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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Parenting Teens, Ages 13-18

Positive Discipline, Betsy Davenport, instructor. Saturday, November 20, 2 to 4 pm. \$20 indiv, or \$25 for 2 adults, same home

"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.

Communicating With Hard-To-Reach Children

Laurie Van Si, instructor. Tuesday, November 23, 7 to 9 pm. \$25 indiv, or \$30 for 2 adults, same home.

"Finding... and Funding... Hope in the Fight Against Brain Disorders"

A free lecture for the general public. Tuesday, Oct. 19, 1999 7-9 p.m., Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) 1945 S.E. Water Ave., Portland. For more info call (503) 413-7665.

"Lift Jesus Up" Revival

The Lifeline Christian Church is sponsoring a monthlong, citywide "Life 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 available Power (electric) Wheelchairs 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.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

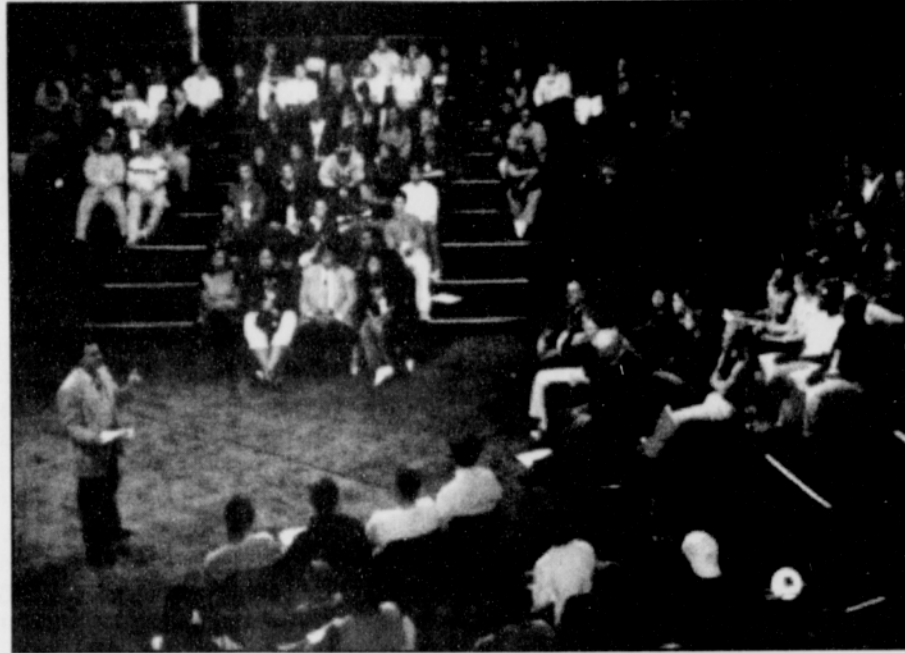
Presents "An Elegant Affair" A Formal Black & White Ball November 20th, 1999, 8 pm-1:30am (after party to follow) Melody Ball Room 615 S.E. Alder Portland, Oregon; Tickets \$35.00 ea, \$50.00 at the door includes full buffet & One well drink, live entertainment. For ticket information contact Kenneth Doswell (503) 696-2873 or (503) 938-3229. Or stop by Geneva's Shear Perfection 5601 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

High school students meet at youth summit

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On November 12, 1999, 300 Portland public high school students convened to discuss issues ranging from school funding to community involvement. Our Voices, Our Future, A Youth summit was selected by students as the theme for the event sponsored by NIKE, Inc., in partnership with Oregon Public Broadcasting, Portland Public Schools, Self Enhancement, Inc. and the Center for Deliberative Polling at the University of Texas at Austin.

Our Voices, Our Future, A Youth Summit is the first Deliberative Poll in the nation to be designed and conducted by and for students. All aspects of this event were developed by the Youth Summit Advisory Panel. This panel, comprised of 13 students each representing one of the Portland public high schools, conferred on the location, format and issues to be discussed. The event was held all day Friday, November 12, 1999 at the NIKE World Headquarters Campus in Beaverton, Oregon. Deliberative Polling is a unique form of public opinion survey in which a random



representative sample of a group is invited to register their views on a variety of issues. The group is surveyed again after they have had

an opportunity to learn in great detail more information about those issues. "It takes innovative ideas to create change.

