

Healthy Kids' Fair Slated for April 3rd

The Healthy Kids' Fair hosted by Legacy Emanuel Children's Hospital and Oregon Youth Care of Regence BlueCross BlueShield. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 11 from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M. Kid' Fair is one of the Portland area's biggest Easter weekend events, attracting thousands of families to the hospital Atrium where children learn about safety, good health and meet medical caregivers and the Easter Bunny in a

friendly, fun environment.

In addition to the traditional Easter Egg Hunts for children, this year's event features a Child Safety Seat Clinic where trained experts will check car seats for appropriateness and proper installation. Again this year a generous grant from Legacy Health System physicians allows us to open the Kids' Safety Sale and offer bicycle helmets and flashing clip-on lights for just \$5 each.

Job Seekers and Employers Invited

URBAN LEAGUES "CAREER CONNECTION '99"

Thousands of job seekers and employment recruiters will go prospecting at the sixth annual "Career Connection" job fair sponsored by the Urban League of Portland and its Employer Partners. The event takes place Tuesday, March 30, 1999 at the Memorial Coliseum Exhibit Hall. Exhibit hours are 9:00 a.m., and will be closed between the hours of 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Career Connection attracts job seekers and employers from throughout the Pacific Northwest. The event showcases employment opportunities in Oregon and Southwest Washington, with special emphasis on recruiting a diverse work force. Anyone looking for a new job or employees is invited.

"We want to give employers a chance to recruit the best job candidates from Portland and beyond," said Urban Leagues President Lawrence J. Dark. "And we expect employers to come with more than 2,500 job openings to fill. Many

employers, including some of the region's largest companies and those with a strong commitment to diversity have reserved booths at the job fair.

Employers represented include Bank of America, Washington Mutual Bank, Coca Cola, Intel, US West DEX, Oregon Lottery, State of Oregon, Oregon Health and Sciences University, Wells Fargo Bank, as well as city, state, and county offices. Many of these companies are members of the League's Employment Partnership, which helps employers recruit and retain a diverse work force.

Job seekers can attend the event free of charge. The Urban League is helping job seekers prepare for Career Connection by holding interview and resume preparation workshops in advance. "To take full advantage of the career fair, job seekers should bring multiple copies of their current resume," said Marnella Bingham, Vice President of Programs for the Urban League of Portland.

Public meeting on Grant Warehouse

The Eliot Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a public meeting on the Grant Warehouse, the delapidated structure in the 3300 block of N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. at 7 p.m., at Emanuel Hospital's Lorenzen Center.

Speakers will include representatives of the Portland Development Commission, the City Attorney, the state Department of Environmental Quality, the federal Environmental Protection Agency, and the offices of city commissioner Erik Sten, county

commissioner Serena Cruz and congressman Earl Blumenaer.

Last year city officials found a high level of pollution at the structure, apparently long used as a flop house and dumping ground for toxic chemicals. The EPA staged a cleanup of the site, but ceased when the toxicity levels reached acceptable industrial standards. The property is zoned RH for high-density residential development, and new industrial uses would be illegal. There are also indications of pollution on nearby residential properties.

Senator Eileen Qutub Hosts Mental Health Forum

Who: Joining Senator Qutub will be several experts and advocates in the field of mental health and people who have been affected by the illness. Among them, William Wilson, M.D., Associate Professor, Dept. of Psychiatry, Oregon Health Sciences University; Bentson McFarland, MD, Ph.D., Professor of Psychiatry, Dept. of Psychiatry, Oregon Health Sciences University; William B. Dalton, Ph. D. Administrator, Oregon Alliance for the Mentally Ill; and Nellie Fox-Edwards, AARP, Oregon State President and mother of a mental ly ill son.

When: On Wednesday March 18, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Room 50, State Capitol, and Salem, Oregon

Why: One in five people will experience a major mental illness at some point in their lives. It might be severe depression. Or an anxiety disorder, dementia, schizophrenia - the list is long. One in five people. That could be your mother, spouse, neighbor, child - you.

The good news is, in today's world, prescription medications can alleviate the negative affects of mental illness. Gone are the days when people were locked up and shackled - never to be productive citizens. With proper access to mental health services and treatment, people can lead active, productive lives.

