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SECTION B

Community Calendar

School Concert

McMenamins Kennedy School hosts live concerts every Thursday night in the Gymnasium. The Folk Blues singer, Alias Jim will be playing on March 19, Thursday from 7-10 PM. There will be no cover charge. Music begins at 7 and most shows run until 10 PM. All ages are welcome. A bar will be available in the Gym as well as food and drink in the Courtyard Restaurant, Cypress Room or Theater Bar, on-site. Call 249-3983.

Learn First Aid

The Red Cross is offering Community First Aid and Safety at American Red Cross, Oregon Trail Chapter, 3131 N. Vancouver, Portland. The class will be held on Saturday, March 21, from 8:30 AM to 6 PM. Community First Aid and Safety, a nine-hour course, teaches how to respond to emergency situations. Course fees may vary. Call 280-1440.

Wagons Ho!

Step back to a time when animal-drawn wagons were used for everything from moving people and supplies to building roads, fighting fires and working on the farm. America's transportation past comes to life with WAGONS HO!, a Spring Break event for the entire family at the Oregon History Center, March 27 and 28th from noon-4 PM. Call 222-1741.

Emerging Businesses

On March 28, Emerging Businesses, Management Consultants to developing business entrepreneurs, is conducting a one-day workshop on the "ins and outs" of starting a business. The event is held at Creekside Executive Suites from 9 AM-3 PM. Call 524-5652.

Parent Support

The Parent Support Center, Inc. will be offering a six week, Taking Charge parenting class. This small group setting will provide an in-depth study of the Taking Charge discipline approach as well as time and support for using the skills introduced. Individual problem solving. Scholarships are available. For more information, call 796-9665.

Healthy Kid's Fair

Healthy Kid's Fair will be hosted by Legacy Emanuel Children's Hospital and Oregon Youth Care of Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 11 from 10 AM to 2 PM. The fair's traditions include Easter Eggs Hunts for kids up to age 8, photos with The Easter Bunny, and the Teddy Bear Clinic, where children can drop off their favorite stuffed pal for mending. Call 335-3500.

Health Forum

"Bed-wetting" is the topic of a free community health forum presented by Dr. Rupa Shah, a pediatrician at Providence Milwaukie Hospital on Wednesday, April 15 at 7 PM. This forum will answer questions, address your concerns, and give helpful hints about how to handle problems associated with bed-wetting. Call 513-8404.

