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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Harvest Festival

A Northwest tradition is returning for its 17th run Hood River Valley Harvest Fest will celebrate the fall harvest when it unfolds October 15 - 17 at Hood River Expo Center. The event is one of the largest held annually in Hood River, which enjoys a worldwide reputation for excellence as a fruit-growing region. Hood River Valley is one of the world's largest pear-producing regions. Parking is free and convenient. Hood River Valley Harvest Fest is open 1 PM to 8 PM Friday, Oct. 15, 10 AM to 8 PM Saturday, Oct. 16, and 10 AM to 5 PM Sunday, Oct. 17.

Native American Resistance

Women leaders from the Pacific Northwest will report on their work in defense of Native American sovereignty rights. From protecting the Makah's right to whale, to organizing against the forced eviction of the Dine'h (Navajo) Nation from their reservation, find out how activists and feminists are working together against genocidal racism. Thursday, October 14th at 7 PM A bountiful Pacific Northwest Buffet will be available at 6:30 PM for a \$6 donation. NW Neighborhood Cultural Center, Community Room, 1819 NW Everett, Portland. Call 503/228-3090 two days in advance. Wheelchair accessible.

Adventures in the City

Adventures in the City invites kids to become City Kids and discover the excitement and surprises of downtown Portland. This free, hands-on celebration of art, entertainment and downtown takes place Friday, October 15 and Saturday, October 16 at Pioneer Courthouse Square from 10 AM to 4 PM.

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.

Nontraditional Careers for Women

In the past 25 years, more and more women have explored careers in nontraditional sectors. If given the opportunity, would you have taken up welding and manufacturing of access ramps for wheelchairs? Five women will share their stories on how they managed to succeed in nontraditional careers. The program is free and open to the public and will be held on Saturday, October 16, from 9 to 11 AM at the Multnomah County Central Library, 801 SW 10th Avenue, in the Bank Room. Call 503/245-0233.

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.

Law Class for Bicyclists

On Thursday, October 28, from 5:30 PM to 7 PM, The Multnomah Bar Association is hosting a class on Oregon's vehicle laws from a bicyclist's perspective with Bike Lawyer Ray Thomas. The event will be at the Bicycle Transportation Alliance, 1117 SW Washington in downtown Portland. The cost is free. Call Kristin Kidd at 503/228-5222 to pre-register.

Build a City on Mars!

Help us celebrate the start of Portland's "Architecture Week" by collaborating on a giant Martian city. Imagine what it would be like to live on the red planet and then create an environment using clay, metallic papers, plastic extenders and other intriguing materials. Everyone - parents and kids will work together to construct a giant Martianscape at this free event in the Children's Cultural Center at the Children's Museum. For more info., call 503/823-2227 or check out www.pdxchildrensmuseum.org.

Blazers reach ticket goal to secure WNBA franchise

The new women's pro team may not have a name, but it has the 5,500 season-ticket sales that guarantee it a home in Portland

Since June, the WNBA has been pitched to area schools, businesses and to Jane and John Portlander.

It has paid off.

The Blazers are expected to announce this afternoon they have sold 5,500 season tickets, the number required by the WNBA to keep the expansion team awarded to the city early in the summer.

Although the team is still nameless, there will be women's professional basketball in Portland next summer.

The Blazers are the second of the four expansion teams to reach 5,500. Indiana announced it had reached the mark last week.

Seattle, which announced it was at 5,300 last week, has nearly reached the goal.

NBA guard Tim Hardaway bought Miami's No. 4,500 season ticket Sept. 23. Heat officials said Friday that was the last official count.

On Sept. 15, one month before Friday's deadline, the Blazers had 2,750 tickets left to sell.

But that was before the team pushed into corporate territory.

Fred Meyer purchased 500 tickets. Nike purchased 500 tickets. Safeway made a \$25,000 contribution that translated into 200 tickets. Gatorade purchased 200 tickets, as



Linda Hargrove & Katy Steding shown above

well.

Many companies were honored two weeks ago at a luncheon, receiving small awards inscribed with the words, "Thank you for bringing the WNBA to Portland."

At the same function, tired of referring to "Portland's WNBA team," coach and general manager Linda Hargrove broke down and dubbed it the "Portland Whatever's."

That name will stay awhile longer.

Sandi Bittler, the Blazers' WNBA vice president, said it will probably be the beginning of November before all the trademarks are checked and the logo and name are announced.

COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO URBAN LEAGUE CRISIS CAN WE SAVE OUR URBAN LEAGUE?

CALL TO ACTION COMMUNITY MEETING

Thursday, October 14, 1999
Bethel AME Church, Social Hall
5828 NE 8th (Jarrett)
7:15 PM - 9:15 PM

UPDATE ON OCT. 7 MEETING
Community Resolution Press Conference, 10/12
Report on 10/11 Urban League Board Meeting
Update on Program Funding/Transitions:

Multnomah County
Volunteers of America
SEI
United Way

UPDATE ON BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Vacancies
Community Representation Recommendations
Membership

UPDATE ON INTERIM MANAGEMENT
Who's In Charge?
Emergency Management Team Proposal

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Harold Pollin

Harold Pollin, owner of the Sheraton Airport Hotel, is the definition of a local role model.

A year ago, Pollin took a chance and developed the Sheraton Hotel at the Portland Airport when virtually nothing was there but a few runways.

Now, he has two airport hotels and is the owner and operator of local Tony Romas restaurants. In an age of hotel merges and consolidated ownership, Pollin has bucked the trend and maintained local ownership of the Sheraton. His commitment to update, modernize and renovate the Sheraton has helped keep the hotel highly competitive in an increasingly crowded marketplace.

When it comes to community and industry leadership, Pollin's accomplishments are many. During his career, he has served as president of the Portland Oregon Visitors Association, the Jewish Federation of Portland, Portland Jewish Community Foundation and the Jewish Education Association, a forerunner of the Portland Jewish Academy. He has been a board member of the Travel Industry Council of Oregon, the Tri-county Lodging Association and Portland Oregon Tourism Council.

He is a member of the Oregon Symphony Foundation and served on the Oregon Symphony Restaurant Association and Innkeeper of the Year, 1992 by the Oregon Lodging Association. In celebrating the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel's 25th anniversary this year The Portland Observer salutes Harold Pollin, a man who has been a role model in business, his industry and the community for a quarter of a century.

