



Iron Workers top out new Pearl District building

About 30 members of Iron Workers Local 29 prepare to “top out” the MachineWorks Building at 1455 NW Northrup in Portland’s Pearl District on April 2. The mixed-use project, which includes four levels of Class A office space, an LA Fitness facility and three levels of parking, used 1,008 tons of steel and took seven weeks for the crew, who work for REFA Erection of Portland, to erect. The building is scheduled to be completed in December 2008. The general contractor is Skanska USA.

NW Oregon Labor Council’s recognition dinner May 31

The Northwest Oregon Labor Council hosts the 11th annual Labor Appreciation and Recognition Night Saturday, May 31, at Westmoreland Union Manor.

The dinner and awards ceremony serves as a fundraiser for Labor’s Community Service Agency, which helps union members who have been laid off, are on strike, or experiencing some type of financial difficulty.

Dinner tickets are \$10 per person. Raffle tickets also are sold for \$1 each or seven for \$5.

Through May 16, the labor council will be accepting nominations for persons to be recognized for their contributions to the labor community.

“You can recognize union members, shop stewards, service providers, whomever you feel is worthy,” said Judy O’Connor, executive secretary-treasurer of NOLC. “It’s a fun event for a good cause.”

The labor council also is accepting cash and prize donations for the raffle.

For more information or to order tickets, call 503-235-9444.

Letter Carriers’ food drive May 10

Close to 3,000 letter carriers in Oregon and Clark County, Wash., will help “Stamp Out Hunger” on Saturday, May 10, part of the annual National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive.

Prior to May 10, bags will be delivered to every household. All you have to do is fill the bag with nonperishable food items — such as canned meat, fish and soup, and cereals, pasta and rice — and leave it at your mailbox. Letter Carriers will collect the bags and deliver them to drop points, where volunteers

will sort the donations and forward them to the Oregon Food Bank.

The NALC Food Drive is the largest one-day food collection of the year in Oregon.

The food collected helps serve an estimated 192,000 people who eat meals from emergency food boxes in an average month. Of those, nearly 72,000 are children. That’s the equivalent of 160 elementary schools each month, said Rachel Bristol, OFB’s executive director.

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