Spring Symphony

More than four hundred student musicians from the Portland metropolitan area will join forces to present a spring concert entitled "That's Entertainment" Sunday, March 21 at 3:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Hall. The program will feature many familiar pieces of music including selections from Phantom of the Opera and West Side Story in addition to other selections by Leonard Bernstein, John Philip Sousa, Johannes Brahms, Johann Strauss, Edward Gregson and Irving Berlin. All of Metropolitan Youth Symphony groups will be performing including Overture Orchestra conducted by Kathie Reed, Preparatory Band conducted by Larry Wells, Preparatory Orchestra conducted by Nita Van Pelt, Concert Band conducted by

Mike Oft, Concert Orchestra conducted by Bill Hunt, Symphonic Band conducted by Dr. John Richards and Symphony Orchestra conducted by Lajos Balogh.

Metropolitan Youth Symphony alumnus, Michael Gross, will be featured as soloist in the tuba Concerto I, Allegro Deciso by Edward Gregson. Michael, who attended Jefferson High School in Portland, has been the principal tubist of the Savannah Symphony Orchestra since 1986.

Tickets start at \$6 and are available at Ticketmaster or from the Metropolitan Youth Symphony office at 503-237-4566. Bring the whole family for an afternoon of music at its finest performed by some of the most accomplished young musicians the area has to offer.

New Energy Technologies To Be Revealed

International experts from Norway to Thailand will gather in Portland on March 18 and 19 at the Oregon convention Center to discuss how new technologies will revolutionize the energy business.

High on the list of new technologies to be revealed are devices called fuel cells. Major automobile manufacturers are perfecting fuel cells to power the next generation of cars and trucks. Fuels cells could potentially be commercially available within the next five years and distributed as broadly as the home computer.

Concordia Seeks Contributions for Concerts

The Concordia Neighborhood Association is seeking \$6500 to help put on a summertime concert series in Fernhill Park.

The proposed concerts would be held on four Saturday evenings in July, from July 10 through 31. Co-sponsored by Concordia and the Portland Bureau of Parks, they would be modeled on similar events in other Portland parks and feature a variety of musical styles. To make the event possible, however, the neighborhood must raise its share of the cost, in cash or pledges, by April 15th.

Checks can be sent to the Concordia Neighborhood Association at 5536 N.E. 29th Ave. For more information call 284-1525 or 288-0773.

Bill To Award Congressional Gold Medal to Rosa Parks

U.S. Rep. Julia Carson, D-Ind., called on her House colleagues to cosponsor legislation she has introduced, HR 573, to award a congressional Gold Medal To Rosa Parks.

"Rosa Parks is the Mother of America's Civil Rights movement," Rep. Carson said. "Her quiet courage that day in Montgomery, Alabama launched a new American revolution that opened new doors of opportunity and brought equality for all Americans close to a reality."

Rosa Parks touched off the 1955 Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott, when she was arrested for refusing to yield her seat on the bus to a white man. An African-American, Ms. Parks states that she "had been pushed as far as she could stand." Outraged by her arrest, the black community in Montgomery launched a bus boycott demanding racial integration of the bus system.

The bus boycott introduced Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to America as a civil rights leader. The car-pools Dr. King helped organize got African-Americans to their destinations in Montgomery and pushed the bus system to the brink of financial ruin. After 381 days of running nearly-empty buses, Montgomery was ordered to integrate the system by the U.S. Supreme Court. For the first time bus riders, regardless of race, could sit anywhere they wanted. The movement sparked in Montgomery culminated in the Civil Rights Act, the Voting

Rights Act and a new affirmation of the equal rights promised to all Americans by the Constitution.

The quiet courage of Rosa Parks and came to symbolize the power of non-violent protest. In the 44 years since that cold, winter Montgomery day, the Nation has derived immeasurable benefit from her leadership and that of those she inspired. Rosa Parks continues to

dedicate her life to the cause of universal human rights and has become a living icon for freedom in America.

"I hope Congress and the entire nation will join me in recognizing Rosa Parks' significant and historic contributions to American society," Rep. Carson said. "February was Black History month. This is the time for us to finally give Rosa Parks the recognition she has so long deserved."

Sears To Open At Lloyd Center

Grand Opening of New Store, the Fourth in Portland, Planned for October.

