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"Bridging Portland's Communities"

Community Calendar

Unique Haunted Attraction

The TerrorWorld Haunted Castle is not your ordinary haunted house. This adventure at the Jantzen Beach SuperCenter has already been acclaimed as one of the best designed Halloween Haunted attractions ever created. It opens on Saturday, Oct. 13. For details, go online to www.terrorworldpdx.com.

The Great Pumpkin Chase

The third annual Great Pumpkin Chase offers adults and children a festive and safe way to celebrate Halloween while contributing to a good cause. The event will be held on Sunday, Oct. 28 and features several walks and runs for all ages. Pre-registration is encouraged. For more info., call 503-408-8303 or go online to www.bradleyangle.org.

Introduction to Northwest Mushrooms

Learn to identify common edible mushrooms. An introduction to Northwest Mushrooms will be given at the Southwest Community Center, located at 6820 SW 45th Ave. The class will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 17, from 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. and a field trip to the Mt. Hood area will follow on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 503-823-5132.

St. Charles Spaghetti Dinner

The St. Charles Church, located at NE 42nd and Emerson will be having their 51st Annual St. Charles Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner on Sunday, Nov. 4, from Noon - 6:30 p.m. Take-outs are available.

Environmental Affairs Symposium

Lewis & Clark College's environmental studies will host its fourth annual symposium on environmental affairs, Tuesday, Oct. 16 - Friday, Oct. 19 at Lewis & Clark College, 0615 SW. Palatine Hill Road. The symposium is free and open to the public.

Friends of Trees "Bowl-a-Rama"

Teams of costumed tree lovers will be "bowling for trees" as they raise money to support Friends of Trees' community tree-planting projects. Everyone is invited to participate! The event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9:30 a.m. - Noon at the AMF Pro 300 Lanes, located at 3031 SE. Powell Blvd. Call 503-282-8846, X17.

Share in the Harvest

On the evening of Saturday, Oct. 27 at the beautiful World Forestry Center, Portland's top-ranked Chefs will team up with local farmers and winemakers to combine their considerable skills to present one of the most extraordinary food and wine events in Portland history. If you would like to purchase seats/table, go online to www.portlandbridges.com/harvest/ or call Laurie Simms at 503-635-9580.

Lifeways Psychic Expo

Explore the mysteries of mind, body and spirit with over 100 of the Northwest's Finest Psychics and Retailers. Enjoy Portland's Lifeways Psychic Expo, which takes place Saturday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 14, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. at the Montgomery Park Ballroom, 2701 N.W. Vaughn. Call 541-482-3722 or visit www.LifewaysExpo.com.

Banners Over Portsmouth Honor Diversity



These four banners are the final projects created by local senior citizens and school children to honor the diversity of cultures and backgrounds in the Portsmouth and University Park neighborhoods. Each banner says "Walking Together" in English, Hmong, Russian and Spanish.

Burnadette carefully cuts the fabric on one of the banners she and her classmates designed to celebrate the cultural diversity of their north Portland neighborhood.

A section of North Lombard between Fiske and Portsmouth Street is getting a splash of color this month as bright multicultural street banners are hung on Portland General Electric utility poles.

The banners honor all the different cultures that live in the area. They are intended to enliven this retail corridor shared by the Portsmouth and University Park neighborhoods.

A neighborhood block party on Saturday, Oct. 13 will celebrate the

delightful works of civic art. The festivities will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on the lawn of the University Park United Methodist Church at the corner of Fiske and Lombard.

The party will feature live music from local bands and free refreshments. The celebration is sponsored by the Portsmouth Vision 20/20 Target Area and Office of Neighborhood Involvement.

Twenty-three banners in all will be hung over the sidewalks on

Lombard and near major crosswalks around Clarendon Elementary School and Northgate Park.

Each banner is a composite of dozens of art pieces created by local senior citizens and school children, which feature the phrase "Walking Together" in English, Hmong, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese.

"These Banners really try to honor all the different cultures that live in Portsmouth," stated Portsmouth Vision 20/20 Coordinator Cornelius

Swart. "That diversity is the strength of this community. In addition, by having these banners on this section of Lombard, which is the only part of the street with any kind of neighborhood feel, will really help to create a sense of place, for the neighborhood as well."

The banners were made possible by a generous grant from the Regional Arts and Culture Council and the support of Peninsula Community Development Corporation and Portsmouth Vision 20/20.

