

Corps of Engineers awards equal opportunity

Portland Observer Thursday, March 11, 1976 Page 3



Equal Employment Opportunity award winners (left to right) Patricia McAvoy, Leon T. Johnson, Jose Garcia, Virginia Shea, and Raymond Chang are congratulated by Colonel Clarence D. Gilkey, then Portland District Engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. They were awarded for contributions to the Corps' equal employment opportunity program.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has honored five persons for their contributions to the equal employment opportunity program at the Corps' Portland District.

Cited were Leon T. Johnson, director of youth services for the City of Portland; Jose Garcia, director of migrant education for the Washington County Intermediate Department; and Patricia McAvoy of the Grant High School work experience office.

Also awarded were Corps employees

Raymond Chang and Virginia Shea, who were honored for their work as equal employment opportunity counselors.

Corps EEO Officer Kev Collins said Johnson "has assisted the Corps of Engineers in its summer aid program, its EEO program, its training functions, community contacts, and recruiting in general." Johnson also worked for the Corps part-time as a summer aid counselor in summer 1973.

Collins said Garcia has helped the Corps' EEO program by referring job

candidates, encouraging Spanish-background students to pursue engineering careers, and speaking at a Portland District Hispanic Heritage Day fiesta last fall.

Ms. McAvoy was commended "for her special dedication and devotion to duty which has assisted the Corps in recruiting numerous young people, many of them minorities, for jobs as summer aids, stay-in-school student workers, work-study trainees, and permanent employees."

MONTGOMERY WARD CATALOG OVERSTOCK SALE

Save 26% - 94% Bargain Center Clearance Sale



SAVE 9⁹⁸
ADJUSTABLE BAR STOOL
21⁹⁷

REGULARLY 31.95
Smart, wet-look vinyl seat, urethane foam-padded, adjusts 24 to 30" H. Has steel base and chrome foot rings.

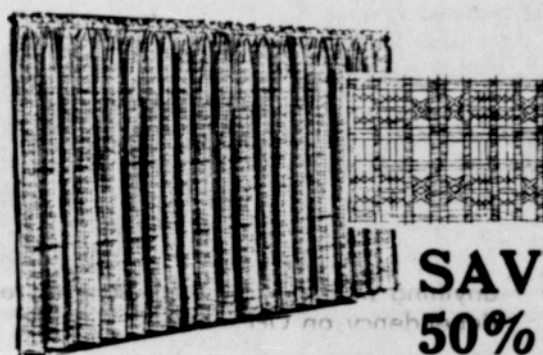


SAVE 3.41

YOUR CHOICE! WOMEN'S WEDGE SANDAL STYLES

Choose a T-strap buffalo or a punch happy sandal for Spring and Summer. Vinyl uppers, 2 1/2" wedge. In tan or white, 5 to 10. **3.47**

REG. 6.88



AIRY 60x81" POLYESTER PANEL

Open weave knit-shirt-on style. Easy to care for machine wash and dry.

17.97 size 120x80" . . . 8.97

SAVE 50%

3⁹⁷

REG. 7.97 EACH

SAVE NOW ON TRADITIONAL GLASS TABLE LAMP

29⁹⁷

REG. 46.99

Fabric covered vinyl shade with night light in base. About 35 inches tall. Amber or willow green base with light catching prisms.

BOYS LONG SLEEVE SWEAT SHIRTS NOW ON SALE

1⁹⁷

REG. 2.99

50% Creslan® Acrylic and 50% cotton sweat-shirts with raglan sleeves, knit cuffs, ribbed crew neck and bottom. Gray, white.

SPECIAL! MEN'S EASY TO CARE FOR DRESS SHIRTS

5.97

Luxurious 65% Polyester, 35% cotton shirts take a minimum of care. Superb tailoring. Solid colors, white, blue, yellow, beige.

