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Community Calendar

Train Show

The Great American Train Show calls on Portland, October 10 and 11, for its last 1998 visit to Oregon. The United States' largest traveling model railroading show throttles down from 11 AM to 5 PM Saturday and Sunday at the Portland metropolitan Exposition Center, 2060 N. Marine Drive. This event will feature 10 spectacular operating layouts, more than 10,000 model trains on display, more than two dozen free daily workshops, 300 exhibitor tables and thousands of accessories.

Call (630) 834-0652.

Hospitality Tour '98

Former Executive Director of the Portland Urban League, Dr. Daryl Tukufu will be the keynote speaker at Hospitality Tour '98 of Minority Meeting Planners on Friday, October 16th at the Sheraton Airport Hotel at 7:30 PM. Business owners and professionals that are interested in the lucrative \$32 billion minority convention and tourism industry are invited to attend, by advance reservation. Admission is FREE!

Calling New Parents!

In honor of National Child Health Month, Dr. Lillian Beard, a nationally acclaimed pediatrician, will conduct an interactive workshop "Nestlé/Carnation Presents: Taking the Worry out of Baby's Diet and Eating Habits." Join Dr. Beard on Tuesday, October 20th, at the Matt Dishman Community Center, from 10 AM and 6 PM. Call 1-800-932-BABY.

3 Leg Torso

It's not a carnival exhibit, but three amazing musicians playing an eclectic blend of music. Jazz streams into chamber music into Eastern European folk, all under the watchful eye of Papa Nuevo Tango. Violin, cello and accordion trio 3 Leg Torso brings its quirky style to the opening series of Chamber Music on Tap's 1998-99 season, presented by Fortissimo, the Oregon Symphony's volunteer group for young adults. The concerts will take place October 21 and 22 at 6 PM at the BridgePort Brew Pub, located at 1313 NW Marshall in Portland.

Free Health Screenings

The National College of Naturopathic Medicine will be offering free breast cancer and kidney & gall stones examinations on October 10, from 9 AM to 1 PM at Natural Health Center - East, 11231 SE Market. Call 255-7355, ext. 0 to schedule an appointment.

Senior Corps

If you are at least 60 years of age, on a limited income, and would like to earn \$200 a month in tax free money while helping others in your community, Senior Corps is looking for you! Opportunities include tutoring children, mentoring at-risk youth, assisting older and disabled adults to maintain independent living or other activities which improve the quality of the community. Call 249-0469.

Naturescaping

A free Naturescaping for Clean Rivers workshop will be held Saturday, October 24 at Madeleine School in the Alameda area of NE Portland. The workshop focuses on natural landscapes and water-friendly gardening practices. Each participant receives a free workbook and a native plant to start his or her own natural garden. The event will be on Saturday, October 24th, from 9 AM to 1 PM. Call 797-1842.

Dynamic Differences

The Metropolitan Human Rights Center will sponsor a free diversity training workshop - Dynamic Differences - on Thursday, October 15th, from 6:30 to 9 PM at the NE Police Precinct, 449 NE Emerson (& MLK Jr. Blvd.). Pre-registration and confirmation is required, as workshop space is limited. Contact Linda Hunter at 823-5136.

North Portland Kids' Give Life



Photo by Carole Archer

Tree Watering in North Portland Sponsored by Kaiser Permanente.

She's Baaaack!

Portland Power Head Coach Lynn Dunn (right), shows her appreciation for the return of Portland Power Center, 1998 ABL, MVP Natalie Williams (left) at a recent press conference. In attendance were Roger Rickard and ABL CEO and Co-Founder, Gary Cavalli.

