

# Banquet honors AMA programs

Kay Dean Toran, State Director of Affirmative Action, will be the guest speaker for the Albina Ministerial Alliance and its Programs Annual Banquet, Sat. May 14, 1983, 6:00 p.m. Dishman Community Center, 77 N.E. Knott St. The 1983 theme is, "If We Don't, Who Will?"



KAY TORAN

Mrs. Toran is a Portland native, and a graduate of Washington High School, University of Portland, (B.A. Psychology, Sociology & Philosophy) and Portland State University (Masters of Social Work).

Although she has spent time abroad in Germany, most of her time and service have been given to and for the people of her home (Portland, Oregon). In August, 1979, Ms. Toran was appointed by Governor Atiyeh as Director of Affirmative Action for the State of Oregon. In this role she serves people throughout the state.

Albina Ministerial Alliance chose Ms. Toran as their guest speaker because of her wide range of community involvement with grassroots programs and organizations.

Albina Ministerial Alliance (AMA) began approximately 50 years ago as an all-black ministers organization. Its primary purpose was to strengthen one another through brotherly fellowship. As time passed the organization grew stronger. Realizing that there are many members but only one body the Alliance opened its arms to clergy of all races.

In 1964 the organization became very active but was not officially incorporated until 1971. Because of its concern and commitment to the spiritual, social and economic enrichment of those who live and work in the community, AMA's goals became the following:

1. To create an interracial ecumenical atmosphere and fellowship within the greater Albina Community.
  2. To provide direct spiritual guidance and social assistance to needy persons whenever possible.
  3. To initiate and operate programs and give support to community organizations that operate programs and projects which enhance human dignity as well as spiritual and social renewal.
  4. To develop and execute educational programs and experiences to meet the needs of pastors, ministers and lay persons in carrying out their Christian mission, and to support and endorse other educational programs and institutions that have as their objectives the intellectual, social, moral and spiritual development of our citizens.
  5. To receive, disburse and distribute funds from religious bodies, public and private agencies, foundations, associations, individuals and other lawful groups.
  6. To exercise all the rights and responsibilities allowable under the non-profit status that relates to this corporation.
- Family Day and Night Care, Headstart, Northeast Cornerstone and Community Kids are positive results of Albina Ministerial Alliance's commitment.

Originally funded through a HUD grant under the sponsorship of Metro 4-C in December 1970, the Family Day and Night Care program became part of AMA in October, 1971. Program coordinators helped home providers get ready for state certification and certified the home; helped link parents needing care with providers; gave training and technical assistance to care givers; offered toys, games and equipment for loan from a resource library; and provided

several work, nutrition and health services. The cost of child care was paid to the providers using federal and local funds. At this time the program also paid child care fees to providers who received state subsidies. The program served over 360 children in 100 day care homes.

Over the years, despite changes in program, the AMA Family Day and Night Care overall goal has remained the same — to enable parents to become self-sufficient by providing support services to the families and day care providers in a manner that enhances and strengthens family life as well as promotes the healthy development of children in care.

To reach this goal, AMA Family Day and Night Care provides the following services: monthly family day care newsletter; training upon request; community education and resources listings; information and referral; toys, books and equipment through our resource center; matchmaking or placement for private clients; assist parents to obtain subsidies for child care; sponsorship of USDA Food and Nutrition Reimbursement program; PARENTS Cooperative Network; technical assistance in the areas of: fiscal problems, nutrition, assistance with interpretations of correspondence, day care provider insurance; and tax preparation for family day care providers, elderly & low income persons.

The Northeast Cornerstone Project (NECS) is an employment and education program primarily for neighborhood youth. Currently in its fourth year of operation, the project is enjoying its second year of AMA sponsorship.

The NECS Project endeavors to provide appropriate employment and education opportunities for neighborhood youth. The project is based upon a belief that good work and education habits are key elements that will greatly enhance the quality of life for our young as well as increase their chances for success as adults.

Past efforts of the project have demonstrated that positive work and education ethics are achievable. Employment is directed at projects that will improve the general appearance of the community, and benefit community members as a whole.

Plans are currently underway for a new center that is to be located at 4728 NE Union Ave.

Community Kids Inc. is a community based program. It is the goal of this program to create, identify and support programs through

which educational, social and economic enrichment can be provided to those who need it. The program designs specific activities to speak to the needs of particular groups within the community. Most activities occur during summer and are not year round. The group is presently in its third year of existence.

Objectives for the program include, providing students with positive role models, instilling in students a more positive outlook on life, providing an opportunity for students to expand their physical and mental skills, to demonstrate to students the similarities shared in common with other students and to help students improve basic skills in academic areas (reading, writing, arithmetic). The program is geared to serve students throughout the Portland Metropolitan area who are age 12-18. A primary focus is on those students involved in athletics who pursue the athletic dream of NBA, NFL and other professional sports without preparation in academics and without any consideration for the other options life has to offer.

Organizers of this group include: J.W. Friday, Veti Simington, Ray Leary and Tony Hopson. Other involved community leaders include Paul Cocely, Herb Cawthorne, Rev. John Garlington, Greg Brown, Dr. Ernest Herzog and Rodney Smith.

Community Kids came under the Albina Ministerial Alliance umbrella June, 1982.

