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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Water Conservation workshop

Tuesday, December 14, Peninsula Park Community Center 700 N. Portland Blvd. 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Parenting Teens

Positive Discipline, Betsy Davenport, instructor. Saturday, December 11, 9 am to noon. \$30 indiv, or \$35 for 2 adults, same home.

Pioneer Square

Salvation Army Kettle Kickoff: Soup on the Square Wednesday Dec. 1 11:30 am Downtown Portland, OR up to 4,000 bowls of soup, fresh rolls and hot coffee will be served; sponsored by NW Natural, Franz Bread and Boyd Coffee; admission is one can of food or donation of \$1 or more; 223-1613; handicapped access.

In Situ Portland

Fueled by a long-standing desire to increase opportunities for temporary outdoor art installations in Portland, the Regional Arts & Culture Council (RACC) announces in situ PORTLAND, a three-year pilot program. In situ PORTLAND is designed to bring challenging temporary artworks into the public realm to serve as catalysts for dialogue about art and community issues. Three \$7,500 projects will be funded annually. Artists and artist teams are invited to submit proposals by Monday, December 6. For more information, contact Kristin Calhoun, Public Art Manager at 503/823-5401.

NCNM Natural Health Clinics

The National College of Naturopathic Medicine is now offering its "20/20" college student healthcare package to all Portland area college students. Now, students can go to NCNM's three primary locations for only \$20 a visit, and get a 20% discount on all natural medicinal purchases during teaching visits. For more information, call 503/499-4343, ext. 1116.

Red Hot Mamas

On December 2nd, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM, the Red Hot Mamas, who recently heated up Times Square, with the unveiling of the first ever menopause billboard, "The New Face of Menopause," will be bringing a "hot flash" to Portland. PRIME PLUS/Red Hot Mamas, the nation's largest menopausal management educational organization are jump-starting a chapter in Portland via an informational and educational forum at the YWCA of Greater Portland, sponsored by Healthy Woman, soy menopause supplement. The event will be at the YWCA of Greater Portland, located at 1111 SW 10th Avenue.

Christmas Fantasy Trail

Take a walk through a lighted, wooded trail decorated with thousands of lights Christmas tree, cedar boughs, swags and holly are for sale, and refreshments are available; 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays; Wenzel Farm, 19754 South Ridge Road, Oregon City. 631-2047; adults \$3, ages 12 and younger \$2.

Rosemont school re-development proposals available at public openhouse

What: A Request For Proposals was issued in August 1999 for redevelopment of the seven-acre Rosemont School site at 597 N. Dekum St. in the Piedmont neighborhood. Proposals were due at PDC on November 19 and four were received.

The proposals will be showcases at an open house/public display at the Peninsula Park Community Center this Friday and Saturday. Members of the Selection Committee will be on hand to answer questions. There will also be opportunity for the public to provide written feedback regarding the proposals.

When? Friday, December 3, 1999

Where? 6-8 p.m.

Saturday, December 4, 1999
9 a.m.-5 p.m.



Peninsula Park Community Center
700 N. Portland Blvd.

Who: Four proposals for the property were submitted from the following firms:

Tom Walsh and Company

Winkler Development Corporation

Pacific Housing Advisors

ONE Company

Why: Rosemont School has sat deteriorating and vacant for several years.

The Rosemont site represents a unique opportunity for the city in that the site is large, is near parks and is well served by transit. Its excellent, close-in location makes it a very desirable location for housing.

In April 1998 the City of Portland, acting through PDC, purchased the Rosemont site. The Villa St. Rose Convent, although not formally registered as a historic site, is considered a key neighborhood landmark by the Piedmont neighborhood.

In July 1998, PDC formed the Rosemont Planning Committee comprised of neighborhood representatives and

city officials to help lead a community process and help advise the city on future uses of the property.

For more information, contact: Julie Rawls, PDC, 823-3294

The National Conference for Community and Justice

The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) is a non-profit, non-sectarian, human relations organization founded in 1927 as the National Conference of Christians and Jews, with the goal of reducing prejudice and intergroup conflict. The purpose of the conference has been summarized as "striving for a workable pluralism." For 70 years, NCCJ has implemented programs that have dealt with the cutting edge of human relations' issues. The scope of work of the organization included police-community relations, interreligious dialogue, community-based intercultural dialogue, youth leadership and education, and workplace programs.

As our neighborhoods become more diverse, so do our places of worship; faith-based intercultural dialogues are tailored to meet the needs of churches that find themselves working through the unpredictability of rapidly changing demographics.

