether it's homeless youth being served by New Avenues for Youth, developmentally disabled children being taught how to live in a home environment by the REACH Center for Children, severely handicapped children making their home at Providence Child Center, or abused children and their mothers seeking protection at the Salvation Army West Women's Shelter.

Sample items include planters hand-painted by the troubled teens being counseled at the RiverBend Youth Center; decorative, scented candles and candleholders benefiting Candlelighters, a group providing emotional support to families who have children living with cancer; hand puppets benefiting Kids on the Block, a group that educates elementary school children to be more understanding and accepting of those with disabilities and difference through the use of puppets; Hanukkah candles, cards

and more benefitting Jewish Child and Family Service, which provides counseling and support utilizing Jewish values and ethics; and sturdy, unique umbrellas Janus Youth Programs, which provides a safe haven for high-risk adolescents in North and Northeast Portland. There's something for everyone: jewelry, ornaments, gourmet foods, bird houses, wreaths, frames, original art, gardening specialties, children's toys and books, stationery, and more.

Now in its fifth year, Our Children's Store has raised over \$1 million for its 65 charities. It also has spawned similarly successful stores in Corvallis, Oregon, and now, in Dallas, Texas. "This is a great example of the public and private sectors coming together in an era of cutbacks," says Chairperson Jan Dawson. "We are extremely proud and pleased that Our Children's Store is viewed as a model that is inspiring similar stores across the country and impacting the lives of children even beyond our city gates."



Warm up those cool fall nights with Jimmy Dean's new line of hearty, homestyle chili, slow simmered to bring out the delicious meaty flavor Jimmy Dean is famous for. New Jimmy Dean Chili is available in three delicious varieties: Sausage Chili with Beans, Steak Chili with Beans and Steak Chili with Beans & Jalapenos.

### Children's Poster Combines Whimsy and Caring

Portlanders will see a whimsical view of the city popping up in a new poster designed for the Children's Museum. The playful poster, now on display in a number of public spaces downtown, features a child in rain gear romping on the banks of the river with a stylized city skyline in the background.

The colorful work is a unique collaboration that grew out of the talents and generosity of several people. Artist Fran Lee, a recent arrival from Chicago, approached the Children's Museum about designing a poster that could help promote the Museum's visibility and raise funds at the same time. Not only did she and

her husband, Ted Gadecki, donate their services, but they also recruited Key Lithograph and Color Technology to do the color separations and print the posters at no charge. In all, more than \$5,000 worth of labor was donated to the Museum for the project.

Lee is an award-winning artist whose work is featured in books by such top educational publishers as Scholastic Books, Addison-Wesley, Houghton Mifflin and Harper Collins. From her studio in North Portland, she creates whimsical illustrations of children, animals and nature that appear in books sold around the country. Her husband, Ted Gadecki, adds the spe-

cial airbrushed effects that give the images unusual depth.

Lee was attracted to the Children's Museum by her friendship with a staff member and her belief in the Museum's mission to "use both objects and experiences to help children explore the diversity and richness of the world." She developed the design for the poster based on the things she likes best about her new home: the view of the city from North Portland, the way you can see the constellations so clearly, the lushness of the landscape, the choice of the beaver as the official state animal and the area's Native American heritage (symbolized by the feather in the girl's hand).

### Halloween Homecoming Brings Back 'The Intruders'

The Intruders will once again drive the rock 'n' roll beat of Florence as they perform at the Siuslaw Middle School on Friday, Oct. 31, from 9:30pm (or after the football game) to 1:30am.

Project Graduation '98 and Mapleton/Florence Oregon Together are sponsoring the alumni homecoming dance as a fund raiser for this year's Siuslaw High School senior drug-and-alcohol-free graduation party.

"The Intruders were a popular rock band on the coast when I was a student at Siuslaw," said Leslie Robinson, class of 1972 and Project Graduation chairperson. The band was formed in 1962. Following graduation from Siuslaw High School, its members disbanded before rejoining in 1985. The Intruders have played several times in Florence for class reunions over the years. Most recently they performed at the Rhododendron Festival Bridge Boogie dance at the Florence Events Center.

Tickets for the dance are \$10 advance and \$12 at the door. They may be purchased at Siuslaw Valley Bank, Siuslaw High School and The Siuslaw News.

The Project Graduation committee is encouraging this year's Siuslaw High class to attend by offering free admission to the dance by showing their student body card. No one else under 17 years of age will be admitted. For more information, call Robinson at (541) 997-3872.



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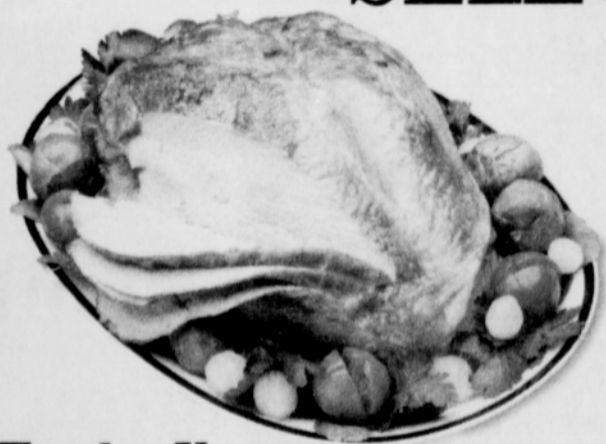
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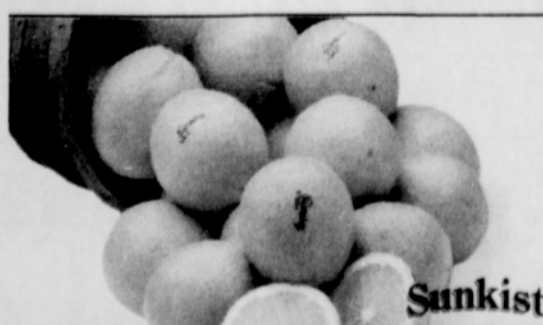
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