It's what NIKE was founded on. It's what's at the heart of this innovative forum for helping young people express their views," commented Phil Knight, co-founder and chairman of NIKE, Inc. "Dialogue is always the best place to start, and we are very proud to be a partner in Our Voices, Our Future, A Youth Summit."

The Portland public high school students were selected randomly from the system's 13 high schools to reflect demographic balance. In October 1999, students completed a questionnaire covered topics including issues involving students working together, respecting racial, religious and cultural differences and encouraging students to play an active role in their community.

After meeting in dialogue sessions participants then reconvened in a large group "town hall" format to pose questions to leading experts on the issues they discussed. The final session included a panel presentation and participants were asked once again to complete a survey, which will be compared against the pre-event survey. Polling results will be released by the end of November 1999.

Group urges neighborhood revitalization

Meeting planned to help residents decide on plans to help shape the revitalization

BY DIONNE PEEPLES
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Jackie Strong has a vested interest in the revitalization of the neighborhoods in North and Northeast Portland.

His family owns thriving Ma-n-Pa Strong's barbecue on North Williams Avenue and he also grew up in a home on Williams from the ages of 2 to 18.

"This community has always been a part of my life and I want to see it grow effectively," said Strong, 48.

That is why Strong is urging residents and business owners to attend an upcoming meeting to offer suggestions about the types of development they want in their community

The Vancouver-Williams Task Force will

sponsor the meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs, 4134 N. Vancouver Ave.

The task force is comprised of residents, property owners and business owners. Strong is part of the 25-member task force.

Tom Ancil, owner of Ancil Heating and Cooling on North Williams Avenue, said he looks forward to revitalization and the changes it will bring.

Ancil's father, Paul, started the business 22 years ago. "This is a super area. We are close

to every freeway and close to downtown," Ancil said. "This is prime property."

Alex Dorsey of the Portland Development Commission said the community meetings will help create a plan to guide development in the proposed area.

That area is bounded by Killingsworth to the north, Interstate 84 on the south, Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and 7th Street to the east and the Willamette River/Interstate 405 /Albina and Mississippi avenues on the west.



Jackie Strong

Report puts Portland among worst cities for congestion

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Nathan Nilles likes to relax and read the paper during his commute on the light-rail train from his home in west suburban Beaverton to downtown Portland. But occasionally he has to drive.

"If you leave for work anytime past 7:30, forget about it. You're stuck. You'd be locked in traffic, bumper to bumper. And going home is a nightmare," he says.

The Portland metro area has some of the worst traffic problems in the country, according to an annual report on congestion released Tuesday by the Texas Transportation Institute.

The study immediately became part of the debate surrounding a gas-tax hike to fund new road projects in the state.

The 5-cent-a-gallon tax hike was passed by the Legislature in July but then blocked by referendum petition. It will now be put before voters on the May 16 primary election ballot.

Randy Tucker, a spokesman for the land-use watchdog group 1000 Friends of Oregon, said the Texas study and an analysis of it demonstrated that building roads does not solve traffic problems.

The community celebrates girls leadership program



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Sisters in Action for Power, formally known as SPIRIT, held their first annual event to celebrate three girls graduating from their leadership program entitled, Girls in Action for Power (GAP) as well as their Transportation Campaign. Sisters in Action for Power has been working

on a campaign for the past year to prompt TriMet to allow students to ride to and from school for free during school days and hours. This campaign has received citywide attention as the first community-driven effort to promote affordable and equitable transportation.

The leadership of this effort has primarily come from middle and high school girls in the organization's leadership program. The GAP

program has received national recognition for its innovative and effective model for building the leadership of low-income girls and girls of color by engaging them in community building activities.

We are celebrating the many exciting events of this year, including: our transition to independence; the success of our Public

Transit Equity Campaign; this year's dynamic graduates of the Girls in Action for Power program; and Sisters in Action for Power's continued efforts to address social and economic injustice" said Amara Perez, Exec. Dir. Keynote speaker for the event was State Senator Avel Gordly who discussed the importance of girls' leadership.

(Below) Terenie Faison, Darlene Lambo's, Sheneva Jackson, Shurnice Davis, Shalanda Holiman, Lakata Logan, Sabrina Jackson, Amara Perez
(Left) Shurnice Davis, Shalanda Holiman, Terenie Faison, Sabrina Jackson

