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Community Calendar

Multnomah Playschool Auction

It's The Multnomah Playschool annual auction. Help keep our school open by coming to our fundraising auction on Saturday, April 10th. The Multnomah Playschool has been in our community for over 50 years and we would like you to come to our event! We've got the most eclectic variety of items such as: Home Décor, Tattoos, Restaurant Script, Home Baked Goodies, etc. We have over $25,000 worth of auction items! Call 503/244-9141.

The Fantasticks

Lakewood Theatre Company will be having open call auditions on Sunday, April 11 to complete its casting of the musical comedy, The Fantasticks, directed by Ron Daum. Actors will receive remuneration. Each actor should prepare a classic Broadway song for the audition. Lakewood Theatre Company supports and encourages multi-ethnic diversity in its casting. Call the theatre at 503/635-3901 during the hours of 9-5 weekdays to schedule an appointment.

Education Discussion

The Board of Education budget discussions and public hearings will be on the following dates at 6:30 PM:

Wednesday, April 14; Tuesday, April 20; Monday, April 26.

If you have a disability or are hearing impaired and need assistance for this meeting; please make arrangements in advance by calling the Board Office at 916-3741.

Model Movement & Attitude

All women dream of walking through the door of a party only to have every head turn. Venus Imaging Education will impart to you the secrets that professional models use to command this attention. Our entertaining class will infuse you with confidence as we teach you how to walk, move, stand & turn like a professional model. Call 360/882-4416.

Spring Book Sale

Friends of the Wilsonville Public Library are sponsoring their Spring book sale Saturday, April 10, from 9 AM to 6 PM at he Old Post Office Building at 30125 SW Boones Ferry Road. Books, videos, CDs, maps, puzzles and other items will be sold to benefit the library. First hour shoppers will pay a $1 admission fee, due to the large selection available at that time. After 10 AM, no fee will be charged. From 5 to 6 PM, the price of all remaining items will be 50 percent off. Call 682-2744.

Poets On Campus

Mountain Writers Series and Portland State University are pleased to begin the spring season with a co-sponsored reading by poets James Tate and Dara Wier. Currently professors at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, James Tate and Dara Wier were featured with four other prominent university writers in a six-part educational TV series that aired in the fall of 1998. The Poetry Reading will be on Saturday, April 16 at 7:30 in the School of Business Administration in Portland State University, Room 190. Call 503/236-4854.

"Raise The Roof"

Cleveland High School will be having a "Raise the Roof" All School Auction to raise money to fund school programs and activities affected by recent budget cuts. The event will be on Saturday, April 17, 7 PM at Historic Oaks Park Pavilion in Sellwood. Admission is $10 (includes hors d' oeuvres and desserts). Auction items include a 1999 "1750" Bayliner Capri, hot air balloon ride, Amtrak tickets, and much more! Call 235-7414.

The Testing Craze

Monty Neill, Executive Director of the National Center for Fair & Open Testing (Fair Test), will be the featured speaker at the Portland Conference on "Why the Testing Craze Won't Fix Our Schools." The conference will take place at Monroe High School Auditorium, 2508 NE Everett, April 16-17. On April 17, at 9 AM, Neill will initiate workshop discussions with a presentation on "Alternatives to Standardized Testing: Building Better Schools." Call 503/282-6848.

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

United Way Honors Okianer Christian Dark

Okianer Christian Dark was selected as United Way of the Columbia-Willamette's outstanding volunteer for Multnomah County based on her volunteer achievements with The Urban League of Portland, United Way member agency.

In 1995, Dark co-founded The Urban League of Portland's Saturday School, a project-oriented academic program for children in second through fifth grades. Dark also helped create the Children's Bookfair, a collaborative effort between The Urban League of Portland and the North Branch of the Multnomah County Library. The program helps children earn books by completing activities.

Dark was one of five volunteers who received awards in the four-county area that United Way serves. Five United Way member agencies and five companies that support United Way were also recognized. Awards were given at United Way's annual awards dinner on March 17.

