

METRO *Life*

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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Satori

Seeking male voices, entry level and above. Satori is a group of men singing and creating community through music. Preparing now for a springtime concert with two other men's choirs. All men welcome. Regular times are Wednesdays from the middle of Jan. through the end of Feb. on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Call 721-0262.

Portland Center Stage

The play, *Sylvia* by A.R. Gurney will be playing at Portland Center Stage on Feb. 14-March 14. For tickets and information, call the box office at 274-6588.

Ombudsman

Volunteers interested in investigation, advocacy and the elderly are needed to serve as ombudsman for residents of nursing homes, residential care facilities, assisted living facilities and adult foster care homes. The next Portland-area training will begin Jan. 22.

The program is also seeking volunteers for the Resident Associate Program (RAP). Contact Kathy Walter at 1-800-522-2602.

Film Festival

The Film Center's 12th annual Frames of Mind series, exploring the intersection between cinema and the psyche, continues as it explores such issues as coming-of-age, love's difficult boundaries, family dynamics and the search for identity. The series runs from Jan. 3 through Feb. 8. All events are held in the Portland Art Museum's Berg Swann Auditorium, 1219 SW Park Ave.

Choir Conference

More than 300 choral directors and conductors, 20 choirs from throughout the Northwest, and 1500 singers will meet in Portland over four days to learn, teach, demonstrate and perform at the American Choir Directors Association Regional Conference March 4-7.

For more information, contact Dr. Tom Miller at 788-7473.

Mourning Resources

Mourning Resources offers new opportunities for those who mourn beginning Jan. 13. Mourning Resources is a non-profit corporation dedicated to providing positive healing experiences for the bereaved. No fee. Donations appreciated. Call 777-1223.

Grief into Joy

Listen to "Grief Into Joy," a new weekly radio show offering healing and hope for persons experiencing major life losses. Tune in each Saturday evening at 6:02 PM. on station KBVM 88.3 FM. Marilyn Grover is host. For information call 777-0433.

Native American Stories

A one-man play featuring five Native American stories collected from Native sources performed by Lakota storyteller Robert Owens. "Turtle Island" is the aboriginal name for Native America. Recommended for ages 12 and up. The event will be on Feb. 26 at 7 PM. Sponsored by IFCC. Call 823-2071.

Free Acupuncture Clinic

The Oregon College of Oriental Medicine will be sponsoring a free clinic for those who would like help to stop smoking. It is scheduled for Jan. 17. All clinics are walk-in clinics, open from 9-11 am. No appointments are necessary. They will be held at our new clinic facility located at 1054 SE. Cherry Blossom Drive (just east of Mall 205). Please call 254-3566 for details.

Ballet Auditions

The School of Oregon Ballet Theatre will hold auditions for Winter enrollment in beginning classical ballet technique classes for children ages seven to nine, on Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 4 PM. The auditions will be held at The School of Oregon Ballet Theatre, located on the second floor of the Portland Art Museum's North Wing, 1120 SW Tenth Avenue in downtown Portland. No previous training or experience is necessary. Reservations and a \$10 audition fee are required. Call 227-6890.

Home-Based Business Opportunity

Open For The First Time To The Portland Community

On Tuesday, January 12, 1998, at 6:45 p.m., the Amcall Corporation of Richardson, Texas, the marketing arm of Telephone Electronic Corporation, the largest privately-owned telecommunications network in the United States, will conduct a Free business opportunity conference at the Ramada Hotel, 1441 NE 2nd Street, Portland. As a brand new area into which this national company is expanding, Portland residents have the chance of a lifetime to have their own in-home business in concert with one of America's fastest growing telecommunications giants, and to share in the wealth of this extraordinary industry.

This marks a particularly prominent opportunity for Portland's minority community. Black professionals now represent over 80 percent of the leadership of the Amcall Corporation throughout the United States. As indicated in the August 4, 1997, edition of Fortune Magazine, "The New Black Power," Blacks are seizing real power in business and "the high-tech industry has the best opportunity for minorities because there's no old-boy network. The people at the top got there by working hard, being smart, and having lots of energy." Black majority leadership in the Amcall Corporation is a reflection of this trend.

