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Community Calendar

Easter Festivities at the Oregon Humane Society

The Oregon Humane Society will be open for business for the first Easter in its history this Easter Sunday, April 23, 2000. It will be a festive spring day at the shelter and all are invited. Throughout the shelter campus, we have hidden numbered eggs. You will receive a list of items to try to find. Holiday-related prizes will be given to those finding the most items. The hunt will take place from noon until 6 pm. There will be discounts for families wanting to adopt on Easter day they will be able to crack an Easter Egg revealing a discount on the normal \$55 adoption fee. You may get a coupon for \$50 off our adoption fee. Call 503/285-7722.

Easter Concert of Handel's "Messiah"

Two performances of "The Messiah" are scheduled at St. Mary's Cathedral at SW 18th and Couch St. on Easter Sunday, April 23 at 2 pm. and the Easter Tuesday, April 25 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are on sale at Sheet Music Service of Portland, 34 NW 8th, or reservations can be made by calling the CAE at 296-9983. Prices are \$20 general admission, \$18 seniors, and \$5 students with ID. Further information is also available at www.caeportland.com

Learn to Meditate

Learn to Meditate for free in a 2-week course offered by the Sri Chinmoy Centre. Discover how meditation can simplify your life and deepen your sense of happiness. Many techniques taught by experienced meditation teachers. The event will be held at the Portland Downtown Library on Sundays, April 23 and 30, from 1:30-3 pm. Call 503/471-1588 to register.

Alternatives to Growth Oregon

Alternatives to Growth Oregon (AGO) will hold a forum, Oregon's Choice: Endless Growth or Quality of Life, Saturday, April 15, 8:30 am. - 5:30 pm. at Portland State University. Keynote speaker will be Bill McKibben, author of "Maybe One: A Personal and Environmental Argument for Single Child Families," "The End of Nature; The Age of Missing Information," and "Hope, Human and Wild: True Stories of Living Lightly on the Earth." Registration fee (includes lunch) \$15-35. For more information, call 503/222-0282 or visit their website at www.AGOregon.org.

The Men They Will Become

Eli H. Newberger, MD, one of the leading experts on child and family development and author of the critically acclaimed, "The Men They Will Become: The Nature and Nurture of Male Character" will be in Portland for a one day seminar on April 24, 2000. The conference, which shares the title of Dr. Newberger's book, will be held at the Kennedy School in Portland, Oregon from 9 am. to 4 pm. Dr. Newberger's book explores the developmental process of building character in boys. Call 503/281-6151, ext. 12.

Run, Walk and Stand for the Earth

The city will be host to a unique celebration in observance of the 30th Anniversary of Earth Day on Saturday, April 22, 2000 at 7:30 am. The three main organizing groups, the Earth and Spirit Council, the City Repair Project and The Green House Network, have planned a series of participatory events, including a run to stop global warming, a human circle around the city of Portland, a Mardi-Gras style procession honoring the earth's myriad life forms, tree planting, and a multi-cultural ceremony and celebration at Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Volunteers to register residents to vote this weekend

• *Margaret Carter knows the power of the vote.*

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In 1984, Margaret Carter beat six opponents to become Oregon's first African-American woman to become a state representative. "We walked on lunch hours, after school and on weekends to register voters in our district and educate them about the issues," said Margaret Carter, who is now running for the state Senate against political newcomer Evie Crowell. "It was the largest cadre of volunteers from the community and different organizations I've ever seen." Carter, who served in the House of Representatives for 14 years, will be among about 100 volunteers who will walk neighborhoods in North and Northeast Portland on Saturday to register people to vote and to remind them that Oregon now votes by mail instead of residents heading to



Margaret Carter, interim president of the Urban League of Portland

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Jamie Partridge, New Party member

the polls. The theme of the walk is "Let Your Voice Be Heard." The walk begins at 10 a.m. on

Saturday at Terrell Hall on Portland Community College's campus, located on North Killingsworth Street. Walkers will receive training on how to register people to

vote and also they will be assigned neighborhoods in which they will walk.

Lunch will be served when the volunteers return to Portland Community College's Terrell Hall. State Representative JoAnn Bowman is scheduled to speak during lunch. The event is sponsored by the Portland Community College Faculty Federation and the New Party.

John Sutter of the faculty federation said voting is a matter of "govern or be governed." Jamie Partridge of the New Party said it is important to register people to vote in North and Northeast Portland because the district has the lowest voter participation rate in the state because residents may feel that the process leaves them out.

"We're going to change that," Partridge said. "We are going to give them reasons to vote." Partridge said those reasons are education funding and Margaret Carter's bid for the Senate.

The New Party's goal is to build grassroots political power.

It is a multiracial, working class organization that operates inside and outside the Democratic Party. The Portland chapter of this national organization is based in Northeast Portland.

Claudette LaVert, a longtime community activist and chapter organizer for the New Party, said there is a voice in the ballot. "If you choose not to vote, there will be silence." For more information about the walk or to volunteer, call 282-1585.

Governor Kitzhaber cuts ribbon at Standard Dairy Grand Opening

• *Grand Opening offers businesses a chance to show wares and buildings history*

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The Standard Dairy Building, located at 2808 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., celebrated its grand opening which began Thursday, April 13 and it continued through April 16.

The grand opening commenced at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 13 with statements from Metro Councilor Ed Washington. Washington spoke about the history of the building and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. neighborhood.

Guest speaker, Governor John Kitzhaber, cut the ribbon at the grand opening and toured the Standard Dairy Building.

The rest of the weekend offered grand opening specials throughout the businesses located in the Standard Dairy, including Billy Reed's Restaurant & Bar, Healthy Motion,

Metropolitan Art Studio, Sheeba House of Elegance, Talisman Gallery and Vessels.

The grand opening activities involved door prizes, contests, a fashion show and tours of the Dairy.

In honor of April being Donor Awareness Month, volunteers from the Oregon Donor Program was on hand to distribute donor cards and answer questions. In addition, Billy Reed's hosted the musical group *The Earth Tones* on Saturday.

All of the activities were free of charge throughout the weekend.

The building housed the Standard Dairy during the 1940s through 1980. The structure sat empty until 1988 when Portland developers Bill Reed and Lydia Lundberg purchased the building.

Ten years later, in 1998, Reed and Lundberg began work on the project that is now the new Standard Dairy Building. Today, the Dairy combines living, work and retail space to provide an "urban village" to Northeast Portland. The Dairy has been nominated for the Governor's Livability Award by Metro. This award honors buildings that exemplify Governor Kitzhaber's Quality Development Criteria.



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