Home Maintenance

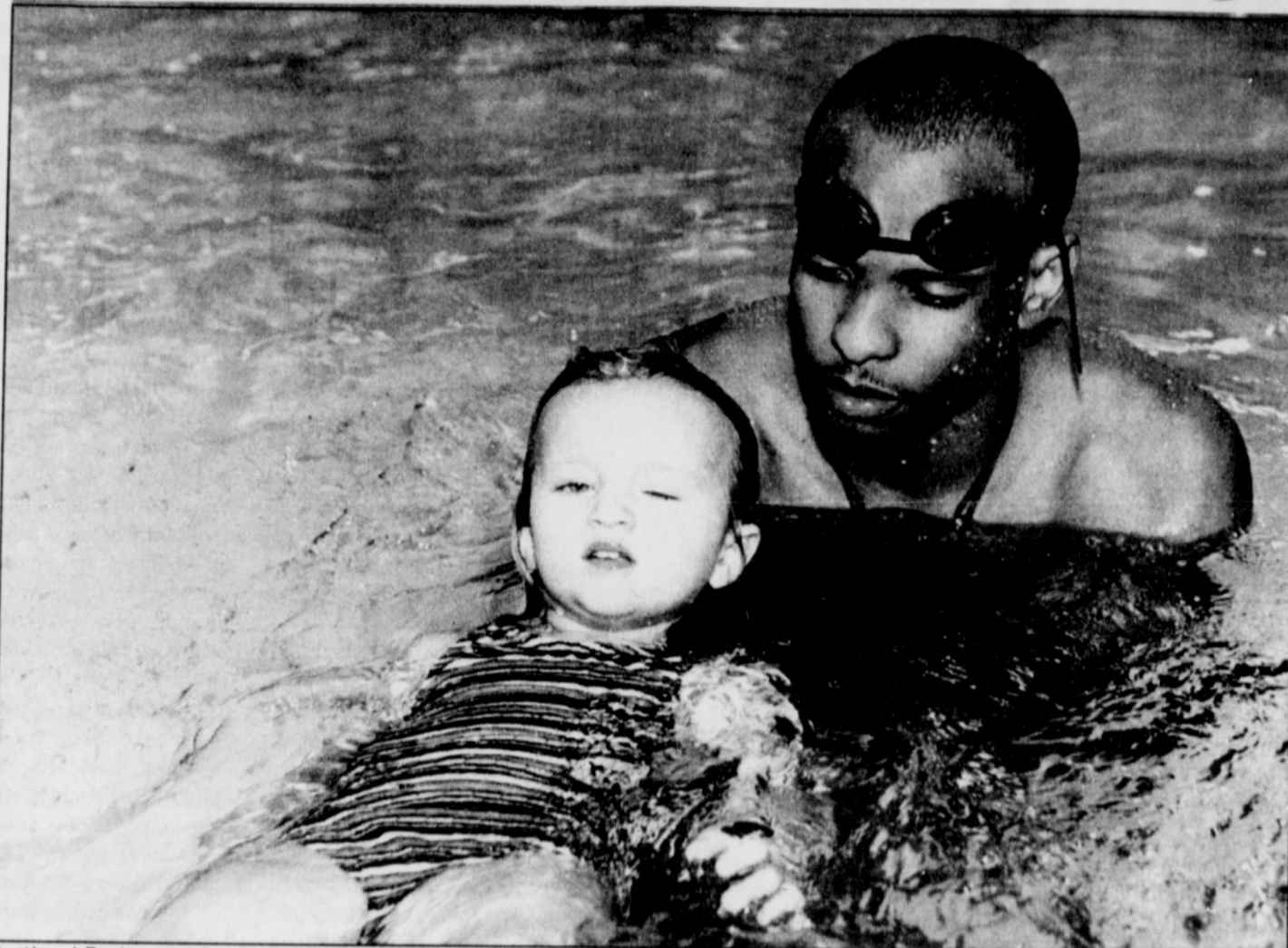
The Portland Housing Center will be offering free homeowner classes on Home Maintenance Scheduling. Instruction will be given on maintenance issues, identifying and scheduling for routine and preventative repairs. The event will be held at the PCC-Cascade Campus on April 23, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Please pre-register by calling 282-1297.

Talent Hunt

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s Zeta Nu, graduate chapter of Portland will host "Talent Hunt", Friday, March 20th, from 7 PM till 9 PM at Cascade Hall Auditorium, Portland Community College, Cascade campus, 705 N. Killingsworth. The first place winner will receive \$100 and a free trip to Las Vegas on April 23rd to compete with other winners from California, Alaska, Washington, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah. First place winners will go on to compete at a conference in New Orleans on August 7th. Call 977-4544.

Faces In The Community

Portland Parks And Recreation Seeking Aquatic Staff



Portland Parks and Recreation swim instructor Rayne Haughton helps Katy Perry, with her back float. The Parks' Aquatics Division is recruiting lifeguards and swim instructors for its summer pools.

Photo Courtesy of Portland Parks and Recreation Aquatics.

For Rayne Haughton, life is not meant to be dry.

The 19-year-old Madison High School Graduate and NAACP member has been swimming since he was small. Rayne can usually be found perched atop the lifeguard stand or behind the counter at Dishman Pool at 77 N.E. Knott, where he has worked as a Portland Parks and Recreation life-

guard and swim instructor for almost five years. He likes the benefits of lifeguarding and teaching kids to swim, that other jobs don't have.

"This job is better than working in fast food," he said. "You have a serious responsibility -- protecting lives -- that makes it a lot more meaningful. You feel like you actually have a purpose."

As the summer approaches, Portland Parks and Recreation is looking for more dedicated employees like Rayne to fill 375 part-time positions at its eight outdoor and six indoor pools.

Haughton is just the type of involved and responsible staff member Portland Parks and Recreation's Aquatics Division would like to see more of, according to Kim Scott, a dis-

trict Aquatic Coordinator.