Come and attend the Free Amcall Business Conference on Monday, January 12, 1998, at the Ramada Hotel, 1441 NE 2nd Street, at 6:45 p.m., and learn how you may turn your dreams into realities and accomplish your financial goals.



Joyce Purvy, coach of Portland's Chamber.

Be among the first in Portland to participate and to partake in an opportunity, like many others across America, to improve and to change your life financially.

To register and reserve your space, call 1-800-583-4238, Ext. 3. Seating is limited, and will be provided on a first come basis.

Hollywood Neighborhood Celebrates Redevelopment Bringing Down Sign brings new neighbors

Monday, January 5 was a ground breaking at the former Portland Budget Inn at 48th and Sandy Blvd. To commemorate the redevelopment of the building, the sign will "lose its top," as contractors remove the portion that includes the motel's former name.

Owner and developer Central City Concern hosted a ground breaking at 11:00 am at 4810 NE Sandy Boulevard. After renovation, the Rose Wood Apartments will be 35 units of housing for low income people living with HIV/AIDS. The building is scheduled to open this summer.

Speakers will be City Commissioner Gretchen Miller Kafoury, neighborhood representatives Bob Ueland and George Walker; Jack Cox, an HIV/AIDS advocate, and Central City Concern Executive Director Richard Harris.

Richard Harris says this is a special project, because it has so much support from the community and will provide much needed housing.

"The neighbors are not only accepting of the project, I'd say they are enthusiastic; and, while the community is gaining a great neighbor and a remodeled building, a lot of people will be gaining a home.

This building will save lives."

Urban League And MHRC To Host Dialogue

Answering president Clinton's call to have a diverse, democratic community in which we respect, even celebrate our differences, while embracing the shared values that unite us, The Urban League of Portland and the Metropolitan Human Rights Center will host a dialogue on race relations from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 15, 1997 at Lutheran Inner City Ministries located at 4219 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

The forum is part of the "National Days of Dialogue on Race Relations," a coordinated effort by several national organizations to invite people throughout America to join in community dialogues on race relations around the Martin Luther King Holiday. The over-

all purpose of the event is to bring people of different races and ethnic backgrounds together for dialogues which seek to increase understanding and cooperative action in local communities. Hundreds of facilitated dialogues will take place in schools, churches, homes, businesses, and community organizations in cities throughout America.

"We are extremely excited about this dialogue and all of our recent efforts in the area of race relations," said Lawrence J. Dark, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Urban League of Portland. "From our co-sponsorship of the Hope in the Cities Conference in November to the recent City Club luncheon on race relations, we are working on all fronts to bring this issue to the forefront in our community. However, this is only

a prelude to the action that must be implemented, with results that make a difference to the economic self-reliance of all people."

Building on a series of successful forums on race relations the Metropolitan Human Rights Center (MHRC) is designing the format for the forum.

"Small groups of people of many different races have been gathering for facilitated dialogues on various topics having to do with race relations for the past two years.

We are pleased to work cooperatively with the Urban League to enlarge the network of caring citizens who seek solutions to concerns which may divide the community," said Helen Cheek, Director of MHRC.

The Urban League of Portland is a

non-profit, community-based human service, economic and social justice agency serving youth and families, students, job seekers, and seniors in the metro area.

The Urban League is home to the Multnomah County Northeast Family Center, the Multnomah County Northeast District Senior Service Center and the Northeast One Stop Career Center.

The Metropolitan Human Rights Center, funded by the City of Portland and Multnomah County, is a program of the Office of Neighborhood Associations.

The Center provides education on human rights issues and resources, assistance to resident and communities on human right problems and serves as a networking hub for the community.

Project Quest Has Moved

3117 NE. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. from SW. Portland

By JOY RAMOS

Project Quest is a non-profit, diverse community of persons affected by chronic and life threatening illnesses, including HIV/AIDS. The community is guided by intentionality, inspired by creativity and provides a wellness-focused environment for living and dying.

The new location allows Project Quest to service a larger multiethnic population. Joy Halme explains, "It is important to be a part of the community. We moved to Northeast Portland as a place to serve people in a holistic way. The largest newly infected group (with HIV/AIDS) are African American women in their 30's and 40's.

Project Quest is situated in a large, two-story blue house. Their new location has ample parking and is on the Tri-Met #6 bus line.

