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A pair of local youth volunteer for Friends of Trees to plant a tree on North Mississippi Street.

Leaving a Wonderful Legacy

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According to Devnani, the spread of non-native shrubs is detrimental to an environment, forcing out native wildlife in search of food and shelter. Once native greens are returned, the ecological balance can be restored.

Planting trees at schools have proven to be a wise investment in kids.

"Studies have shown that students are less aggressive and more creative when they're in a natural setting. In inner city schools, this is the one chance that some students have to experience nature and plant

anything," said Rene Eyerly, school trees manager.

According to Eyerly, kids become very attached to the trees they plant, and return years later to visit the trees.

Friends of Trees has organized plantings at more than 60 living classrooms throughout the city. Its focus has now shifted to target between 10 and 15 schools with continued care for its greenery. About half of those schools are in north and northeast Portland.

Like any real friends, Friends of Trees offers support during the formative years by checking on trees and educating volunteers on

how to keep their trees growing strong.

The organization also applies for state and federal grants, and has partnerships with corporations to bring down the cost of plantings, sometimes to as low as \$15 per tree.

To participate in the Nov. 15 planting, meet at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 2727 N.E. 54th Ave. at 9 a.m. Upcoming natural area restoration plantings include the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge, Wood Village and Arata Creek.

To get involved, visit www.friendsofrees.org or call 503-282-8846.

Health Checks Offered

African American Wellness Village Saturday, Oct. 18

The African American Wellness Village is quickly approaching and that means hundreds will be coming together for a free day of health screening, free cooking demonstrations and fun. The date is Saturday,

Oct. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Blazers Boys and Girls Club on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Volunteers and professionals will provide everything from a stroke assessment, HIV testing, dental hygiene and even a body fat analysis screening. As you might know the African American population suffers a higher rate of stroke, diabetes and various forms of cancer

than other populations and this day will provide life saving information.

"We know the Wellness Village is a place many folks are tested for the first time," said Corliss McCeever, president and chief executive officer of the African American Health Coalition. "The Village is a place where many people turn their lives around. They get educated and then change their life styles."

Winters Says 'Yes' to Congress Run

(AP)—State Sen. Jackie Winters, an African American lawmaker from Salem, filed last week to run for the Republican nomination to challenge Democratic U.S. Rep. Darlene Hooley in November 2004.

Winters, who has met with President Bush at several White House events, said she wants to serve in Congress to help promote the Bush agenda.

"I want to help the president succeed in improving education, creating jobs and protecting our quality of life," she said.

Winters, 66, said she believes she has a realistic chance of defeating Hooley, who won her first U.S. House term in 1996.



State Sen. Jackie Winters

Golf Fundraiser Almost Sold Out

The third annual School of Champions Community Golf Challenge to benefit Jefferson High School's student athletes is almost sold out. The event, at Pumpkin Ridge on Friday, October 10, will help solve the continuing financial crisis faced by the school's athletic department.

"Some of our athletes can't afford the \$120 'pay-to-play' fee for each of the sports they play," said Athletic Director Marshall Haskins.

Sponsors of the Golf Challenge include Albina Community Bank, Albina Rotary Club, Friends of the Children, and SMACNA.

For reservations, donations and more information, call 503-916-5187.

Renaissance Market Building Annexed

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from 24,000 to 27,000 square feet. An existing parking lot will be completely refurbished with a new strip of green space and new landscaping. Completion of the entire project is scheduled for March.

The proposal is currently undergoing design review. City planner Ruth Selid will receive public input through Oct. 20. She can be reached at 503-823-7726, or by mail at 1900 S.W. Fourth Ave., 97201.

PCC had originally considered some arrangement for joint use of the property with the Renaissance Market, including shared use of

its parking lot.

After the market's closure last year, the college sought to buy the property from the Emmanuel Temple Full Gospel Pentecostal Church.

The African-American church purchased the market a few years earlier and embarked on a public service venture by offering affordable groceries to the community, while providing jobs and job training to the underserved and disenfranchised.

Except for design review, the college's new proposal for the building is allowed outright under the property's zoning, Selid said. The two square block site is

within the college's Impact Mitigation Plan Boundaries, she noted.

Kurt Haapala, chair of the Humboldt Neighborhood Association, said the association was aware of PCC's efforts to acquire the property.

"We could see advantages to the church staying involved and advantages to the college developing it, and we thought it best to just stay out of it," he said

As to the current plans Haapala said, "Until we see otherwise, I assume that the building will be well designed and will be a benefit to the neighborhood."

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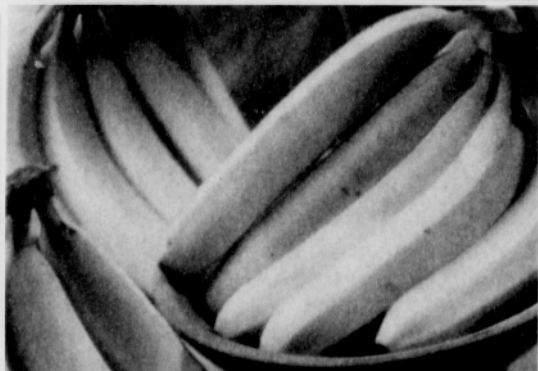
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