BARGAIN ANNEX ONLY ACROSS FROM VAUGHN ST. STORE

SAVE 1/4! REG. 99 ROCKER

Floral fabric cover. Comfort! **54.97**

54.98 OFF! 39"x8" BED FOUNDATION

Extra-long twin size, great buy **9.97**

79.98 OFF! REG. 149.95 DRESSERS

Blue and white with 6 drawers **69.97**

SAVE 80 ON 7 FT. POOL TABLE

Reg. 199.99, Slate bed **119.97**

SAVE 174! Reg. 654.95 REFRIGERATOR

Frostless with water dispenser **479.97**

SOME ITEMS: Scratched, dented, slight freight damage, one and two of a kind. Subject to prior sale. No phone or mail orders please!

Just say, "Charge It!"

MONTGOMERY WARD

VAUGHN ST. STORE
27th and N.W. Vaughn
Open Mon. and Fri. 9:30-9PM
Sun. 11-5; Other Days, 9:30-5:30

BARGAIN ANNEX
Across st. from Vaughn St., store
Open Mon. and Fri. 9:30-9PM
Sun. 11-5; other days, 9:30-5:30

WALNUT PARK STORE
Union Ave. at Killingsworth
Open Fri. nite, 9:30-8:00
Sun. 11 to 5; other days, 9:30-5:30

Court accepts Black's redistricting plan

A federal District court ruling on February 26, 1976, accepting a redistricting plan drawn by Black plaintiffs in a Marietta, Georgia case, could have dramatic effects Southwide if used as a model for action against racial gerrymandering which denies political representation to minorities, according to the Voter Education Project, Incorporated (VEP).

"The court-approved redistricting plan for political subdivisions which had been gerrymandered in Marietta is a long-awaited answer to the petitions of Black people who have been unlawfully denied representation," said John Lewis, executive director of the Voter Education Project. "The Marietta case demonstrates that local citizens can organize and achieve redress of such grievances and inequities and that's a lesson we can pass on to minorities in hundreds of similarly situated local municipalities throughout the South," said Lewis.

In a ruling for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia,

Atlanta Division, Judge Charles A. Moyer, in effect approved a redistricting plan submitted by Donald P. Edwards, attorney for local Black plaintiffs who began their court challenge three years earlier. The same court had earlier ruled in favor of the plaintiffs that the existing city council ward boundaries unlawfully excluded minority political representation.

Stanley Alexander, VEP's research director who provided the local plaintiffs with consultation in preparing both the court action and the redistricting plan, asserted that the Marietta case should serve as a warning to the "hundreds of racially malapportioned municipalities in the South and especially those local governments which have consistently refused to comply with provisions of the Voting Rights Act."

One of the local plaintiffs, Hugh Grogan, pointed out that the Marietta decision means that Blacks need not be in a majority in a city or town to achieve

equality in political representation. "Blacks in Marietta constitute only about fifteen to sixteen percent of the population," Grogan states, "but now, after all these years of work and waiting, we finally have a situation where it is not virtually impossible for a Black candidate to be elected to public office."

"We have achieved our rights only because we, as a local community group, pressed the issue and shouldered the burden of our own defense," said Grogan. "Our efforts were helped immeasurably by the willingness of the Voter Education Project to provide research and technical assistance and by the close cooperation of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund."

The Voter Education Project is a nonprofit organization which promotes minority political participation in the eleven southern states from Virginia to Texas. Its programs include citizenship education, voter registration, research, technical assistance and leadership development.

Los Angeles anti-bus rule called cheap politics

Passage of an anti-bussing resolution by the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education has been labeled "an insult to the California State Supreme Court and a cheap political gimmick" by the Regional Director of the West Coast Region, NAACP.

Mrs. Virna M. Canson, Regional

Director, decried the action of this Board and expressed shock that it was initiated by liberals on the Board.

The measure, initiated by Kathy Brown Rice and Howard Miller, states: "Now therefore be it resolved by this Board that there be no compulsory bussing of students in the Los Angeles

Unified School District."

