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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Cinco de Mayo

In honor of Cinco de Mayo, Tri-Met is offering a free ride home to those who take buses or MAX light rail trains to the festivities at Portland's Waterfront Park. Free rides home are good Wednesday, May 5 through Sunday, May 9. To receive a ticket for a free ride home, attendees only need to present their Tri-Met receipt at the festival's main booth.

Cascade Symphony

The Cascade Symphony is looking to build its already healthy orchestra membership by announcing a call for additional string players (violin, viola, cello and bass). Please call Maestro Aszemar Glenn at 286-5032 if interested. The Cascade Symphony meets once a week for about 2 hours to rehearse and perform their concerts at the historic Hollywood Theatre in Portland.

Yugoslavia Bombing

Local feminists will speak about what is behind the U.S.-led NATO military aggression against Yugoslavia and how to pressure the American warmongers to stop the bombing on Thursday, May 13, at 7 PM. An Eastern European buffet will be available at 6:30 PM for a \$6 donation. The event will be at the NW Neighborhood Cultural Center, Community Room, 1819 NW Everett, Portland. Call 503/228-3090. Wheelchair accessible.

Book Drive

The Friends of the Multnomah County Library is in need of thousands of used books in good shape for the annual county-wide Book Drive on May 8-22 at the Central Library (522 SW Fifth). Please no old textbooks, Reader's Digest Condensed Books or magazines. And especially no torn, ragged or moldy books. We also appreciate CDs, audio and video tapes, LPs and sheet music. Call 503/224-9176.

Artist Workshops

The Regional Arts & Culture Council presents Survival and Growth: Tools and Strategies for Artists and Arts Organizations. The next workshop is on Saturday, May 15, 9 AM - 2:30 PM. There will be information for individual artists on presenting and documenting their work, and strategies for career development. Sessions will focus on writing skills (resumes, artist statements, proposals); documenting art work on video, slides, and other media; resume/video/portfolio review sessions; and a panel discussion on career development strategies featuring prominent local artists from a variety of artistic disciplines. Call 503/823-5417 or 823-2927.

Book Group

Who would have thought that coming out as a young gay man in Sri Lanka could be such an amusing and touching event? Join us this month, as the Eastside Gay & Lesbian Book Group discusses *Funny Boy*, by Shyam Selvadurai, a smart, moving story of growing up gay in a most repressive society. The group will meet at the Barnes & Noble (in the Lloyd Center) on Wednesday, May 26 at 7 PM.

Hands On Portland

Hands on Portland is hosting a concert on May 20 to celebrate volunteerism and raise money to expand Hands on Portland's services. Pepe and the Bottle Blondes and Jamie Hampton and the Essentials will be playing, and the concert is open to anyone 21 and over. It will be a fun event for a great cause. All proceeds benefit HOP, which mobilizes teams of volunteers on diverse service projects that are "done in a day" and have a direct and ongoing impact on the community. Call 503/234-3581.

Medicare And Women

The Portland Chapter of the Older Women's League (OWL) invites mid-life and older women to a free, open meeting and discussion opportunity. Ruth McCormick, MSW will be speaking on "Medicare And Women", OWL's annual Mother's Day Report to Congress. The lecture will be at the Portland Impact Center (4707 SE Hawthorne) on Saturday, May 8, from 9:45am until noon.

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

Neil Kelly Company Named To Inner City 100 List

The Initiative for a Competitive Inner City (ICIC) and Inc. magazine honored the Neil Kelly Company for its inclusion on the Inner City 100 list of fast-growing businesses based in core urban areas in the United States. Tom Kelly, Neil Kelly president, accepted the honor at the Inner City Entrepreneurship Dinner on April 22 in Boston.

Neil Kelly Company was selected to receive this honor because of its positive revenue growth over the last five years in a core urban location and its ongoing dedication to the inner city Portland neighborhood where its offices have been located for more than 50 years. The Inner City 100 list is designed to recognize the entrepreneurial energy inner city companies represent and to raise awareness and encourage further business growth in these areas.

"Our inclusion on this list is quite an honor and is very encouraging," said Kelly. "We've been very successful in operating within an inner city neighborhood for years, and lists such as this will hopefully make the overall business community aware of the great potential and opportunities available in the inner city."

