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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Stop the War on Youth!

Local activists involved in the campaign to repeal Measure 11 will report on why this mandatory minimum sentencing law must be abolished and present highlights of this tenacious battle against injustice. Thursday, November 11th at 7PM. A hearty Italian Buffet will be available at 6:30PM for a \$6 donation. NW Neighborhood Cultural Center, Community Room, 1819 NW Everett, Portland. The meeting is free and open to everyone. Call 503/228-3090.

"Sew For The Cure"

The holiday spirit is already alive and those with crafty hands are invited to "Sew For The Cure", a special fundraiser contest to benefit breast cancer research. Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts and the American Home Sewing Association encourage the community to enter "Sew For The Cure" by crafting a Christmas tree ornament. The ornaments will then be displayed in Jo-Ann stores across the country throughout the holiday season on Christmas trees and available for sale, with proceeds to support local cancer organizations. Call 503/629-5177 or 503/659-2718.

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church

ITS REVIVAL TIME! Join us as we gather in Fellowship and prayer on November 1st through November 5th at 7:00PM for a Time of Revival at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church 4009 N. Missouri Avenue Portland OR 97227. For more information contact Pastor Johnny Pack IV (503) 284-9195 or Maretha Kaye Hart, Secretary (503) 249-0377.

Washington, D.C. Mayor in Town

The first African-American woman to become mayor of a major city in the United States will speak in Portland next month during the 32nd Appreciation Dinner for the Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center, which includes Rosemary Anderson High School, and alternative high school located in North Portland. Sharon Pratt Kelley, the former mayor of Washington, D.C., is the keynote speaker during the dinner scheduled from 6PM to 9PM on November 6, at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE Airport Way. Tickets are \$40 each or \$400 for a table for 10 people. Call 503/735-1825.

"Lift Jesus Up" Revival

The Lifeline Christian Church is sponsoring a month long, citywide "Lift Jesus Up" revival to spur residents of the Portland metropolitan area to take action against ills plaguing families and the community. The revival is free and occurs from 7PM to 9PM every weekday from October 27-Nov. 19 at First AME Zion Church, located at 4303 N. Vancouver Ave. Call Reverend Weaver at 503/705-1673.

Power Wheelchairs Available

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes makes Power (electric) Wheelchairs available to non-ambulatory Senior Citizens (65 yrs old & up) at no out-of-pocket expense, if they qualify. The power Wheelchairs are provided to those who are confined to a wheelchair, and can no longer self-propel in their living area, and who meet the additional guidelines of the program. **No deposit required.** Please call for more information on the details of the program. Call toll free, 1-800-360-8765.

Non-profit Better People expands Board of Directors



Robert C. Hughley, Ed.D. Education/Evaluation Consultant, New Board Member, for Better People

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Better People, a privately-funded non-profit employment and counseling program for ex-offenders, has added five new members to its Board of Directors.

The new members are as follows:

Robert C. Hughley, Ed.D. - Education/Evaluation Consultant
Sam Jackson, Jr. - Gunderson, Inc. (retired)
Brian Ross - Te Nation, not shown.
L.E. "Jack" Wagner - Marsh, Inc. (Formerly Sedgwick of Oregon), not shown.
Patricia Warren - U.S. West (retired), Warren Insurance Service, not shown.

Better People is the first program in the nation to combine job placement and retention services with Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT), a well-researched and well-documented cognitive-behavioral approach aimed at systematically altering how offenders make decisions - how they think. A recent study shows that for every dollar invested in MRT programs, taxpayers and crime victims receive \$11.48 in benefits. A strong advocate for the offender, Better People only accepts job orders from employers who offer a minimum of \$8/hour plus health benefits. Since opening in June of 1998, Better People has placed more than 50 former offenders in jobs actually averaging almost \$9/hour plus health benefits.