The resolution passed the Board on a four to three vote: Voting for the segregationist measure were: Kathy Brown Rice, Howard Miller, Julian Nava and Phil Bardos. Voting against were: Dianne Watson, Dr. Bob Doctor, President of the Board and Richard Rerrara.

Mrs. Canson said, "This action is shocking. It is difficult to understand how a professor of law, a lawyer and officer of the court could stoop to cheap politicizing of the bussing issue to exert public pressure on the State Supreme Court."

"Los Angeles Board of Education is a defendant in a case now pending before the California State Supreme Court. Crawford vs. Board of Education was heard before this high court on January 6th. Mrs. Canson commented on the affirmative vote of Board member Julian Nava."

She said, "This vote is particularly sad. The Black minority's historic struggle has been directed to righting the wrongs through the courts and the legislature. Education is the cornerstone of this struggle. The Black struggle has laid a legal foundation which undergirds the fight being waged by other minorities and women."

"It is a disservice to the struggle for minority politicians especially to appease the racists."

Canson concluded, "This Board which governs the largest school district in California, has thumbd its nose at the courts."

Rangel asks investigation of Nixon China trip

Congressman Charles B. Rangel (D-N.Y.) has urged an investigation by the General Accounting Office into the use of public funds to finance former President Richard M. Nixon's recent trip to the People's Republic of China.

Rangel, in letters sent to the directors of the General Accounting Office and the General Services Administration, requests an investigation and report concerning government expenses incurred because of Nixon's trip.

"Mr. Nixon's trip was clearly not an official mission on behalf of the people of the United States," Rangel said. "Yet an untold amount of taxpayers' money was spent to provide a number of services for

Mr. Nixon and his party on this private excursion."

"The American people have a right to know how much of their money is being spent to provide luxuries to Nixon as a private citizen travelling abroad on unofficial business."

Rangel, who represents the Harlem, East Harlem and Upper West Side areas of New York City, said that given the fiscal austerity program we are currently experiencing, there was no rationale for any government expenses related to the China visit, regardless of any briefings Nixon might provide the Ford Administration on his meetings there.

Tax information available

Is your youngster in a child care program so that you can work? You may be able to deduct some or all of the cost from your income tax. But you have to itemize your deductions. For more information and the form you will need, call the Internal Revenue Service at 221-3960.

If you've recently made a major purchase, like a car or a boat, you know what a severe dent it can make in your budget. But, if you itemize deductions for income tax, you might be able to get some of that cost back, notes *Consumer News*, the newsletter from the Office of Consumer Affairs. You can deduct the sales tax that you paid on this purchase,

as well as the sales tax specified in the tax table.

If you made a purchase last year and got a rebate, don't include it as income on your income tax. *Consumer News*, the newsletter from the Office of Consumer Affairs, says that the Internal Revenue Service considers this a discount on the price rather than income.

For information on a variety of consumer topics, send for a copy of the *Consumer Information Index*. Published quarterly by the Consumer Information Center of the General Services Administration, a free copy of the Index is available from the Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

DEQ center moves

A DEQ clean air test mobile unit has closed operations at Lloyd Center, but the unit will reopen behind the Gateway Shopping Center at 99th and N.E. Multnomah on March 15th. The unit will operate seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Two other mobile units continue to operate: one at Washington Square (south end) and the other at 13900 S.W. Pacific Highway, Tigard. Permanent positions are located at:

- 4621 N.W. St. Helens Road.
- 18345 S.E. Stark.
- S.E. 90th and Powell.
- 32nd and Harrison, Milwaukie.
- 625 S.W. Oak Street, Hillsboro.

All permanent stations operate from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven days a week.

The latest information on vehicle inspection locations is on a recording at 229-6234.

Contract Management Association Inc.

PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Servicing businesses and Professionals who wish to grow
Special emphasis on minority businesses and Professionals

Counselling, Implementation Processes
and Technical Assistance

288-8469

3933 N.E. Union Portland, Oregon