The staff of Project Quest plan an open house scheduled for March 20 and 21. This is in observance of Spring Equinox.

The founder of Project Quest, Lusijah Marx, offered her vision, "We want to empower people to learn inner skills to change a course of illness and how a person feels. It's an openness to engage in personal growth and share the process with others. Develop a

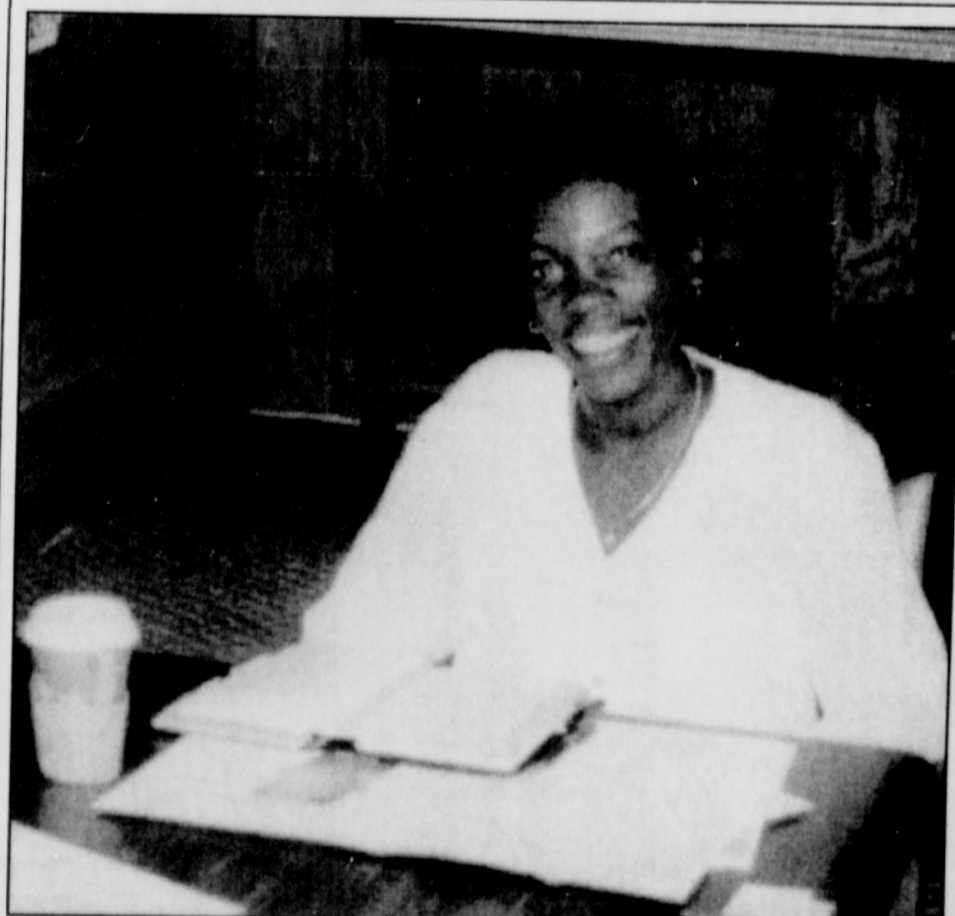
community of people where they support your belief system. Interacting in a world that recognizes your impact on others. Healing for the Soul. Caring for the Soul as part of Healing." They all endeavor to achieve a nurturing environment.

Currently, many therapies are offered as part of their Healing Arts program. They include Acupuncture, Massage, Naturopathic Medicine, Aromatherapy and Reiki. A reasonable donation is requested to enable the continuation of the program.

Community cooking is a regular event. It is an opportunity to create healthy, whole food dinners every first Wednesday of every month.

Leaders of Project Quest understand diversity on many levels: economic, racial, spiritual and sexual. They offer a wealth of professional resources. The different programs provide exploratory means for self-healing under guidance.

"We give encouragement and support for doing things. People with life-threatening illness get isolated. You need a community that understands and relates how to live and be happy," says Joy Halme, Board Director of Project Quest.



State Representative Jo Ann Bowman pays a visit to The Portland Observer. She is one of several committee members for the diabetes Sunday program, which launches it's campaign this month.