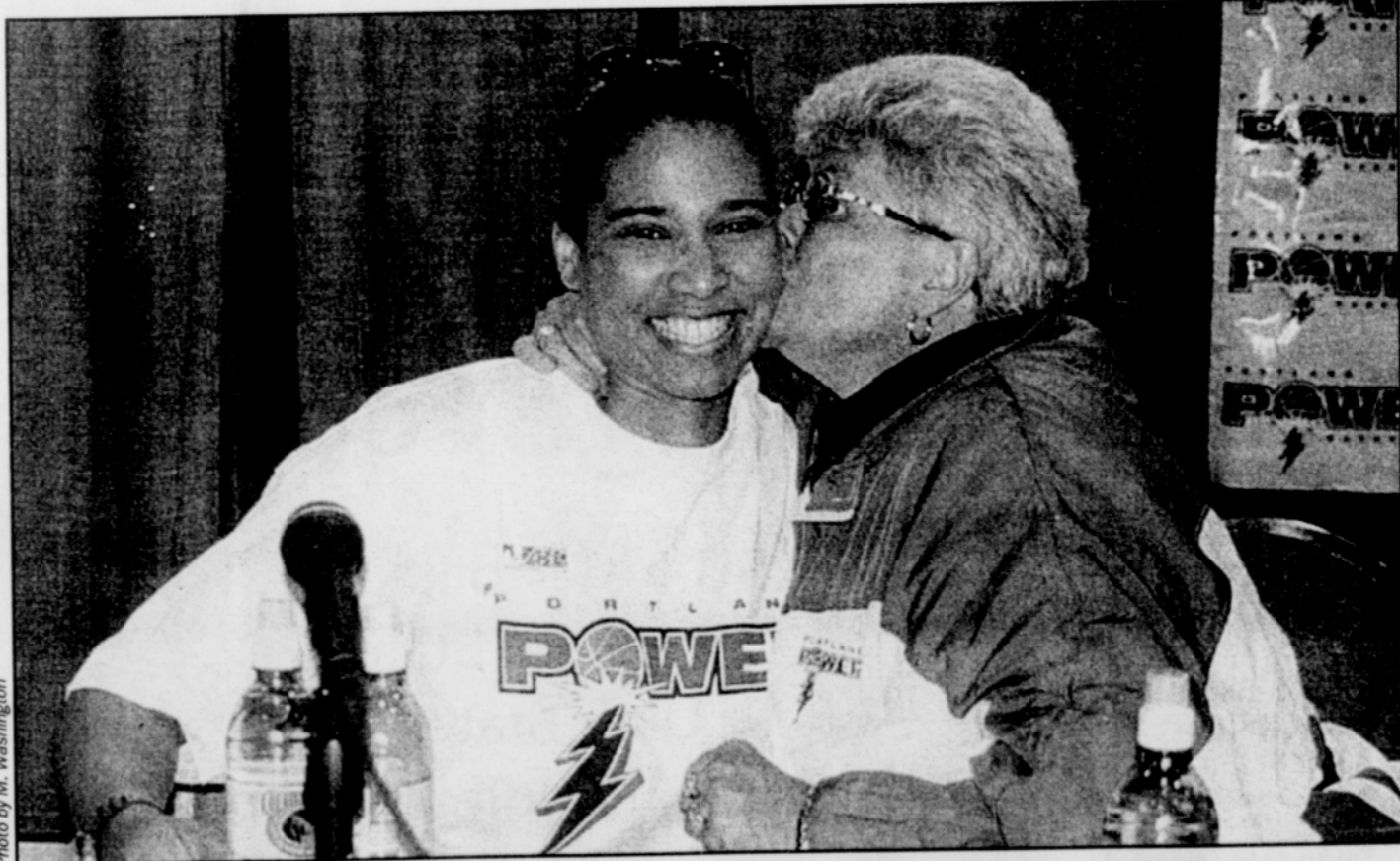


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"Youth Gangs get's some money back, looking for the rest"



John Canda

The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods' Youth Gang Outreach program has gotten some of its financing back, and is looking to get the rest.

Conceived in 1988, the program's outreach workers provide counseling and referrals for at-risk youth through schools and referrals. Although it was regarded as a national model, it lost its \$198,000 contract with Multnomah County - the bulk of its financing - in 1996 to a competing bid by the House of Umoja and two affiliated agencies. A grant from the Fred Meyer Memorial Trust kept the program going. However, with the expiration of the grant earlier this year, the program was forced to shut down temporarily and lay off its workers.

Since then, director John Canda says, Youth Gangs has received a \$75,000 appropriation from the Portland Police Bureau, and another \$50,000 from United Way of the Columbia-Willamette. They are seeking additional funds from other foundations and agencies, he says.

The program currently has a staff of four, which Canda says is "not enough to run the program as it should be run. We need at least six people to get the job done, and ideally should have eight."

By necessity, Youth Gangs has become more selective in the use of its resources, something that its critics have urged it to do for years. Critics have said that the program, created to deal with gang problems in north and northeast Portland, tended to spread itself too thin, and in particular that it was too quick to respond to calls for advice that came in from throughout the country.

Canda says that in its first year of operation Youth Gangs worked with 20,000 young men and women. Now, he says, "You could say we work with that many," but most of them are referred on to other programs, particularly if drug or alcohol abuse are factors. "We're working with a smaller number of boys and girls for a longer period of time," he says.

As for helping other communities, he says, "We continue to give gang awareness talks to other communities that ask for help. After that, hopefully, those communities will have a system in place to deal with their problems."

In the long term, Canda says, his program intends to bid to get its original county contract back. The next opportunity to do this will occur in 2001, he says.