Sam Jackson, Jr., Gunderson, Inc. (retired), New Board Member, For Better People

Mike Dunleavy and the Blazers Community Builders tip-off NBA teamUp with 4th Annual Harvest Dinner

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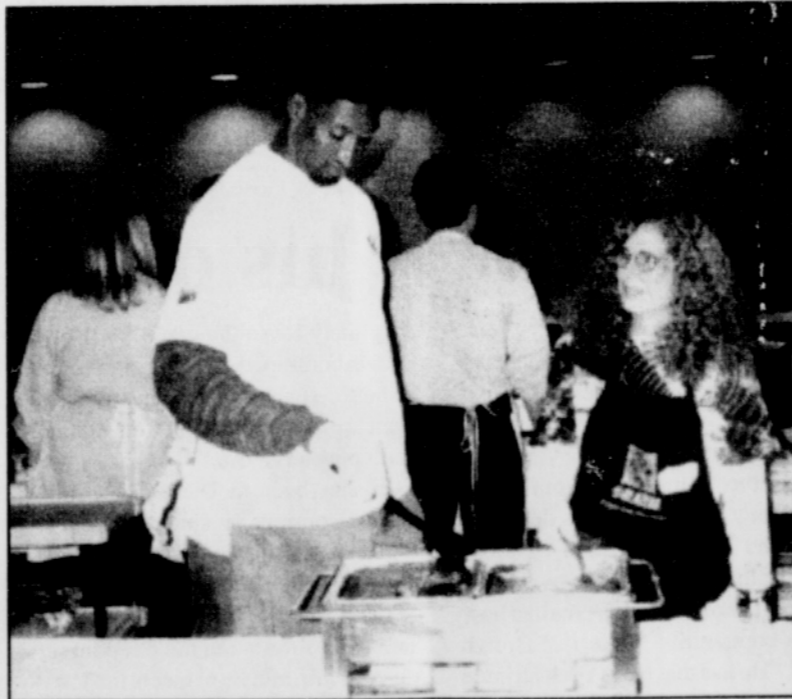
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Last year, the Portland Trail Blazers fed close to 4,000 homeless, hungry and less fortunate people at their 3rd annual holiday dinner at the Rose Garden arena. This year, Head Coach Mike Dunleavy and the Blazers Community Builders reached more than 5,000 people when they hosted the event Wednesday, October 27 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. This year's event took place during NBA TeamUp Week, the NBA's community service initiative. Meanwhile, in Washington D.C., Blazers team president and general manager Bob Whitsitt will accept the 1999 Points of Light Foundation Award for Excellence in Corporate and Community Service at a special awards dinner as the Blazers celebrate community service from coast to coast.

"This is a very special day for our organization," said Whitsitt. "Our Blazers Community Builders program, including our players and coaching staff, are working hard to give back to our local community at our annual Harvest Dinner. On the very same day, the Blazers are being recognized by the Points of Light Foundation for our efforts. It is exciting and rewarding for our staff and we plan to live up to the honor in the future by continuing to give back to those in need."

The Portland Trail Blazers have been named as one of only five companies across the nation to receive the Points of Light Foundation 1999 Award for Excellence in Corporate Community Service.

The Blazers are the only professional



Scottie Pippen doles out spoonfuls of baked beans during the Trailblazers efforts to help the community.

sports team ever to be recognized and the first corporation to receive the award in the state of Oregon.

The award honors companies who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to community service and who have very strong employee volunteer programs that target serious social problems.

The team is one of five winners of the prestigious award this year. "Through the Blazers Community Builders program, the team has assumed an active role in addressing community problems and concerns," said Robert K. Goodwin, president and CEO of the Points of Light Foundation. "With every member of the full-time staff participating in the community

general manager Bob Whitsitt led the Blazers community efforts last year and established a company-wide policy of paid time off for its employees to participate. "We won the Points of Light Award primarily

because of our Blazers Community Builders (BCB) employee volunteer program and our 100 percent employee participation is what has made this program so successful," said Whitsitt.



Rasheed Wallace serves out dressing to the needy during the 4th annual Harvest Dinner.

Blazers launch new official Blazers Kids Club For Kids ages 14 and younger



Blazer Center Joe Kleine and Guard Roberto Bergersen announce new Kids Club with Blazers Advisory Board youth members. Blazers sponsors Lifewise and General Mills donate 150 Kids Club membership to Boys & Girls Clubs and Legacy Emanuel Children's Hospital. Membership includes Official Blazers Kids Club t-shirt, membership ID Card, Blazers Kids Club School Folder, Newsletters, Contests and Surprises.

