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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Back II School Jam

The NAACP Youth Council and Youth & Arts Achievement Program presents the Back II School Jam. This is for the high school and college crowd. The event will be DJ'd by Mark Mack from Jammin 95.5 and will be held at the Alberta St. Station, 1829 NE Alberta St. on Friday, September 10th from 8PM until Midnight. Price is \$7. Pre-purchase of tickets will be at Armoni's and Galore Paging. It's gonna be off the hook!

Interstate Max Forum

There will be a two-day interactive mini-conference on Friday, September 24 from 6:30PM to 9PM and on Saturday, September 25, from 9AM to noon at the Ockley Green Middle School, 6031 N. Montana (Tri-Met bus 5). The conference will cover the same topics as Community Forum 1 but with updated information. The forum will conclude with a wrap-up session to tie together ideas and suggestions from the two forums. Free childcare available.

The Wellness Village

The African American Health Coalition need volunteers to staff the 4th Annual Wellness Village, scheduled for October 23rd at the Center of Self Enhancement. The Wellness Village is a one day event drawing people from the community for interactive activities such as health screenings, physical fitness, healthy cooking demonstrations, dynamic speakers, health education workshops and children's activities. Call 503-413-1850.

Conflict Resolution & Violence Prevention

Oregon Peace Institute will offer a workshop on "The Use of Art in Conflict Resolution and Violence Prevention" facilitated by Rebecca Singer, the Executive Director of Artrageous, on Thursday, September 23, 1999 from 6:30-9 PM at the First United Methodist Church in Room 160, 1838 SW Jefferson Street, Portland. Please register by calling OPI: 503-725-8292. A \$10 donation would be appreciated.

Acupuncture, Herbal Remedies

The Oregon College of Oriental Medicine in Portland is offering people a way to experience acupuncture and complementary medicine in a safe, educational forum. The college is sponsoring free seminars on September 11, 18 and 25. Each Saturday seminar starts at 10 AM and lasts about 90 minutes. At the free seminars you can learn about and sample acupuncture, herbs and meditative exercise. These natural therapies, used in China for centuries, can be very helpful to people of all ages. To reserve your place at the seminars, call 503-253-3443. The Oregon College of Oriental Medicine is at 10525 SE Cherry Blossom Drive, next to Mall 205 in East Portland.

Dream Ceremony and Workshop

Ed Fox will be in Portland giving a special dream awareness workshop and ceremony based on native Toltec practices from ancient Mexico. Fox is an apprentice to the best-selling author and nagual, Don Miguel Ruiz who wrote "The Four Agreements" and "The Mastery of Love". An introductory lecture on the indigenous, Toltec Path will be given on September 24 and will precede the workshop and ceremony. All are invited to attend. Call Katie at 503-234-9946.

A Teacher-Family Space

You can help your child learn to read by attending a class on it at A Teacher-Family Space, a non-profit resource center for the Portland community of families and teachers working for the benefit of children at 2705 East Burnside. The class will be given by Robin Lindsley on Tuesday, September 21, from 7 to 8:30 PM. For more information, call 503-233-0151.

Noon Time Rides

Multnomah Bar Association noon time bicycle rides - short rides with hills, meet at SW corner of Pioneer Courthouse Square (Yamhill & Broadway) between NOON and 12:10 PM, Mondays and Thursdays. Contact Ray Thomas at 228-5222 with questions, or meet at start.

Kids Need Both Parents

Live band performances will be held at Waterfront Park, Ankeny Stage on Saturday, September 11 from 11 AM until 5 PM. Listen to Original Rock, Jazz, and Blues. There will also be speakers from Oregon Parent's Center and Outside In. The event is a celebration of fatherhood, motherhood and family based on the theme: Kids Need Both Parents!

SUBMISSIONS

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

Celebrity Golf Tournament Raises \$150,000 for Children's Charities

The proceeds of this year's Eighth Annual Maurice Lucas/Costco Wholesale Sports Invitational resulted in local charities receiving \$150,000.00. Former Portland Trail Blazer Champion and tournament chairman Maurice Lucas (known as "The Enforcer" during his NBA career) presented \$125,000.00 to Legacy Emanuel Children's Hospital and CARES NW. Maurice Lucas first became involved with the Children's Hospital after his daughter, Kristin, was born there, weighing just one pound six ounces. She was in their Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for two months and is now a thriving teenager. CARES NW, the Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Services Center, was founded at Emanuel Hospital & Health Center in 1987 to respond to the need for a centralized assessment center for children who may have been abused or neglected.

A check for \$25,000.00 was also presented on behalf of the tournament to the Warren Strickland Centers for Airway Science program. Established in 1992, the program's philosophy is "Miss no chance to teach, take every opportunity to learn." The program practices these words every day through the use of aviation-related math, science, and computer experiences to spark youth's interest in learning and



staying in school. The learning focuses on building self-esteem through challenges in math, science, and technology using airway science problems and projects. As testament to the

success of the project, many graduates return to the after-school program as volunteers.



Bus Stop Cleanup Partnership Saves Money Keeps N/NE Neighborhoods Cleaner, Safer & Helps Youth

This summer you may have noticed a group of teens in bright yellow T-shirts toting white-and-red SOLV bags around inner city neighborhoods. They're the First Step cleanup crew, proud teens who've worked through the summer keeping North and Northeast Portland bus-stop areas clean.

During the past two years a North/Northeast Portland neighborhood cleanup program has offered 10 jobs to local youth through a partnership between Tri-Met and SOLV. However, because of funding limitations, 64 other teens were unable to join the work program this year.

Neighborhood Network, The Jackson Foundation, Irwin Foundation and Metro contributed money or services. In the end, everyone wins: Neighborhoods stay cleaner. The young people gain greater pride in themselves and their community. And, Tri-Met riders feel better about getting on and off buses because they are neat and graffiti free.

Teamwork Training "The most difficult part of this job is when we're not working together," said Kiandra Ross a 15-year-old Roosevelt sophomore. "We're supposed to be working as a team and when we're not working together, and applying ourselves, we don't get as much done or move as fast."

Ebony Jones, a 17-year-old Roosevelt High School senior, said she wasn't enthusiastic about the idea of cleaning up bus stops when she first applied for the job. However, she came to enjoy it even though it's hard work. She said people driving by their cleanup crew often "cheer on" their efforts.

"I thank God I got this job," Jones said. "My mom is a single parent and this job is helping me be independent and take care of my own needs. This year, I'll buy my own school supplies. That'll help my mom out because she has two other kids to take care of."

For information on First Step or to learn about sponsorship, call 503/962-5807.



Ebony Jones tells media about how important the First Step program is for her because it helps her family with needed extra income. Looking on from left to right: First Step Supervisor A.K. Rucker, Jalonta Martin, Deon Gates, Greg Strikling, Amanda Quintanilla, Kiki Ross, Willie Johnson, Robin Pettis, Ebony Jones, Bilal Dedmon, Shawn Perry, First Step Supervisor Glenn Vereen and Tri-Met General Manager Fred Hansen.

More Sponsors Sought

Just before this year's teens returned to school, a call to action was made for new sponsors so more youth could join First Step next year.

The program is administered by SOLV. Tri-Met provides transportation, a supervisor and cleaning materials. Sponsors, such as US West, the North Portland Enhancement Committee, Green