The Inner City 100 is the first of its kind to list the fastest-growing inner city-based businesses in the nation. The list was compiled by Harvard Business School Professor and ICIC founder and CEO Michael Porter, along with George Gendron, editor-in-chief of Inc. to qualify for inclusion on the list, companies must be privately-held, for-profit businesses with sales of at least \$1 million in 1997; have 10 or more employees; and have at least 51 percent of its physical operations

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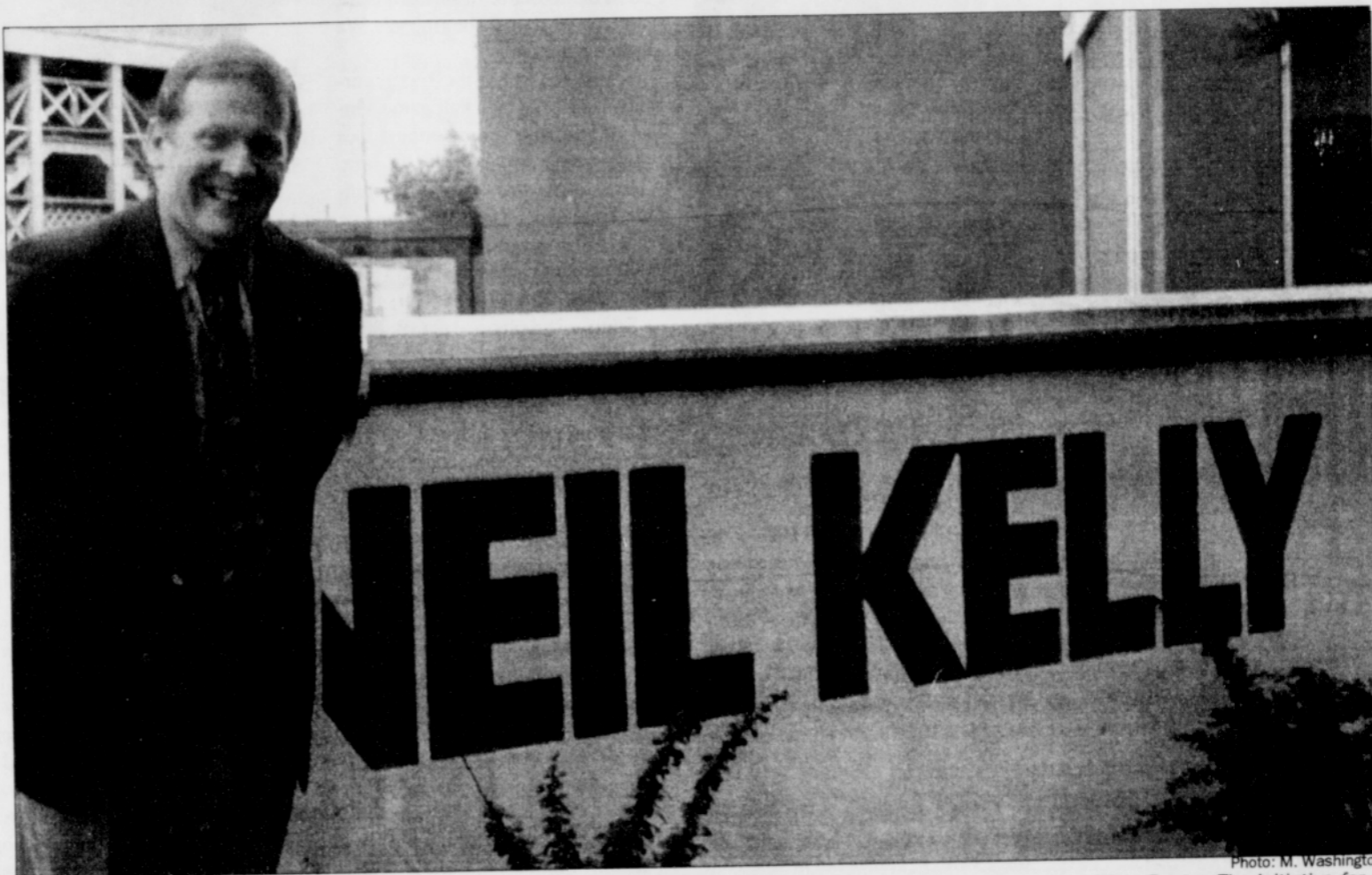
Portland Mayor Vera Katz, in reaction to Neil Kelly Company's honor, released a statement praising the company's civic responsibility. "In order for Portland to continue to thrive, the commitment of long-time family-owned businesses like Neil Kelly is essential. They bring not only stability to our inner city neighbor-

hoods, but also quality job opportunities that offer our residents the chance to make a living wage," Katz said.

More than 700 people attended the Inner City Entrepreneurship Dinner in Boston including leading business figures and members of the national media. Companies on the list, including Neil Kelly Company, were featured in video profiles shown at the dinner. The Inner City 100 list will be published in the May issue of Inc.

With more than 50 years in business,

Neil Kelly is the largest and one of the oldest design/build remodeling contractors in the Northwest. In addition to its design/remodeling services, Neil Kelly offers small job and handyman services through its Home Repair Team; window and door sales and installation through Neil Kelly windows and Doors; and custom cabinetry through Neil Kelly Cabinets. Neil Kelly is committed to providing superior products and craftsmanship with minimal impact on the natural environment.



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Kay Toran (left), Jaki Walker (center) and Margaret Carter (right) share their personal life stories for the Mother's Day Edition in Focus.