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SECTION B

Community Calendar

2nd Annual N/NE

Community Festival at Kenton Park

If you missed it last year, the PROPER Event is returning to the historic Kenton Park for its second continued year. Experience nonstop music and performance arts showcase with poetry, storytelling, drama and dance. Enjoy food and fund with new friends, games and prizes for all. Establish relationships through the information alley for whole person healing (financial, legal, educational, mental, spiritual booths, it goes on). Call Pastor Tyrone Sampson, Director at 503/286-1488.

Picnic in the Park at Woodlawn Park

"Picnic in the Park" is a special, family-oriented, neighborhood-based event to celebrate the re-opening of Woodlawn Park in the Woodlawn neighborhood. Featuring turning on - for the very first time - of the "Splash Pad," the children's fountain located in the new playground. There will also be local music groups, basketball contests, raffle drawings, community organization information and education tables, and blacksmithing demonstration, and food booths. The event will be held on Saturday, July 1, from 11 am. to 6 pm. A dedication ceremony will begin at noontime. Call 503/813-3898.

Camp Ky-o-Wa Offers Fun for All Kids

Camp Ky-o-Wa, a summer day camp for children ages 5-11, serves children with and without disabilities. Three one-week sessions are being offered: July 17-20, July 24-27, and July 31-August 3. The camp is located at Roslyn Lake Park, near Sandy, OR. Bus transportation to and from camp is provided from Portland and Gresham. Activities include swimming, fishing, boating, trampoline, songs, field games, and many other fun activities. Cost is \$115 for residents of Portland, \$173 for non-residents. There is limited scholarship money. Call 823-4328.

Summer Tennis Camp

This summer Kids N' Tennis, Inc. will sponsor two tennis camps. One will be held at Irving Park and the other at the St. Johns Racquet Center. Both camps will offer a series of three sessions for you to select from. All sessions will start with programming running Monday through Thursday. The Irving Park camp is for beginners to advanced players (check registration form for times). The camp at St. Johns is for Tournament Players (Junior "A" and Champs). Call 503/823-3629 or 503/823-3630.

Save On Your Water/ Sewer Bills!

The summer garden season is upon us, and soon after: high water and sewer bills. Learn how to keep these bills lower by attending a free Water Conservation Workshop. We will discuss the changes in the water and sewer bill that give you more control over your bill. You will also learn how to minimize water use in the garden, how to detect leaks around your home, control your water-sewer bill, repair leaky faucets and toilets, and more. Call the Community Energy Project at 503/284-6827 with questions or to register.

The Comedic Tragedy of Macbeth

Six On Shakespeare presents "The Comedic Tragedy of Macbeth". This original comedy version of the play, found in the Bard's lost "Port Folio", follows the hilarious hijinks of the ambitiously impaired Thane of Glamis as his quest for the crown goes horribly awry. Will the most notorious and cursed play have its day? Will the brave actors survive theatrical superstitions? Find out Thursday-Saturday, July 13-August 5, 8pm. at the Miracle Theatre, 525 SE Stark. Tickets are \$10 general/\$8 students and seniors. Call 788-8558.

Portlanders look for places to cool off



Portlanders sought areas of shade and cool yesterday as temperatures reached record highs. The heating trend is supposed to continue today with highs in the mid-nineties with cooling towards the end of the week to the comfortable seventies.

Education Crisis Team tells School Board, "We can't and we won't wait."

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Monday June 26, 2000, Portland's School Board meeting was disrupted for more than an hour, by the organization called The Education Crisis Team a group of Educators, Parents and professionals, as well as representatives from all walks of life not claiming membership in the group, but concerned citizens about the business of education and accountability for low-income and students of color which included parents, members of the business community, multnomah county services, representatives of the state legislature, independent teachers and students, all with the same message "We can not and will not wait for a system that supports or purports gradualism or procrastination as a solution to remedy the documented persistent under achievement by some of our students. It was by far the best attended protest staged by the organization as they gain support for the implementation of a strategic plan that has design for results NOW. That notion was supported by the words of a hired national expert Kati Haycock, who told Portland leaders that, "Portland's plan for raising persistently low achievement by minority students is inadequate and, unless changed promptly, will consign more children to an academic

"death sentence".

The Crisis Team's primary argument seems to be, that the School Boards Strategic Plan, which incidentally was passed after the crisis team members and supporters left the Board Meeting, does not contain the immediate, comprehensive changes needed to help thousands of our children that are so terribly below grade level. These children will not be able to compete in today's world. They will only be able to compete for the lowest paying, least secure jobs in our technological society.

