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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Forgotten Soul

"Forgotten Soul", written by Kwik Jones is a play set during the struggling eighties, about a fighter named Ray (D.L. Irby) and his dream of becoming the greatest boxer the world has seen, since the now aging Ali. The play runs March 4 and 5 at the Tubman Middle School (2231 N. Flint) at 7:30 PM. Call 503/284-0531.

Fitness Class

Dee Hakala, author of *This is Just a Four Letter Word - Living Fit for All Shapes and Sizes*, will be in the Portland area March 7 to promote the YWCA's New Face of Fitness program. This award winning program is specifically developed for those who have medical concerns, are overweight or out of shape. Dee will be teaching a free New Face of Fitness class Wednesday, March 10 at 5:30 PM at the YWCA gymnasium on the corner of 10th and Main.

Natural Way Workshop

The Natural Way workshop series will present William H. Burke, Chief of the Walla Walla Tribe, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla on Friday, March 5th at the World Unity Healing Center, 366 Third Street, Lake Oswego at 7:30 PM. In keeping with the purpose of this workshop to foster Earth healing through Spiritual connection and study, we invite people of all faith practices and beliefs. The teaching will open with drumming by the Native American Drum group, Spirit Learning. For more information call Earth & Spirit Council at 503/452-4483.

Y2K Preparation

The Portland Heart-Centered Y2K Action Team is dedicated to the work of building neighborhood and community relationships for preparedness and resiliency. Several experts will share their knowledge on Saturday, February 27, from 8 AM to 4 PM at Portland State University at Smith Memorial Center (1825 SW Broadway).

Make-Up Tips

Known as the "make-up artist to the stars," the name SAM FINE has become synonymous with African-American beauty. Fans will be able to greet-and-meet Sam, see a make-up demonstration and ask questions. He will be at Nordstroms in downtown Portland on March 6.

Goodwill Volleyball Tour

Sports For Youth Foundation, Inc. is currently accepting applications for boys and girls aged 15-19, who are accomplished High School or Club volleyball players and good citizens, both in their school and community, to take part in the 1999 Goodwill Ambassadors World Tours. 1999 marks the 16th year that the Goodwill Ambassadors have conducted world tours for Junior volleyball players. The 1999 tour will travel to London, Paris, Geneva, Venice, and Rome. Registration deadline is March 15th. Call 425/251-6675 or email info@volleyballnw.com

Image Management

Learn how to create powerful style, image, and presence that makes you radiate and attract others! By simply making adjustments within ourselves, we are able to create incredible results and satisfaction in our lives. On Saturday, March 6 attend a Success Guaranteed Seminar at The Friendly House (1737 NW 26th & Thurman). The event will begin at 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM. Call Image Resources at 503/452-8986.

Early Childhood Care

On March 11, family members and professionals will have the opportunity to hear Jane Knitzer, a dynamic, knowledgeable speaker discuss new strategies for supporting young children and their families. They will also hear a panel of experts discuss issues specific to Multnomah County and Oregon. The guest speaker, Jane Knitzer will be at the Lloyd Cinemas (1510 NE Multnomah Boulevard. Call 503/248-5274.

SUBMISSIONS: Community Calendar information will be given priority if dated two weeks before the event date.

Mayor Honors Portland Area Students in Honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

On February 9th, Mayor Vera Katz honored students across the Portland area for performing more than 5,500 acts of kindness and justice as part of the Do something Kindness & Justice Challenge, a two-week national education initiative in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. At a recognition ceremony at Harriet Tubman Middle School, Mayor Katz presented Olympic-style "Kindness & Justice" medals to a group of "all-star" eighth grade students and led them in a pledge to continue performing acts of kindness and justice to keep Dr. King's dream alive.

"By performing acts of kindness and justice in their schools and neighborhoods, our students are living the ideals taught by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," said Mayor Katz. "When young people act to improve the lives of others, everybody wins."

Students in more than 150 local classrooms performed 5,500 acts of kindness and justice during the leadership initiative. (Nearly 20,000 Portland students registered for the KJ Challenge, with many teachers opting to use the free character education Kindness & Justice curricula without reporting students acts.) Each day for two weeks, students learned the values taught by Dr. King - responsibility, compassion, honesty, nonviolence and moral courage - and performed acts of kindness (helping others) and justice (standing up for what is right) in their schools, homes and communities. Nationwide, more than two million students in 16,500 classrooms logged more than 1.7 million acts of kindness and justice on the Do Something Kindness & Justice Challenge website - www.dosomething.org with more acts being submitted by mail.

The Do Something Kindness & Justice Challenge is sponsored by Applied Materials, a Fortune 500 global growth company and the world's largest supplier of wafer-fabrication systems and services to the global semiconductor industry. It employs about 100 people in Lake Oswego and Aloha, OR and Vancouver, WA.

"Erasing bigotry, fostering good citizenship and facilitating interest in high technology is good for our children, good for business, good for educators - good for all of us,"



Mayor Katz shown above with students whom have been awarded

photo courtesy of Visual Aspect, Inc.

said Steve Taylor, a spokesperson for Applied Materials. "Students in Portland and across the nation are creating a new tradition of service in honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday."

"My father once said, 'Everybody can be great because anybody can serve,'" said Martin Luther King III, Chair of the Do Something Kindness & Justice Challenge. "If young people can commit to a day of kindness and justice, they can commit to a week of kindness and justice - a week becomes a year, a year a lifetime."

Through the Do Something Kindness & Justice Challenge, students in Portland worked

together to make their community a better place.

Brian from Oak Grove Elementary School in Milwaukie gathered gift baskets for needy persons.

Michelle from Cedar Mill Elementary School in Portland gave her sister the last apple in the house, even though apples are her "very favorite."

