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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Overcome Addiction

Break the chains! Get free of addictions. Receive personal prayer for healing in a loving family environment. Come as you are. The meetings are at River of Life Church, the Melody Ballroom (6th and Alder) every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Call 503/230-1288.

Senior Adults Needed Immediately

The Foster Grandparents Program is looking for senior adults, at least 60 years old of age to help at-risk children in Washington, Multnomah and Clackamas counties. Children need positive role models to assist them with reading, developing social skills, and Clackamas counties. Children need positive role models to assist them with reading, developing social skills, and more. Foster Grandparents receive \$200 a month tax-free plus other incentives including meal and travel compensation, paid time-off, and sick leave. No experience needed. Call 503/232-0007, ext. 202.

Volunteers Needed at Cascade Head Preserve

The Nature Conservancy of Oregon invites anyone interested in preserving Cascade Head Preserve to participate in a volunteer work party taking place on Saturday, September 9. Located near Lincoln City, this spectacular coastal headland provides critical habitat for native prairie grasses, rare wildflowers, the rare Oregon silverspot butterfly and one of the few populations of the Cascade Head catchfly. Please contact Debbie Pickering at 541/994-5564 or Molly Dougherty at 503/230-1221.

Ground Breaking Ceremony

New Beginnings Christian Center will be having a ground breaking ceremony on Sunday, September 17, 10 a.m. at the new property in Gresham. There will be free carnival rides, food, music and beverages. If you are coming from Portland, head east on I-84. Take the 181st exit, then head north and turn left on Sandy Blvd. Watch for signs. Call 256-6050 for more information. The special guest will be Luis Palau.

KBOO Grateful Dead

For the last five years, Dougal Donaldson has flown up to KBOO from the Bay Area twice a year with his digital archives to broadcast KBOO's Grateful Dead Day. Dougal is moving to Europe, and this may be his last installment. Co-host Robyn Shanti (of KBOO's Dharma Wheel) will be broadcasting Dougal's selections September 17th, from noon to midnight. Tune in to 90.7 FM.