And thus the assertion from the crisis team, "we are not prepared to watch Portland Public Schools sentence thousands of children to a third rate education that prepares them only for a life of technological servitude. Our



children will no longer be offered up for sacrifice on altars of low expectations, ineffective instruction, no accountability and racism." The jury is out, on what the School Board will do to meet the demands of the crisis

team and it's supporters which vow that they will be a every board meeting until the Board is willing to meet their demands or implement a comparable plan. There will be...no more promises.

Walsh Construction and PDC unite to set new standards

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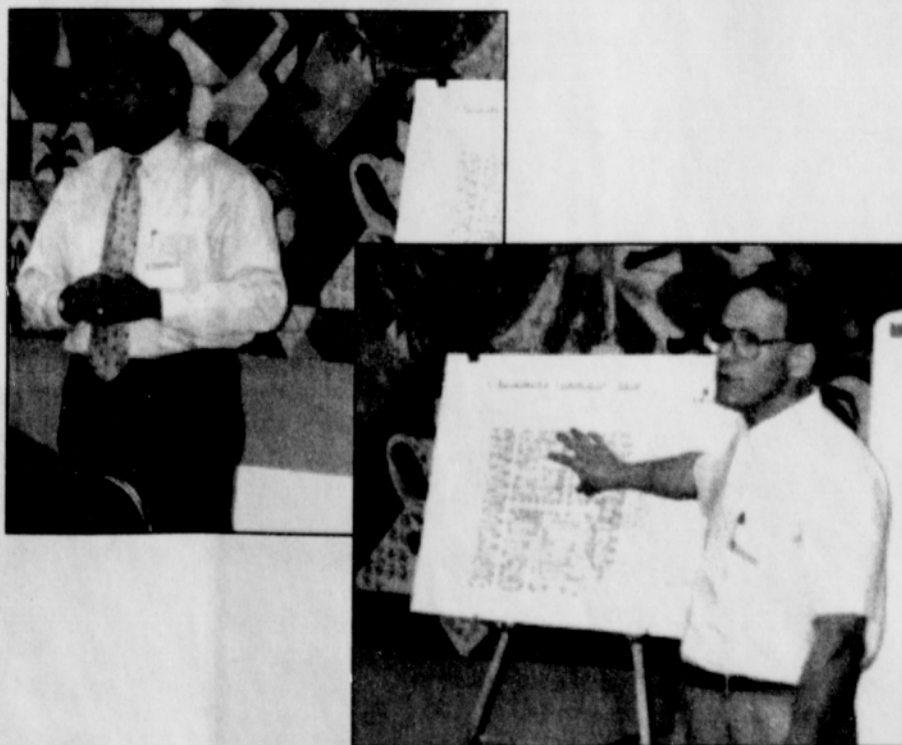
On Monday, June 26, 2000 Baruti Artharee, Dir. Of Housing for the PDC introduced the project called the "Rosemont Commons". Rosemont Commons is a 165 unit project to be constructed on 7.65 acres on the site of the Villa St. Rose, at N. Dekum Street and N. Kerby Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Construction value is approximately \$15.0 million and will occur in 3 phases during the years 2000-2002. Construction type is wood-frame, in 2,3 and 4 story configurations. Product types include single-family residences, duplexes, row-houses and large multi-family.

The existing Villa St. Rose convent will be rehabilitated and placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The project is a public-private partnership with significant public investment by the City of Portland. The owner is Rosemont Community Developers, LLC (RCD), whose members are:

- Geller Silvis & Associates, Inc.
- Northwest Housing Alternatives, Inc.
- Tom Walsh & Co.

The agreement between the Portland Development Commission (PDC) and RCD



Left: Andre Baugh, project director, city of Portland Department of Transportation. Right: Tom Walsh, president of Walsh Construction Co. partner in joint venture.

Calls for a goal of 20% participation by minority, women and emerging small businesses in contracting opportunities at Rosemont Commons. This 20% goal is expected to be accomplished as follows:

- Minority-owned firms 10%
- Women-owned firms 5%
- Emerging small businesses 5%

Prevailing wage rates will NOT apply at Rosemont Commons, except on the public Works contracts awarded by PDOT. Both union and non-union firms are expected to participate.

Oversight committee members, Tony Jones, Tyrone Henry, Lou Boston and Tom Walsh will be responsible for monthly reports to PDC and be contract compliance.

The Housing Development Center (HDC); Contractor Support Program (CSP) has partnered with Rosemont Community Developers (RCD) and the Portland Development Commission (PDC) to help minority, women and emerging construction businesses successfully secure and complete contracts on the Rosemont Commons Development.

The CSP provides technical assistance to emerging construction businesses in business management. The CSP will work

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