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The Portland Observer **SECTION B**

Community Calendar

Open To The Truth

Open to the Truth, a conference against the Prison-Industrial Complex, will be held in Smith Center at Portland State University in Portland on April 10th and 11th, 1999. Workshops will include panels on stopping the death penalty, Measure 11, the growth of the prison system and how to stop it, as well as videos on Mumia Abu-Jamal and the violence against prisoners in California prisons. Call 503/287-4217.

A Question Of Mercy

Artists Repertory Theatre takes a powerful look at love, compassion and dignity with its production of A Question of Mercy by David Rabe. Closely based on an essay by Dr. Richard Selzer, the play confronts the emotional tribulations of loved ones and a physician in helping a terminally ill patient plan his suicide. A Question of Mercy runs through Sunday, April 25 at Artists Repertory Theatre's main stage - The Reiersgaard Theatre (located at 1516 SW Alder). Call 503/241-1ART.

Cheerleading Tryout

Prospective cheerleaders for the 1999 edition of the Portland Forest Dragons will be held Saturday starting at 8 AM at the Cedar Mill Gold's Gym, 10860 SW Barnes Road. Applicants must have prior cheerleading and dance experience, skilled in gymnastics and be 19 years of age by the Dragons' game on Saturday, April 10. Applications and waiver forms will be available at the tryout. Call 503/722-4501.

Earth & Spirit

The Natural Way lecture series will be hosting a talk on Wednesday, March 31 by Sister Jose Hobday, a Seneca Elder, Sister of Franciscan Order and the author of Simple Living: The Way to Inner Freedom. The event will be held in the Unity World Healing Center (on 366 Third Street) in Lake Oswego, from 7:30-9:30 PM.

Image & Lifestyle Seminar

Venus Imaging Education (VIE) is offering an exciting new Spring lineup of seminars dedicated to the business professional. Topics include: Creating Your Winning Image beginning March 18 or April 13; Communicating With Confidence beginning April 12; Model Movement & Attitude beginning March 23. Women will be able to develop a winning image that clients feel comfortable around, confident with & loyal towards. Call 360/882-4416.

Star Wars Collection

This spring break, A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village gives you a few reasons to stay in Salem! Monday, March 22 through Friday, March 26 everyone is invited to "spring into art" at the Village! "Space-ship to Tatoonie" arrives at the Village this spring break! Visit Jordan Hofer's extensive Star Wars collection on the Toy Inventor's Workshop, including many of the original Star Wars action figures, a real light saber, a life-sized Yoda and new figures from Episode 1. Call 503/371-3631.

Japanese Magnet Program

On Saturday, April 3 at 5 PM, the Japanese Magnet Program will hold their 5th Annual Auction in the ballroom of the Downtown Portland Marriott. This year we are celebrating the 10th anniversary of the JMP. This fund-raising event supports our Japanese student exchange program, and also supports the general fund for the JMP, which includes students from Richmond Elementary, Mt. Tabor Middle School, and Grant High School. A brand-new Volkswagen Bug (choice of color) is being raffled off at this year's auction. Raffle tickets are \$35 each, or 3 for \$100. Call 244-1129.

Night School Pays Off for Housing Authority of Portland Residents

Evening and Saturdays, residents of the Housing Authority of Portland are learning carpentry, painting/dry-wall and office skills from experts in the local trades. It's part of a new program whose purpose is to give graduates entry-level career access to a family-wage program whose purpose is to give graduates entry-level career access to family-wage construction trades or office work with HAP.

Evenings - Trades Apprenticeship Preparation (E-TAP) offers six months or over 360 hours of training in construction trades as well as life skills such as GED equivalency, applied math, and English as a Second Language. Participants also receive direct access to carpenters and painters apprenticeships and help with seeking jobs.

"The training is based in reality," said Doreen Williams, an E-TAP participant. "It's not just teaching in the schoolroom sense but rather in real life. We learn the real issue of the workplace."

Participants start their learning path at the GOALPOST Computer Learning Center. Located in the Columbia Villa/Tamarack development in North Portland, using individualized self-paced tutorial programs.

With sufficient life skills under their belt, they then choose carpentry, painting of office worker track. Under the guidance of carpenter or painter union training instructors, participants master the use of hand tools, learn CPR and first aid certification, lead-abatement certification (painters), scaffolding certification trade specific terminology, and other introductory work necessary for entry level Apprentice I employment. Training consists of both classroom instruction and hands-