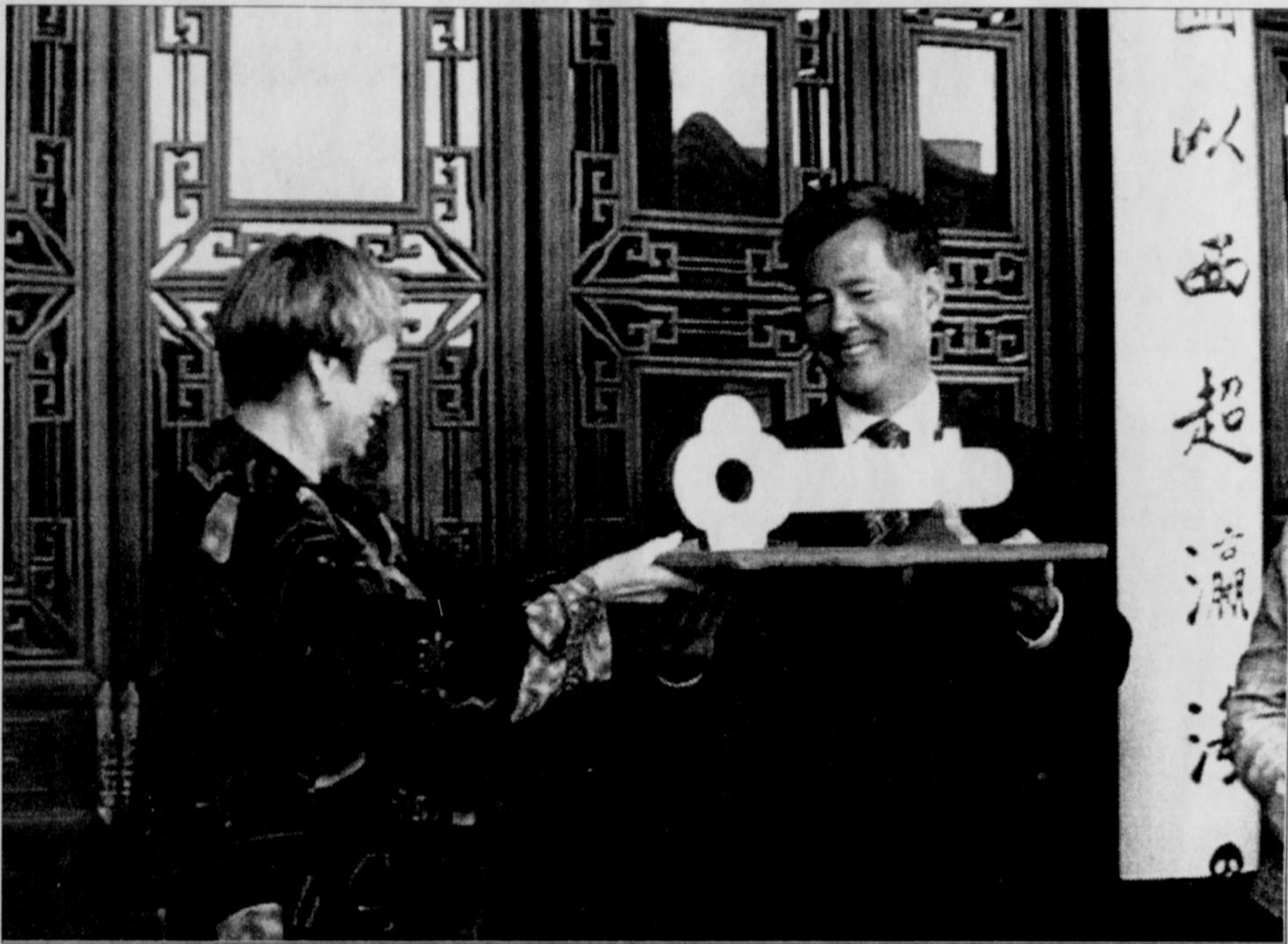
A Celebration of Courage

Everyone is invited to attend a benefit by the Children's Cancer Association called Celebration of Courage. This is to honor courageous children facing life-threatening illness. The benefit will feature live music, dancing, games, food, beverages and fun activities for the whole family. The benefit will also include a silent auction and raffle for a 2000 Mazda Miata. The event will be held on Saturday, September 23 from noon to 4 p.m. at the World Trade Center in downtown Portland. Call 503/244-3141.

Women Organize for Affordable Housing

Radical Women hosts guest speaker Remona Cowles of *Street Roots*, a local economic justice newspaper, who will report on how women are fighting against poverty and homelessness. Learn ways to join the struggle for decent and affordable housing on Wednesday, September 13, 7 p.m. at the Northwest Neighborhood Cultural Center, Lower Level, 1819 NW Everett in Portland. A Multi-Ethnic Buffet will be served at 6:30 p.m., \$6 donation. For childcare or more information, call 503/228-3090.

Classical Chinese Garden key presented to city



Mayor Vera Katz and Bob Naito accept a handcrafted wooden key from the Suzhou Classical Garden Architecture Company. The symbolic key marks the completion of the Classical Chinese Garden at NW Third and Everett. The garden's official grand opening is set for September 14.



Dick Levy and Larry Honn Kombet are the first to sign the certificate of registry at the official signing ceremony September 1.

Partners make it official

• First Domestic Registry Opens In Portland

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Multnomah County's Marriage License Section began issuing Certificates of Domestic Partnership Friday in Portland.

The registry was created in part because gay and lesbian couples are denied marriage licenses under Oregon law. The new program is designed to serve a purpose similar to marriage licenses, in that the domestic partner certificate is kept on record as an official public document. But registration does not entitle domestic partners to the legal benefits traditionally available to legally married couples.

Supporters of the registry include Mayor Vera Katz, County Chair Beverly Stein and County Commissioner Lisa Naito. To obtain the Certificate of Domestic Partnership, registrants must appear in person at the county's marriage license section in first floor offices at 501 SE Hawthorne.

They must declare that they reside together and share common necessities of life, that they are not married or registered as the domestic partner of another person in another jurisdiction; and that they are at least 18 years of age.

Domestic partners cannot be related by a blood kinship that would bar marriage. They must be mentally competent to consent to a contract, and must be each other's sole domestic partner with the intent to remain so indefinitely. In addition, the partners must pledge responsibility for each other's common welfare.

Registrants are required to pay a fee of \$60. For more information, call 988-3027.

Plans under way for NE Portland neighborhoods

BY LEE PERLEMAN
FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

A citizen committee is looking at possible future plans for four sites near Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Fremont Street.

The Fremont-MLK Vision Committee, under the guidance of the Portland Development Commission, last week reviewed seven possible development schemes for the fully or partially vacant sites on the boulevard: one each for the Grant Warehouse site between Northeast Cook and Ivy streets, one for the block immediately to the south, two for the former King Market property at Northeast Fremont Street, and three for a property on Northeast Beech Street. PDC owns the King Market site, and most of the block at the Beech site. It does not own the Grant Warehouse or adjacent property, but consultant Domic Boswell said the agency hoped to acquire both "within six to 24 months."

For the Grant property, consultant architect Don Arambula suggested building 10 townhouses with streetfront store fronts designed for "live-work" arrangements along MLK, a structure with 42 units of housing above 38 parking spaces at the east end, and a landscaped private garden court in between.

Alternately, on the block to the south, he proposed a single multi-story building with office space along MLK, 42 housing units above them, a roof garden for use by residents, and an at-grade 53-space garage accessed from Northeast Fargo Street.

Both plans for the Fremont site call for six town homes, each with two-car garages, along the rear of the site facing Northeast Grand Avenue. Both call for a commercial building at the corner, either one story tall or two. In between would be a surface parking lot containing either 20 or 23 spaces depending on the size of the corner building.

The Beech Street site is the largest, at 35,000 square feet, and the most complex. At its southwest corner are two single family homes whose owners do not wish to sell, and this is reflected in all three development schemes. Also on the block is the Muslim Community Center, 3801 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., which may or may not be incorporated into new development. It is shown as a stand-alone property on concept one.

The first concept calls for a 14,000 two-story retail-commercial structure on MLK, the second an 188,000 square foot structure taking the entire block face, the third a three-story structure with seven residential units on the third floor. All three proposals have a surface parking lot in the interior of the block, but this contains 40 space in the first concept, 63 in the second and third. The first concept calls for five town homes fronting Northeast Garfield Street at the west end; these are eliminated in the second and third concept because of the need to provide enough parking for the larger building.

The committee will discuss the concepts further at their next meeting at 6 p.m. September 5 at OAME, 4134 N. Vancouver Ave.