Monalisa from Harriet Tubman Elementary School in Portland visited her brother in the hospital, helped him get more comfortable and told him she hopes he gets better soon.

"We want young people to realize their power to make a difference," said Andrew

Shue, who co-founded Do Something in 1993. "Small, individual acts of kindness and justice can have a big impact on people's lives and plant a seed that becomes a lifetime of service."

Do Something is a New York-based non-profit organization that inspires, trains, funds and mobilizes young people to be leaders who measurably strengthen their communities. Educators can learn more about Do Something Kindness & Justice Challenge by downloading the classroom curriculum on the Internet at www.dosomething.org or by calling Do Something at 212-523-1175.

Priestly retires as N.E. Coalition Director

Ben Priestley last week announced his resignation as director of the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, effective February 26.

"I've been involved in community organizing from the 1960s up until now," Priestley told the non-profit corporation's board last week. Quoting former commissioner Gretchen Kafoury, who retired last year, he said, "I can't come up with any new answers." Priestley, 56, has been director for four years.

The coalition contracts with the city, through the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, to provide printing, mailing and staff assistance to 13 recognized neighborhood associations in inner north and northeast Portland. It also provides office space for the city's crime prevention program, and operates the Youth Gang Outreach and Tri-Met Rider Advocate program.

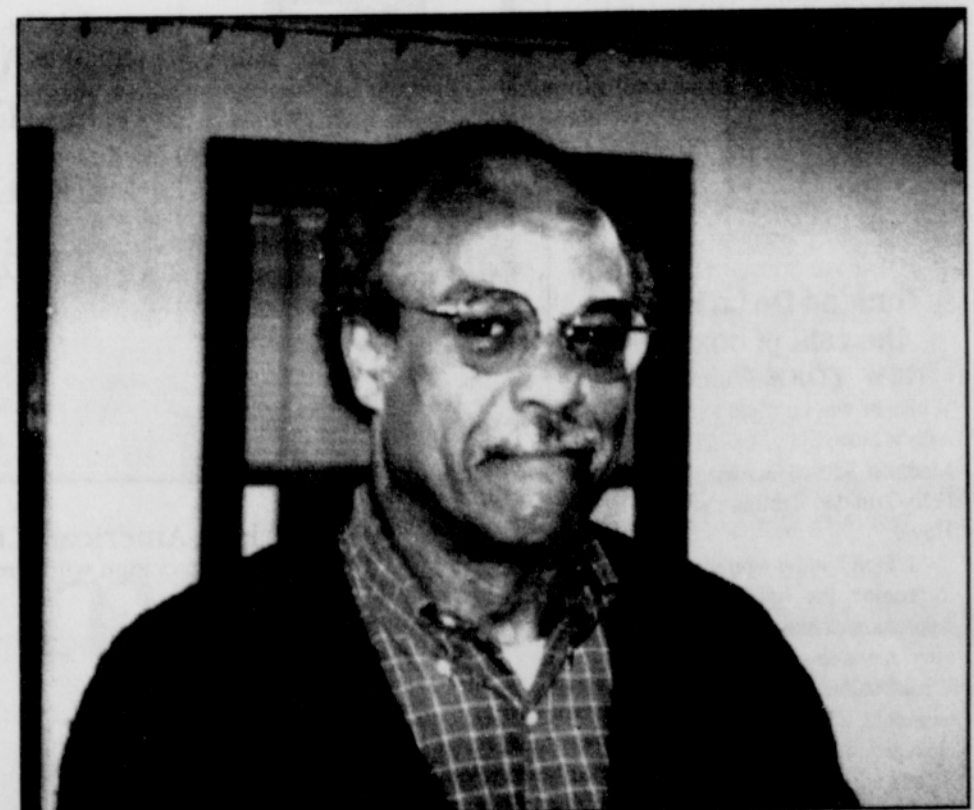
It was uncertain at press time whether the NECN board would ask Priestley to remain as interim director until a permanent replacement could be found (Priestley said he would "consider" such an assign-

ment), and if not who would fill the position.

Also unclear was whether the board would seek a change in the position. NECN is one of five non-profit corporations that contract with the city Involvement to provide neighborhood support services. Unlike the other four, where the staff is hired, fired and supervised by the coalition board, NECN's director is a city civil service position. Whether it remains so is for the board to decide, ONI acting director Celia Heron told them.

"On a day to day basis, I'm not sure it makes a difference," Heron said. "Supervision, as in the past, the city would delegate to the board." City salaries and benefits are set by civil service and "tend to be higher, but what coalitions pay their employees is up to them. We give you a budget, with no mandate on exactly how you spend it."

The official job requirements have "more restraints if it remains a city position, but we can shape the generic job description to reflect what you want."



Ben Priestley

photo by M. Washington

Chevron Station Owner Sues City

Portland - James Winters, owner of United Energy, a petroleum distribution company located on 3435 NE. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. is suing Portland in federal court. King argues that his civil rights were violated by attempting to shut down his service station. He is suing the city for \$1.6 million in total damages. Additional amounts adding up to \$900,000 were required by him for

the city's interference with violating his business rights and the company's economic relations.

The city contends that Winters did not abide by his agreement in July 1998 to "clean up" activities at his station where several criminal incidents were reported and investigated. There have been three police reports cited by the city involving drug dealings done on

the property. Winters had promised to improve its lighting, hire security and establish a formal system for excluding people who violate posted rules of conduct.

Winters made claims in his legal suit, filed early this month that the city attorney had used unsubstantiated police information. In his report, he showed that the city was guilty of "allowing,

encouraging, and ratifying the practice by its officers of recklessly reporting inadequately investigated information about United Energy's compliance." Another claim against the city was that he was wrongly denied his state liquor license.

An attorney for the city defends that there were no attempts at plotting against Winters and United Energy.