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Community Calendar

Community Calendar Interstate Job Fair

The second annual Interstate Job Fair is a major event being put on by the north Portland employer council, The state of Oregon Employment Department and The State of Washington WorkSource. The concept is unique in that it is two state agencies and the Oregon Employer council who have come together to help give qualified employees an opportunity to meet over 70 outstanding public and private sector employers from Washington and Oregon. The Interstate Job Fair is being held at the Jantzen Beach SuperCenter on Wednesday, October 6th from 10 AM to 3 PM. Call 503/280-6046.

Native American Day

Join Wisdom of the Elders as we honor our elders and acknowledge the role our youth and veterans play in preserving Native American culture. All cultures welcome to attend. "Native American Day" will be on Sunday, October 10 from Noon to 5 PM at the Smith Memorial Ballroom at Portland State University. Call 503/775-4014.

Whitaker Middle School

All Whitaker parents are invited to enjoy free coffee and continental breakfast and meet teachers and other parents in the front entry hall of Whitaker Middle School on Tuesday, October 5 from 9 AM - 10 AM. Call Shafia at 248-3999 ext.29141.

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.

The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army Disaster preparedness Fair is on Saturday, October 2nd, from 10 AM to 5 PM at Jantzen Beach SuperCenter will help you prepare for all types of emergencies. Whether it's Y2K, earthquakes, power failures, winter storms or fires, we all need to be prepared to deal with the unexpected.

Bowl for Breath

For Halloween this year, you can help make a difference in cystic fibrosis research by participating in the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's annual Bowl for Breath at Sunset Bowl in Beaverton. Bowl for Breath includes both a COSMIC BOWL on Friday, October 29 from Midnight to 2 AM, and a fun-filled BOWL-A-THON day on Saturday for the whole family. To sign up, please call 503/226-3435.

Adopt-a-Dog Month

The Oregon Humane Society (at 1067 NE Columbia) will have an Adopt-a-Dog Month where dog trainers and experts will be on hand to assist with finding you just the right dog on Saturday, October 2nd from 10 AM until 6 PM. Every Super Saturday comes with a great adoption "thank you." This Super Saturday, every dog adoption comes with a free Hollywood Video movie rental and a coupon for discounts at Doggie Daycare in Tualatin.

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

Metro Council Approves Convention Center Deal

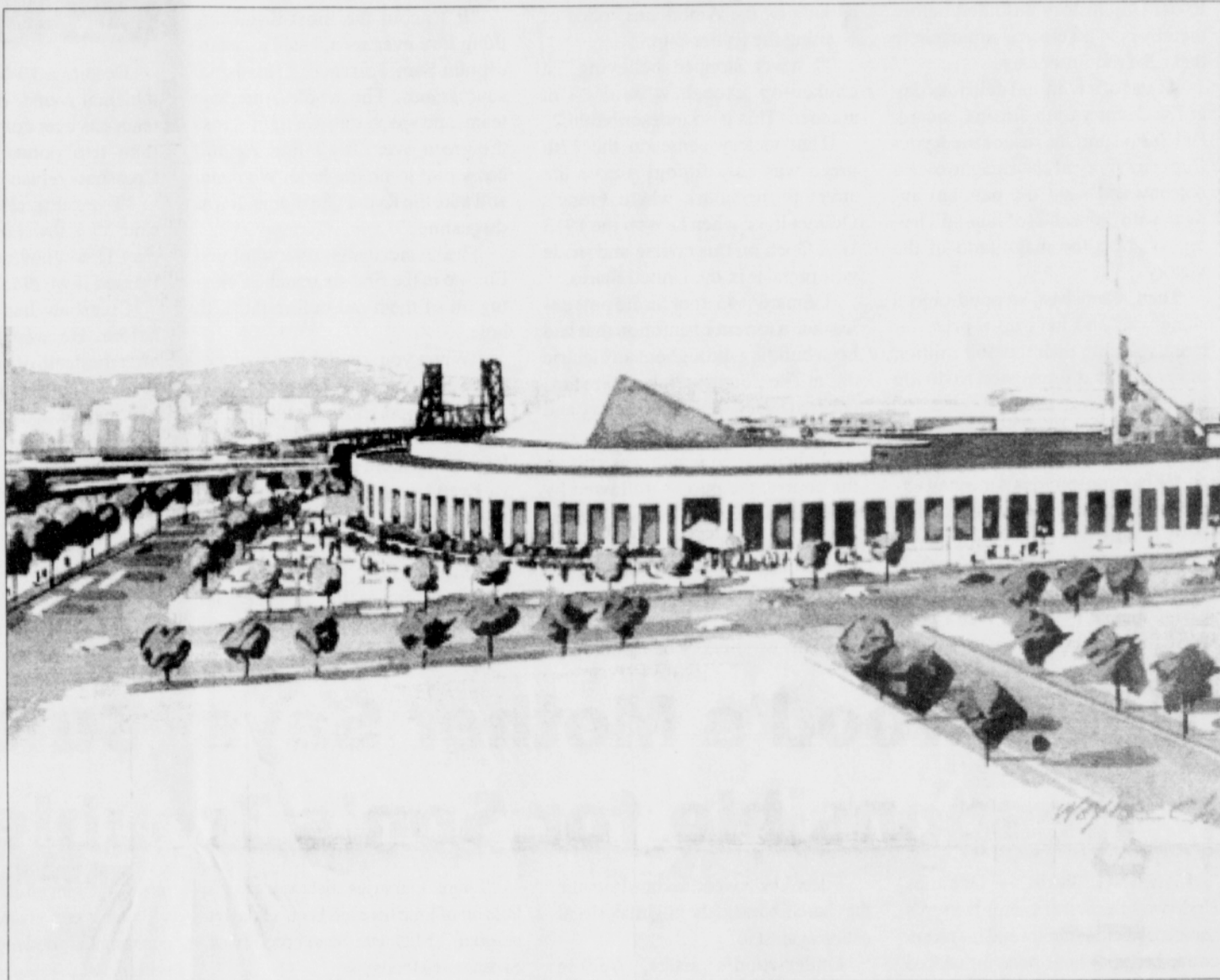
Memorandum of Understanding with Partners Means Completion of OCC