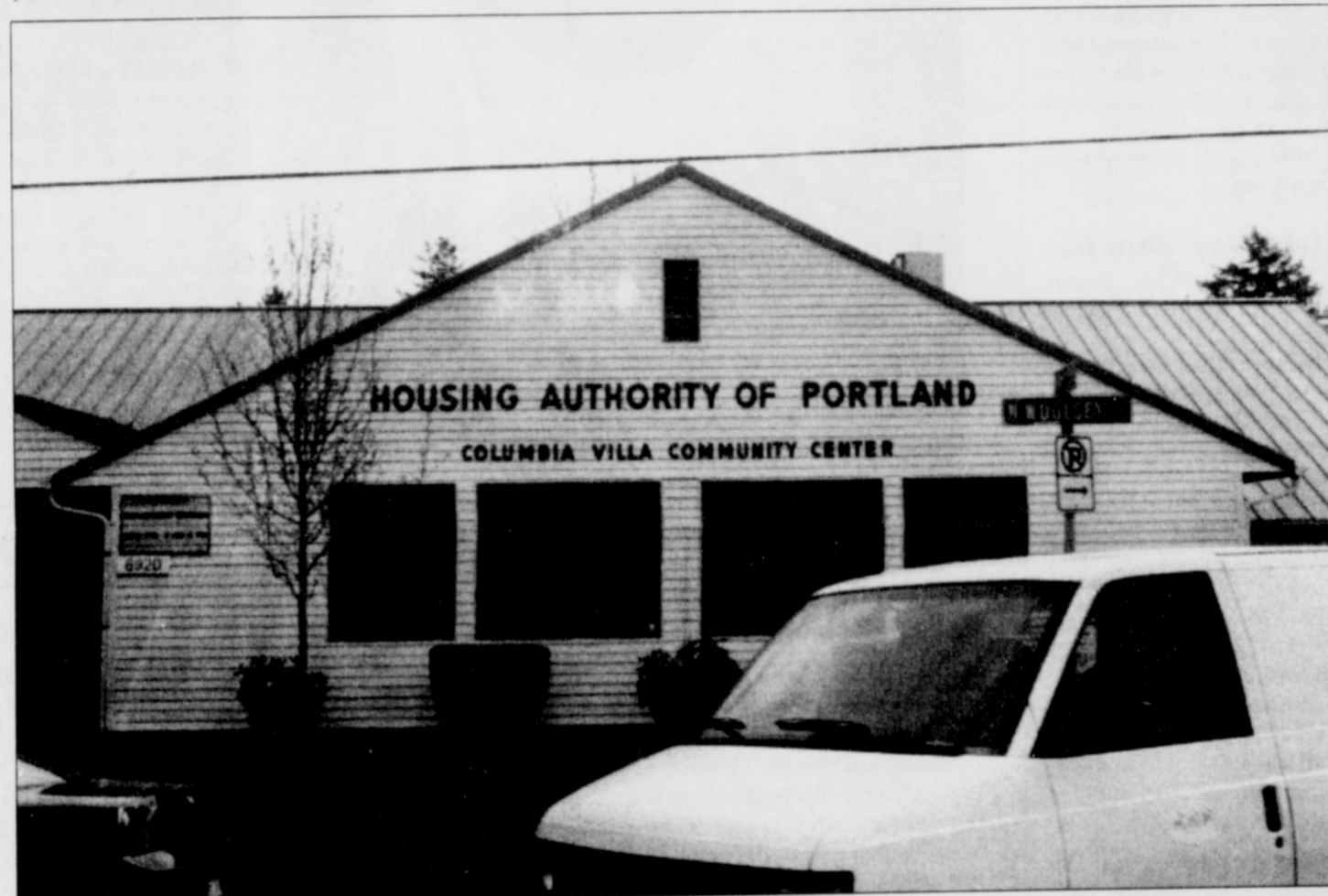
on, job site work. The Oregon State Apprenticeship Training Commission certifies the program as a Pre-Apprenticeship program.

Participants choosing the office work track receive training by HAP staff members of the American Federation of State, county, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) union and PIVOT, a Job Corp

program based at Monroe High School.

"I chose the painting track," A single parent raising two children, Williamson also appreciated the classroom instruction of financial planning. "I liked the business part, how we need to have a plan of action, a business plan, for the money we will be making. Many of us are not used to having that much money."

In addition, participants receive a \$50 bi-monthly stipend to help with any expenses that result from participating in this program. Students also receive help with transportation and getting a driver's license. A micro-loan arrangement is available for those over age 25. Upon graduation in April, trainees will be helped with job placement and follow up services.



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Cleo-Lilliann Social Club License Renewal Hearing

On Wednesday March 31, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. the Portland City Council will consider the renewal of the liquor license. The location of the hearing is 1220 S.W. 4th, 2nd floor.

The final decision on renewal of the license rests with the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC). The Council's role is to express its views to the OLCC about whether the Council endorses renewal, opposes renewal or recommends some other option.

The City Council hearing is a crucial step in the renewal process, so it is important that club supporters be at the Council Chambers at 1:30 p.m. Prior to the hearing, persons who want to testify must sign up and will be given a certain amount of time to state their opinions about the club. Those opposed to the license renewal will also speak.

There will be a pre-hearing meeting at the club on Monday March 29 at 6:30 supporters who will be able to be present at the council meeting.

Letters of supporters and/or signatures for our petition are welcomed. After the City Council hearing, the club will face an OLCC hearing. The club must hire an attorney for the OLCC hearing. To pay for attorney fees, the club will be having various fundraisers. Donations will also be appreciated.