Nurella Doumitt, NCCJ's Oregon Chapter Executive Director agrees. "For over 70 years, NCCJ has built bridges. Today, with youth programming such as NCCJ's Camp Odyssey and Our World Youth Leadership Programs, we are teaching young people to recognize prejudice in all its ugliness and to confront and combat it. As our nation becomes even more diverse, this work

and the leaders who graduate from NCCJ's programming are needed more than ever."



Nurella Doumitt, NCCJ's Oregon chapter executive director.

Portland Trailblazers and Fannie Mae Foundation put finishing touches on home as part of 'Home Team' Program

Blazer Players pick up Brushes and Paint a Newly Renovated Home

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The Portland Trail Blazers and the Fannie Mae Foundation will join the northeast Community Development Corporation (NECDC) on

Tuesday, November 30 to put the finishing touches on a newly renovated home as part of the "Home Team" partnership's mission to and Northeast Portland. The Foundation's Home Team Program allows us to impact the lives of so many deserving families," said Blazers president Bob Whitsitt. Since 1994, the Home team has funded the rehabilitation of homes in Portland with \$450,000 in Fannie Mae Foundation's grants and \$55,000 from the Trailblazers' fundraisers. "Through this Home team workday with the Trail Blazers a family will soon be able to

enjoy the stability and comfort that comes from owning a home. Over the course of six years, our Home Team has funded the rehabilitation of 42 homes in neighborhoods throughout Portland. There's no question that this Home Team defines the meaning of partnership and true team spirit," said Fannie Mae Foundation president and CEO Stacey Davis Steed. This season's home team development projects in Portland are being managed by the NECDC with a \$75,000 grant from the Fannie Mae Foundation and \$15,000 from Blazer' fund-raising efforts. The NECDC

is a nonprofit community-based organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for the culturally diverse population of inner North/Northeast Portland through community development programs.

For information on the Home Team programs or the Foundation, please call (202) 274-8082 or Alex Novelliat (202) 274-8061 or visit the website at www.fanniemae.org.



From left: Colin Portmuff, Michael Harper (former Trailblazer), Alaya Wyndham, Joe Kleine (Trailblazer), and Jennifer Farland of the Fannie Mae Foundation.

'Gospel Christmas' to feature local gospel singers with symphony

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More than 100 voices culled from 19 gospel choirs throughout the region will come together to form the northwest Community Gospel Chorus for the Oregon Symphony's A Gospel Christmas, Saturday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall in the Portland Center for the Performing Arts. Charles Floyd will conduct this exhilarating evening of gospel and spiritual Christmas music. Media support is provided by KINK fm 102.

Since 1993, Floyd has conducted the annual "Gospel night at Pops" at Boston's Symphony Hall and Esplanade Pavilion and has recently conducted his "Gospel Christmas" with the Atlanta and Houston Symphonies. Also a pianist and composer, Floyd is perhaps best known for his work as Natalie Cole's arranger and conductor. Their eleven-year partnership includes such projects as the multiple Grammy Award-winning tribute to Nat King Cole entitled "Unforgettable, with Love" and the Emmy Award-winning PBS "Great Performances" concert video.

Floyd's program will feature the gospel choir singing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus and Hallelujah from "Soulful Messiah"; Floyd's own composition, "For Unto Us"; Donald Lawrence's "Heaven" featuring soprano Rene Woods; Fred Hammond's Let the Praise Begin featuring tenor John Gainer; Thomas Whitfield's "With My Whole Heart" featuring tenor Terry Davis; and "Go tell it on the Mountain." Other selections to be performed include Bach's Little Fugue in G minor and Grieg's Shepherd Boy from "Lyric Pieces" (orchestra only); "The first Noel" featuring alto Marilyn Keller; and Away in a manger featuring soprano Latish McFarland. Additional vocalists scheduled to appear include The Jackson Sisters and alto Pamela Baker.

Terry Davis will direct the Northwest Community Gospel Chorus, comprised of choir members from houses of worship as far away as Eugene.

Tickets range in price from \$18.75 to \$50 and may be purchased at the Oregon Symphony Tickets office (923 SW Washington) Monday-Saturday 9am to 5pm or charged by phone at (503) 228-1353 or (800) 228-7343. Tickets also may be purchased at all Ticketmaster outlets (790-ARTS) or through Ticketmaster on-line, via web site at www.orsymphony.org.