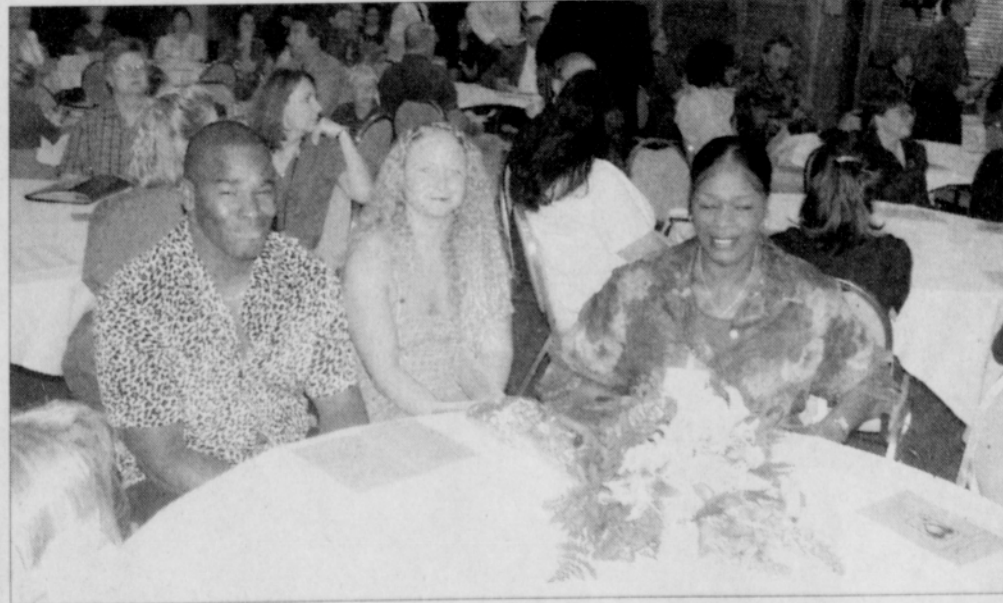
Medals Symbolize Hospital's Core Values

Twelve outstanding Providence Portland Medical Center employees have been honored for their dedication and commitment to the hospital's mission and core values of compassion, justice, excellence, stewardship and respect for the dignity of persons.

Each of the employees received the Providence Mission Medal at a recent ceremony at the medical center.

The Providence Health System mission and core values calls for continuing the healing ministry of Jesus in the world of today with special concern for those who are poor and vulnerable.

"Working with others in a spirit of loving service, we strive to meet the health needs of people as they journey through life," the mission statement reads. "We live by the Providence core values of compas-



Mary Brown (right) of Providence Portland Medical Center is one of a group of employees being honored for achievement in meeting the hospital's core values of compassion, justice, excellence, stewardship and respect for the dignity of persons. Brown's son Tony Holman (right) and friend Jocelyn Kragero, joined her during an awards ceremony.

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sion, justice, respect for the dignity of persons, excellence and stewardship."

The 2001 Mission medallists are Mary Brown, environmental services;

Alina Egerman, supportive care team; John Frasso, supply and distribution; Dr. Doug Irvine, anesthesia; Angela Langston, 4R nursing; Mike Lewis, RN emergency; Joe Paterno, O/P

physical therapy; Brenda Salsbery, RN 2G; Marsha Sharpe, nutrition services; John Thompson, security; Jane Wilson, maternity; and Becky Ziemer, medical staff/QM.

Campaign Begins for Black United Fund

The Black United Fund of Oregon is beginning its annual fundraising campaign with plans to raise more than \$400,000 to assist Oregon's low-income communities and communities of color.

Last year, the group raised \$380,000 to help 42 organizations in Oregon assist an estimated 81,000 people. The donations are awarded to nonprofit agencies in the area of education, arts and culture, economic development, human services, health

and social justice.

Michelle Weatheroy and Lewis Roberson were selected this summer to assist in the workplace-giving portion of the campaign.

Weatheroy is a student at Portland State University working on a master's degree in social work. Roberson is a member assistant at Kaiser Permanente.

The Black United Fund of Oregon began in 1983 when a diverse group of business, religious and

community leaders involved in community revitalization efforts in Portland's inner city began to address the fact that only a small portion of charitable dollars were being channeled to organizations serving the inner city population, which was comprised primarily of minority and low-income residents.

The organization has since expanded its mission to address the needs of all of Oregon's low-income communities,

NW Natural Buys PGE

(AP) — Oregon's largest natural gas company has agreed to buy the state's largest utility in a deal company officials say will keep energy rates down in Oregon over the long term.

Northwest Natural Gas agreed to pay \$1.8 billion to buy Portland General Electric from the Texas-based energy giant Enron. The deal must be approved by regulators and boards at both companies.

The transaction returns a major corporate headquarters to Oregon, after the state has seen several big companies head elsewhere. The combined company will have \$5 billion in assets.