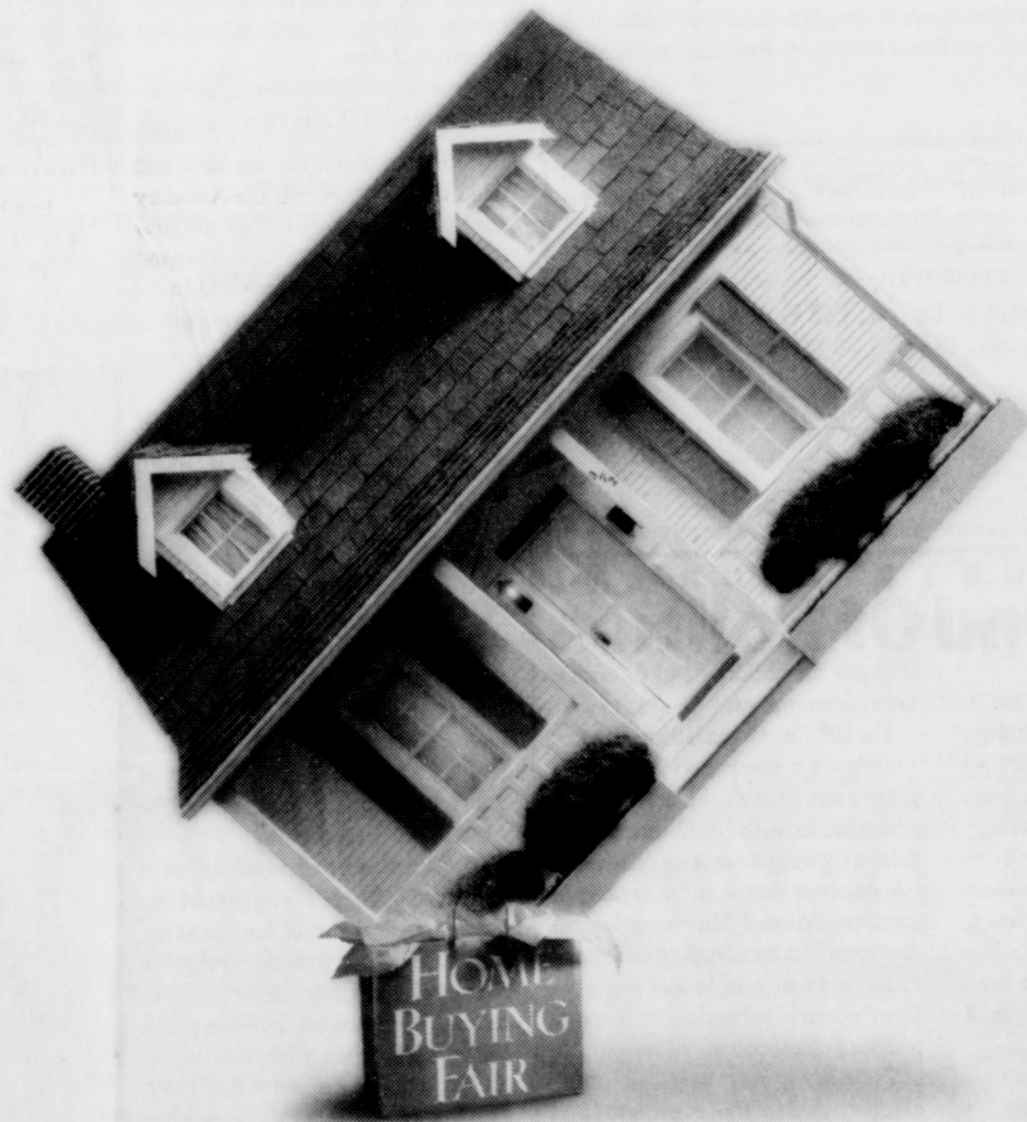
Sears, Roebuck and Co. plans to open a fashionable, new store at Lloyd Center in Portland this October. The three-level Sears will bring the company's full-line assortment back to downtown Portland.

"More than half a million people live and work in the Lloyd Center trade area," said Jim Hackbarth, Sears district general manager. "Now, rather than traveling 15 minutes or more to the nearest Sears, they'll be able to shop close to their homes and offices." Other Sears stores in metropolitan Portland include those at Clackamas Town

Center, Washington Square Shopping Center and Vancouver Mall.

Approximately 200 new Sears jobs will be created by the urban unit, which is replacing a J.C. Penney store. Additionally, hundreds of construction jobs are being generated by the extensive building-and-remodeling project.

The new Lloyd Center Sears will have a dramatically refined interior developed for the company by FRCH Design Worldwide, a New York-based architectural firm. It will feature 96,000 square feet of selling space.



GET MORE INFORMATION THAN YOU EVER HOPED TO RECEIVE ABOUT BUYING A HOME.

How long have you wanted your own home but you just didn't know how to get it? Come to the FREE Fannie Mae Foundation Home-Buying Fair where mortgage lenders, credit experts, real estate professionals, and members of community housing groups will answer all of your home-buying questions. It's on Saturday, March 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Memorial Coliseum Exhibit Hall. For more information, please call 1-888-752-7170. You may not walk out with an actual house, but you'll finally know how to go about buying one. Besides, the house wouldn't fit in your trunk anyway.

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