



Family Living



Have a safe and happy St. Patrick's Day

Looking for a home



Willie and Josiah, ages 9 and 6, are active and charming brothers who are in need of a forever family. Willie is in third grade and has made wonderful progress in school this year. He is quite a gardener and has a creative side to his personality. He enjoys drama and is noted for his good sense of humor. Josiah, who is in first grade, has a lot of energy and likes playing outside. He particularly enjoys riding his bike with his neighborhood friends. These lovable boys have experienced a turbulent past and are now ready to be with a safe, secure family. Adoptive parents will need to be nurturing, patient and capable of providing a consistent and structured homelife for these boys.

To learn more about adoption and the over 250 children who wait, please call the Special Needs Adoption Coalition at The Boys and Girls Aid society at 1-800-342-6688 or 503-222-9661 ext. 111. Agencies waive or reduce fees for the adoption of a child in state care, and financial assistance is available to help meet the child's needs. Stable single adults as well as couples are encouraged to call.

Needs of seniors topic of forum

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The Oregon Department of Human Services has scheduled a public forum on Wednesday, March 22, in Milwaukie to get input on the needs of seniors and people with disabilities.

The DHS Senior and Disabled Services Division will conduct the

meeting. SDDS Administrator Roger Auerbach and Deputy Administrator Dan Kaplan will attend the meeting.

The meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek. The site is accessible to people with disabilities. The session will focus on three main questions:

- What barriers prevent seniors

and people with disabilities from living independently in their own homes or communities?

- What actions can be taken to help them remain independent?
- What can be done to support family and professional caregivers?

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Program aims to reduce teen drinking

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program, call Amica at 800-992-6422, nation's oldest mutual insurer of ext. 2100.

Amica, founded in 1907, is the

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Amica Insurance Invites Portland Area High Schools to Enter Save the Night, National Post-Prom Party Sponsorship contest

As spring approaches, high schools across the country are gearing up for one of the most anticipated end-of-school-year events—the senior prom.

Unfortunately, prom season sometimes comes with chilling memories of celebrations turned tragic due to drinking-related driving accidents, and even fatalities. In an effort to stem such tragedies, Amica Insurance is teaming up with Portland area high schools as part of a national initiative to make prom season a safe one.

Through Save the Night, Amica's Post-Prom Party Program, Amica will donate more than \$100,000 to community high schools across the country to help fund a substance-free post-prom party. High schools in the Portland area are invited to enter the Amica Save the Night contest again this year. Principals at area high schools will be receiving a letter detailing the contest rules. To be eligible, high schools must be holding a senior prom and planning a post-prom party or post-graduation party. "Prom season should be an exciting and special time for students," said Lela R. Christensen, Amica Regional Vice President. "Amica's Post-Prom Party Program has been successful over the years in helping to make it possible for schools to plan fun activities for students that also ensure their safety."

Ms. Christensen explained that this is a "hands-on" program for Amica. In addition to the monetary donation, the company has developed materials that will help schools to organize and promote their post-prom party.

Save the Night is a safety awareness campaign supporting substance-free post-prom parties for high school students. According to a 1999 study by Drug Strategies, in 1998, one in three high school seniors reported being drunk within the past 30 days. To help prevent underage drinking after the prom, many schools now plan post-prom events that provide students with an alternative to parties where alcoholic beverages might be present. Realizing that it can be difficult to raise adequate funds to support a party that would attract a large number of students, keeping them away from alcohol and off the road, Amica helping by sponsoring its Save the Night contest.

Amica first began its Post-Prom Party Sponsorship Program in 1998 in Rhode Island. Due to its overwhelming success, the program was extended to communities across the country. For additional information about the

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Children's March and Rally

Saturday, March 18, 2000 11:00 am. Assemble at King School 4906 NE 6th Ave. March to Alberta Park NE 22nd and Killingsworth.



- Don't let your child become another below grade level statistic
- Don't let your child become a dropout
- Don't let your child miss the computer revolution

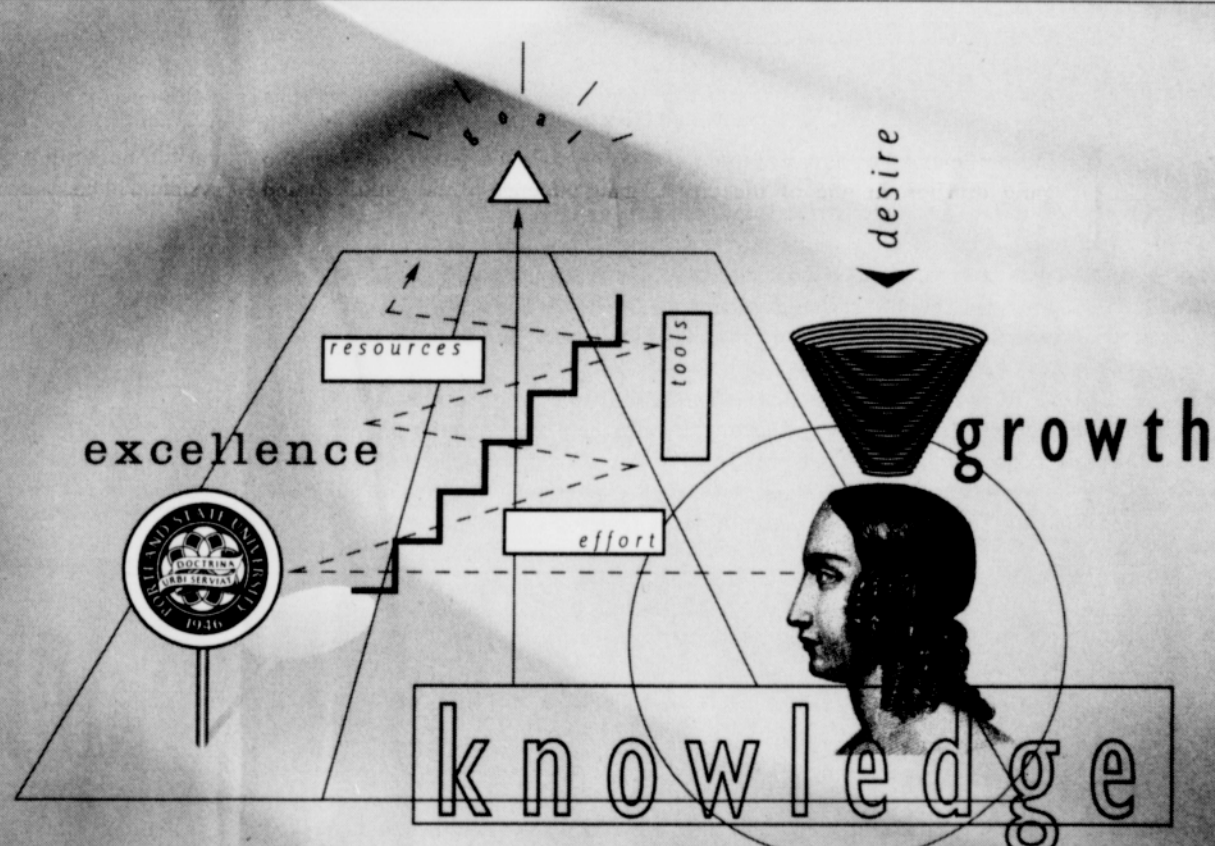
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