

Rally Against Neighborhood Displacement



Sisters say communities of color hurt by 'revitalization'

More than 50 students, Columbia Villa residents and community leaders gathered at the Sisters in Action for Power office Thursday to speak out against the depletion of public housing and public schools and the displacement of long-time residents and workers in north and northeast Portland.

Sisters in Action for Power, a youth-led organization encouraging low-income girls and girls of color to take action in their communities, has begun a land equity campaign. The effort addresses the devastating effects of the "revitalization" on low-income communities and communities of color.

"This used to be a community filled with businesses, parks, daycares and community centers all run by people of color. Those were the good times when people of color had a tight-knit community," said Patti Hayes, a leader of Sisters in Action.

The group released a statement opposing the overhaul of Columbia Villa, the largest public housing facility in Portland.

According to a Sisters in Action spokesperson, the HOPE VI grant awarded to the Housing Authority of Portland will diminish the overall number of public housing units available to low-income families and sell housing to private developers.

They also called the Portland School District's selling of school land to private businesses "merely a mask for privatization and corporate dominance."

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Young women from Sisters In Action for Power organize on Northeast Alberta Street to address low-income housing issues.

'Do-Not-Call' List Registers Millions

Free service intended to block telemarketing calls

(AP)—People registered more than 10 million phone numbers with the national do-not-call list in its first four days, finally giving vent to their frustration with telemarketers.

The free service intended to block most telemarketing calls was launched Friday. At the height of the registration surge that evening, 158 phone numbers were signed up every second, the Federal Trade Commission said Monday.

"This is really a phenomenal response," said Eileen Harrington, the FTC's director of marketing practices. "There is an enormous enthusiasm and pent-up demand for this service."

About 85 percent of the numbers were registered online at www.donotcall.gov, the FTC said. On the Web site, consumers provide the home or cell phone numbers they want protected and an e-mail address to

receive a confirmation message.

People have entered another 3 million numbers online, but still need to complete registration by clicking on a link in the e-mail message, the FTC said.

People also registered by call-

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ing toll-free at 1-888-382-1222, a number available in states west of the Mississippi River. To ensure the system can handle the volume of calls, the phone number will not operate nationwide until July 7. Consumers calling the toll-free number must call from the phone they want registered.

Including unconfirmed registrations, 7 million numbers

were added Friday, 4.6 million on Saturday and 2 million on Sunday.

The FTC expects people will register up to 60 million phone numbers in the first year.

People who sign up this summer should see a decrease in telemarketing calls after the FTC begins enforcing the list on Oct. 1. The service will block about 80 percent of the calls, the FTC said.

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"You're talking about a big hit to the economy and a big hit to our industry," Mastria said. "There may be some job losses."

Exemptions from the list include calls from charities and pollsters and calls on behalf of politicians. A company also may call someone on the no-call list if that person has bought, leased or rented from the company within the past 18 months or has inquired about or applied for something during the past three months.

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College Graduate Earns Hatfield Award

Portland native Nate McCoy is one of two people that have won The Sixth Annual Mark O. Hatfield Architectural Award.

The award gives \$3,500 to recognize a fourth year college student who is a legal resident of Oregon and is attending an accredited school of



Nate McCoy

architecture. McCoy's application, essay, transcript and references were all very impressive according to the Architectural Foundation of Oregon.

McCoy, a Parkrose graduate, was an honor roll student. His high school grade point average was 3.6. McCoy is now a 4th year

student at the University of Oregon with a college GPA of 3.0.

His major is architecture and his minor is business administration. "Being the first in my family to go to college has truly been a blessing in disguise. Although it carries a lot of pressure, it compels me to stay positive and to be influential in the lives of my family and community," McCoy said in his scholarship submittal.

Downtown Mission Plans New Building

Union Gospel Mission is entering a new phase in its 76-year history by undertaking a \$5.4 million building expansion.

Plans are on the drawing board to construct a five story building on the site of two dilapidated and unoccupied buildings on the corner of Northwest Third Avenue

and Burnside.

The new structure will provide both living quarters and classrooms for residents of the LifeChange addiction recovery program, and the mission's administrative offices.

The new building, called "The LifeChange Center" will be con-

nected to an existing mission facility at 15 N.W. Third Ave. The new building will more than double the number of individuals the mission can serve.

Demolition of the old buildings is slated for the fall and construction scheduled to begin in spring 2004.