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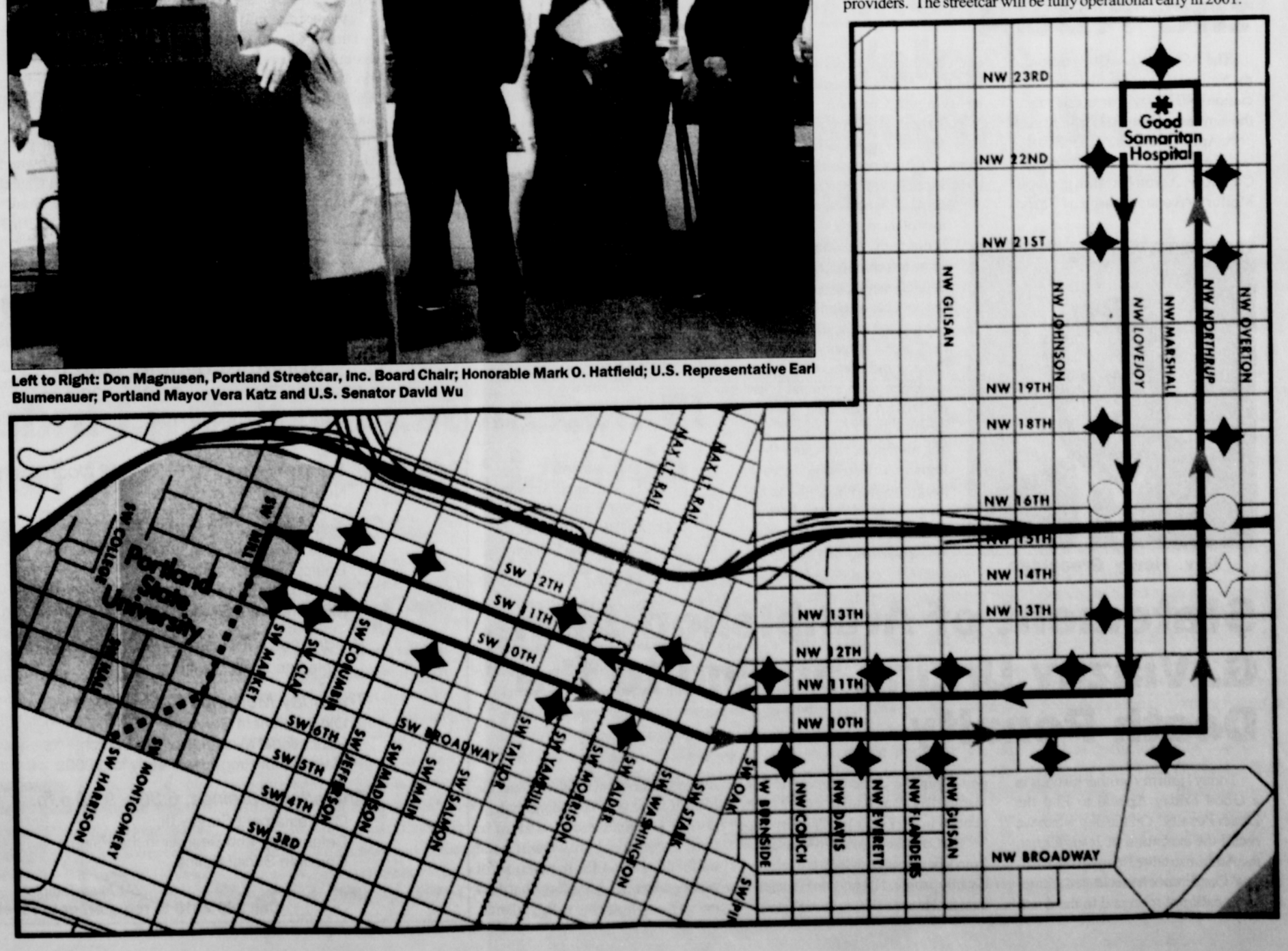
Emcee and KATU Channel 2 John Marler with Okianer Christian Dark.

Streetcar Construction Underway

Left to Right: Don Magnusen, Portland Streetcar, Inc. Board Chair; Honorable Mark O. Hatfield; U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer; Portland Mayor Vera Katz and U.S. Senator David Wu

The first modern streetcar in the United States started construction April 5 with track installation connecting Portland State University (PSU) downtown Portland to Good Samaritan Hospital in Northwest Portland. To kick off the construction, City Commissioner Charlie Hales was joined by Congressmen Earl Blumenauer and David Wu, the Honorable Mark Hatfield, Portland Streetcar Inc. Board Chair Don Magnusen as well as over a hundred business owners and residents along the streetcar route.

The new streetcar will run on tracks from PSU north on 10th, west NW Northrup, south on 23rd, east on NW Lovejoy and then south on 11th back to PSU. The streetcar will boast 10-minute headways. Fares will be the same as Tri-Met and be transferable between the two transit providers. The streetcar will be fully operational early in 2001.