

Year Round Market Plan on Union Avenue

By Jerry Garner

Terri's Fresh Fish & Seafood, located at 3225 N.E. Union Avenue, is planning to lease space on its property to vendors. The vendors will sell produce and food stuff.

"We are trying to enhance the Northeast community and help individuals start their own businesses," said Mattie Ann Callier-Spears, Manager/Operator of Terri's. Callier-Spears says she has always loved cooking and selling fish. "My mother used to have a fish business in New Orleans." She sold fish and potato salad to men on the waterfront, so the business comes natural to me.

Terri's started off as a fish vending operation in the now default open air "Farmer's Market," which was made possible with the aid of a grant from the City of Portland/Portland Development Commission. Callier-Spears said for some reason the majority of the vendor's disbanded (probably due to lack of business).

"So we decided to purchase the lot where the open air market was located." "Once this was done, we ran into difficulties." "We could no longer sell fish as a vendor in a booth on the outside because we were on our own property," said Callier-Spears.

Terri's was then moved across the street at its present location. Callier-Spears stated that business became relatively good after the move. "We got the idea to rent booths to vendors on our property," said Callier-Spears. In all there will be 11 booths. One of



Mattie Callier-Spears, operator manager of Terri's Fresh Fish and Seafoods. Photo by Richard J. Brown

Callier-Spears long-range goal is to have an open air market that will be open 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

Callier-Spears said it is important that the vendors flourish. "We can become positive role models for children living in the Northeast. Instead of seeing prostitutes and pimps, they can witness individual business people earning an honest living," said Callier-Spears.

Terri's has been in operation since the latter part of January. The fish market offers a wide variety of seafood. "Our prices are competitive and we accept food stamps," said Callier-

Spears.

Terri's also operates a fish truck. The service is fashioned after an old concept when fish vendors drove through neighborhoods selling fish from the truck. The fish truck operates through designated areas of Northeast Portland.

Another service Terri's will soon offer is "U Buy, We Fry." The fish market has received approval from the Department of Agriculture to cook fish for their customers. Under the plan, customers will select a fresh fish of their choice, whole, and have it fried while they wait. The service is take-out only.

Multi-Ethnic Dinner and Dance

The Rainbow Coalition is hosting the second annual Multi-Ethnic Dinner and Dance June 1, 6-11 p.m. at the Pine Street Theater, 221 SE 9th. The dynamic soul sisters singing group The Strawberry Gamblers, backed up by Dee Wiggins and the Velvet Band, will provide musical entertainment.

The proceeds from the event will go to promoting quality health care at home and abroad. Funds will be used for the ongoing work of the Rainbow's Health Care Task Force, to aid the work of the Black Women's Health Network and to support the La Union Hospital project in El Salvador.

Tickets are \$5-10 sliding scale for adults and \$2 for children under twelve. Activities for children provided. Tickets available at: House of Sound, Music Millennium East and West, Looking Glass Bookstore, and Laughing Horse Bookstore.

For information call Maceo Pettis 236-0273.

Volunteers Wanted

The Clackamas Women's Services is recruiting volunteers to provide services for victims of domestic violence. Volunteers will provide advocacy and transportation for victims, answer crisis calls and provide peer counseling, provide child care for victim's children or help with program support services such as fund raising or clerical work.

Volunteer training will begin early in June.

Interested people can call Clackamas Women's Services at 656-5020 or write to them at P.O. Box 22547, Milwaukee.

Fallout Carries Low-level Risk, Doctors Say

By Bob Luthian

Pregnant women and children should not drink milk until radioactive iodine 131 content returns to pre-fallout levels, a group of local physicians recommended Thursday.

Powdered and condensed milk should be substituted for fresh milk for approximately four weeks due to contamination from the Soviet nuclear accident at Chernobyl, Portland Physicians for Social Responsibility said at a Press conference.

The local chapter of the national organization of doctors and scientists critical of nuclear power and the arms race also recommended that the Oregon State Health Division continue to monitor the fallout. As long as readings remain higher than normal, the group said, people should not drink rainwater, wells should be covered, and vegetables should be washed well.

The precautions are necessary due to uncertainty about the health risks of low-level radiation, said Dr. Karen Steingart, M.D., M.P.H., founder of Portland Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Steingart praised the Health Division's radiation monitoring, but said the division's reassuring public statements skirted the problem of low-level risk. The Health Division says that milk is safe, but Steingart took exception.

"There is no safe level of radiation," she said. "Terms such as harmless," "safe," and "acceptable" are misleading. Any increase in exposure carries with it an increased risk of an adverse health effect, most commonly cancer."

Even "normal background" radiation may be responsible for some "normal" cancers, Steingart said.

"We don't want to alarm, the risks are small," she said about the "very low" levels of additional radiation measured in Oregon due to the Russian fallout.

But Steingart cautioned that although the risk to an individual from a low level of exposure is very low, in a large population the same low level of radiation is bound to affect many people.

Unborn babies and children are especially susceptible, she said. Growing children, for example, incorporate iodine into the thyroid gland at high rates, and radioactive iodine 131 is suspected of causing cancer of the thyroid.

The radioactive iodine reaches children through milk. It falls with rain onto grass, which is eaten by cows, who then pass it into their milk in concentrated form.

"If you drink milk for a week, what effect would that have? It's a question of cumulative effect on the body," said Dr. Rudi Nussbaum, PSU member and professor of physics at Portland State University.

Nussbaum called on the Health Division to report the cumulative effects of the fallout.

"It's the kind of fallout which increases cancers 20 years down the line," said Portland internist and PSR member Dr. Charles Grossman. According to Grossman, "A few more cancers in our society," including leukemia, will likely result from the fallout, but he said it was impossible to give an exact estimate.

The PSR members recommended that extensive studies be conducted to

determine the effects of low doses of radiation on the population near the accident site at Chernobyl.

Portland Physicians for Social Responsibility began in 1980, and has grown to 525 members, including 360 physicians, according to a spokeswoman for the group. Steingart said the national organization is affiliated with a similar group of doctors and scientists in Russia.

"As physicians, scientists and members of the world community, we express our deepest sympathy to peoples in the Soviet Union and neighboring countries," Steingart said.

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