An affirmative vote by the Metro Council today will help protect our region's economy into the 21st century. The Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Portland, Multnomah County, the Tri-County Lodging Association, the car rental industry, the Portland Oregon Visitors Association, the Portland Development Commission and Tri-Met. The MOU outlines a financing strategy that will provide the \$105 million needed to complete Phase II of the Oregon Convention Center.

This is something we have been working toward for months," said Metro council Presiding Officer Rod Monroe. "We know how important this project is to our regional economy in terms of the jobs it will create, the business it will generate and the tourists it will motivate to visit our area. By completing Phase II, we will be able to keep the Convention Center competitive in today's market without any increase in property taxes."

Metro owns the Oregon Convention Center and operates it through the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission. Right now, the Oregon Convention Center generates about \$370 million in economic benefits for this region each year. The completed OCC is expected to generate an additional \$135 million in economic benefits each year as well as 2,500 new jobs total.

"This project is one more huge



step for the people, who are working to revitalize the neighborhoods in North and Northeast Portland," said Metro Councilor Ed Washing-

ton. "The jobs it will create are a big boost alone. Add to that the extra money that visitors will spend at nearby

hotels and restaurants and shops - and the impact will be incredible." Councilor Washington represents District 5, which include the area around OCC.

Secretary of State Phil Keisling Announces Resignation

Portland — Phil Keisling announced today his resignation as Oregon's Secretary of State. Keisling, who has served as the state's second highest elected official for almost nine years — longer than all but three other Secretaries in Oregon history — plans to step down on November 8, 1999.

"After long and careful deliberation, I've decided to leave office now rather than when my term expires in January, 2001," Keisling said. "Doing this will provide real, meaningful time as a private citizen to seek new challenges and gain fresh perspectives on life and on Oregon."

"In addition, speculation about my future political plans has led me to believe that my early departure will better ensure the Secretary of State's office can continue to sustain and enhance the high reputation it has earned for fairness, integrity, and efficiency in fulfilling its many important duties."

"Words cannot convey my appreciation for the chance to work with the Secretary of State's 200 dedicated employees, Oregon's 36 outstanding county clerks and their staffs," Keisling said. "Together, we've had the privilege to work in partnership with the citizens of this exceptional state, and I'm enormously proud of what we've accomplished."

As the state's chief elections officer, Keisling crafted Oregon's 1991 legislative redistricting plan and led efforts to increase voter registration and participation through such innovations as "Motor Voter" registration and Vote-by-Mail.

As auditor of public accounts, Keisling worked to expand auditing of government programs and to transform the auditing function to focus on the effectiveness and performance of programs. Secretary Keisling also played a major role in improving management of state owned lands and the Common School Fund as a member of the State Land Board.

Under Keisling's leadership, his agency has delivered better, faster and less expensive services to Oregonians. An example of this is the Corporation Division, which reduced staff by 31 percent since 1991, and which will soon offer on-line registration to Oregon's 100,000 businesses at substantially reduced fees.

"We've accomplished almost all of our key agenda items," Keisling said. "Campaign finance reform is the glaring exception — and something that I will actively support as a private citizen and former state official."

When asked about his future career plans, Keisling said that he will explore opportunities in the private sector that will increase his understanding of Oregon's new economy. "I'm making this announcement with no job lined up," he said. "As many Oregonians have done, I'm working on a resume."

"It's never easy to leave a job one truly loves, but I'm convinced this will make me a better citizen, a better manager, and a better leader," Keisling said. "And should I have an opportunity to serve again in elected office, I believe this kind of experience will make me a more effective public servant."