The Aquatics Division finds itself serving increasingly larger numbers of swimmers, especially during the busy summer season when the city's outdoor pools open. Many of the pools in Portland -- including Columbia, Dishman, Grant, Peninsula and Pier -- serve growing populations. The city is hoping to recruit more staff from the neighborhoods surrounding the pools.

"It serves the community and the city better to have our pools drawing staff from the local neighborhoods," states Doug Brenner, aquatics program director for Portland Parks and Recreation. "It makes staffing easier for us because we are employing people who grew up with the pool, and swimmers will appreciate seeing familiar faces as they play and learn to swim."

"We try to encourage children to come and develop their skills at our pools," Scott said. "We want to make our lessons and Junior Lifeguard and Junior Swim instructor programs accessible for dedicated people who might want to work for us."

To aid recruitment, the city also makes obtaining certifications -- which are required for working as a lifeguard or swim instructor -- more affordable through scholarships and an innovative "Learn-to-Earn" program.

The Aquatic Scholarships offer potential guards and instructors at 15 years of age or older with discounts on certification classes. The renewable scholarships give price breaks based upon the participants' (or their parents') annual income.

More information about aquatics employment, scholarships and the "Learn to Earn" program can be obtained by writing to Portland Parks and Recreation, Aquatics Division, 1120 S.W. Fifth Ave., Room 1302, Portland, Or 97204, or by calling 823-5130.

Kennedy School Has Been Jazzed Up



Cuisine ala McMenamins has replaced the student cafeteria at the Kennedy School in the Concordia Neighborhood. (Photo By Neil Heilpern)

By NEIL HEILPERN

Bright yellow daffodils are up and smiling at the old Kennedy School in Northeast Portland. Maybe they're smiling because of the new energy inside.

Students no longer tote books between classes, but a variety of people—community and out of town—enjoy the facility since the McMenamins organization transformed the place.

Last October it became a combination bed and breakfast hotel with 35 rooms, brewery, movie theater, gymnasium, pizza parlor, three taverns, retail outlet and community center in the Concordia neighborhood. A seafood restaurant is expected this summer.

The cultural beehive boasts so many activities people swarm there on weekends. Last Satur-

day, moviegoers found themselves in a converted auditorium filled with overstuffed couches and round end tables from the 30's and 40's.

They plopped down for a first run James Bond movie, sinking their teeth into scrumptious cheese or Mediterranean chicken pizza from the in-house pizzeria.

Before the movie started, families, couples and friends chatted amiably, listening to Arlo Guthrie's twanging beat over the sound system. The movie cost a buck.

Walking the hallways, people viewed numerous pieces of art, old photos of former students and teachers from the 1920's and 30's, and some whimsical pieces. One mural depicts the school in its rural setting of towering fir trees, dairy farms and orchards. Several chandeliers from the old Portland Hotel adorn the place.

Instead of hallways a-buzz with the noise

of children scampering between classes, it now sounds more like cocktail party chatter and the clink of ice cubes in glasses.

In addition to a full size bar, the school has two miniature taverns carved out of expanded closets. One is the "Honors Bar," where no smoking is allowed, symphonic music is played, and even the plumbing pipes overhead boast original oil paintings of classical and operatic stars.

"Detention Bar" is for "those bad children who smoke cigars and want to listen to the Grateful Dead," said facility manager Liz Robbins. Even George Washington is on the wall, but wasn't he a tobacco farmer?

"McMenamins' Kennedy School is now the hub of our organization," said Concordia Neighborhood Association chair Pat Messinger, "the greatest thing to happen to Concordia since the school was built."



In the Portland Observer issue of March 4, 1998, we featured a photo of an apartment building and called it the Crowd Tours New McCoy Village Apartments. The Portland Observer was incorrect, the photo above is the McCoy Village.

The Portland Observer would like to apologize to its readers.

Free Leadership Retreat At Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp

OHSU's Community Solutions Project has a youth group for Native American, African American and Hispanic youth 12-24 yrs, with health conditions or disabilities.

This dynamic group self named Youth Teen solutions began meeting Nov. 1997 to discuss ways in which to educate the community about youth w/health conditions. We now meet monthly, and are Planning a Free Leadership Retreat at Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp to explore ideas, issues, and transition options! The dates are April 3rd and 4th.

We would like to hear from youth who maybe interested in attending.

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