The AMA Head Start Program serves 200 children from three through five years of age in nine centers in North, Northeast and Southeast Portland.

A full day, full year, head start program is provided for children of parents who are employed or in training and who meet Head Start income guidelines. Educational activities such as reading readiness, concept understanding and numbers are provided along with cultural and recreational activities.

A central staff of seven coordinate intake, social and health services. Parents participate in all phases of the program.

## Street Beat

by Lanita Duke and Richard Brown

This week our question dealt with fiscal responsibility. We went into the streets with, "Other than Multnomah County, what other resources could the public libraries tap into for funding?"



Cherly Martin  
Housewife

"I really appreciate the libraries. If they were closed, I don't think I could afford to utilize the services. I don't think others should have to pay, either. With all the taxes we pay, they should somehow manage something."



Val Roodhouse  
Student/Waitress

"The money should come from the people. They are the ones who should pay. For those who cannot afford it, the money should come out of the system."



Eugene Jackson  
Retired

"The money should come out of the system. And if they don't have it, the money should come from the patrons."



Sharon Jones  
Housewife

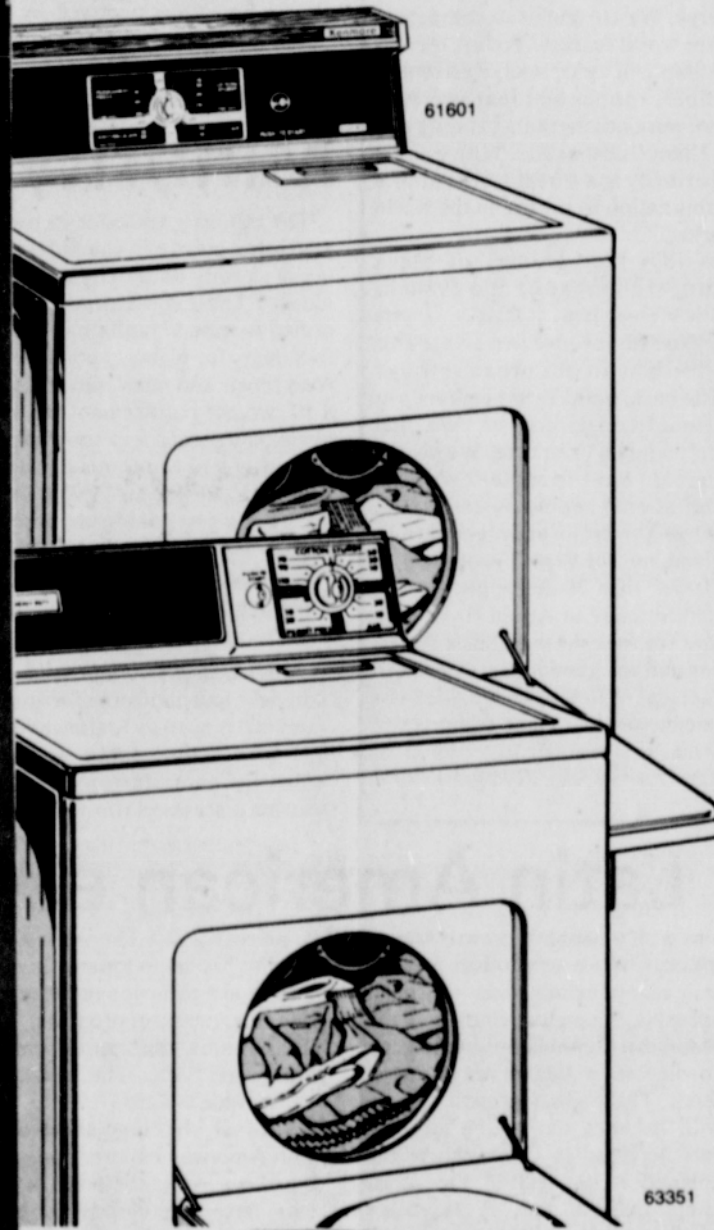
"We need our libraries. We pay into the system and that is where the money should come from."



Stevia Moir  
Dental Receptionist

"The state has the responsibility for supporting the public in that area. They are a necessity. I've noticed in this area (N.N.E.) they are closing fast."

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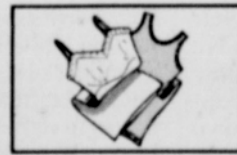
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## Albina cut Libraries cut hours

The Library Board has announced the following cuts in Library services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1983. Hours of service in 4 branch libraries, Albina, Sellwood, Capitol Hill and Gregory Heights, will be cut in half. The Library bindery will be closed permanently. Janitorial services will be contracted for the Central Library and the Extension Building. The Library's ability to buy new books will be reduced. Nineteen full time positions will be eliminated.

The Library's operating budget will be \$5,150,000, a decrease of \$536,000 from the July 1, 1982,

operating budget of \$5,686,000.

The Library Board has authorized a one-time expenditure of \$500,000 to supplement the County allocation of \$4,650,000 and to minimize cuts in Library services. It is the wish of the Library Board to maintain services at the highest possible level during the next fiscal year while considering long range plans to improve funding for the Library.

The Library Board appreciates the concern and the active support shown by the Friends of the Multnomah County Library and the public during the budget process.

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