

McCoy Unveils Creative Swap

Promising to unveil her complete blueprint for the next four years of Multnomah County government within the next two weeks, Gladys McCoy, candidate for Multnomah County Chair, today disclosed a unique swap for improving law enforcement and corrections in Multnomah County.

"This proposal makes good economic sense and it moves us two steps closer to the completion of the Urban Services Agreement between Portland and Multnomah County," McCoy said. "I am dismayed to see both the City of Portland and the County Commissioners waffling on the completion of Resolution A."

Resolution A, passed in 1983 while McCoy served as County Commissioner, provides for the County to take over human services and corrections while the cities are given the responsibility for municipal services.

The swap McCoy suggests is that the County take over the management and funding of the Youth Service Centers. The swap would also transfer to the City of Portland all law enforcement responsibility for the County, west of 181st Avenue. That portion of the County east of 181st would be patrolled by Gresham and Troutdale on a contractual basis.



Currently, the Portland City Council has stalled the transfer of the Youth Service Centers, under the conditions which the County has requested. Those conditions require continued City of Portland funding. However, the City of Portland has ceased patrolling unincorporated areas of Multnomah County because of its cost to the City.

"Sheriff's patrol costs range about \$2,000,000 and the City's expense for the Youth Service Centers is near \$1.3 million dollars," McCoy stated. "Of course, it will be necessary to reach agreement over other funding costs for the two East County cities to patrol outside their incorporated areas."

To meet the need to bring the East County Youth Service Center up to the level of service of the five Youth Service Centers in the City, McCoy suggested that it is time for Gresham to pay its fair share, since it is now a city of more than 40,000 people. Thus, she believes, a very reasonable contract ought to be worked out between Gresham and the County, in return for the County's major effort to upgrade the East County Youth Service Center which primarily serves the Gresham community.

McCoy called upon both City Commissioners and the Board of Multnomah County Commissioners to resolve this stalemate, given the importance of the Youth Service Centers, which form the early intervention foundation of our corrections system. McCoy said her "Blueprint for County Government" would give Sheriff Fred Pearce much more to do rather than less. The Sheriff would be given responsibility for the centralized coordination and management of the County's entire corrections programs. She added that an effective solution to the patrol question needs to be reached so that a transition can effectively take place by July 1, 1987.

Tools of Parenting

Tools to help parents raise healthy children will be shared by a nurse who is also a mother at a new community class sponsored by St. Vincent Hospital and Medical Center. It will be held Tuesdays, October 7 through November 11, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the hospital's Health and Lifestyle Center, 11640 S.W. Parkway.

The program is designed to give parents tips on raising children who have high self-esteem, confidence, respect for themselves and others, and a sense of responsibility. Grandparents are also encouraged to attend the class.

Course fee, including a text, is \$70 for couples or \$40 for a single participant.

To preregister for the parenting class, persons may drop by St. Vincent's Health and Lifestyle Center weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., or send in a registration form and the class fee.

For more information, call Jill Jaccard, press relations officer, at 291-2225.



John and Thelma Sylvester

Couple Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Loved ones came from thousands of miles away to shower John and Thelma Sylvester with much deserved love and praise as the Portland couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary a few months early.

The proud couple was married on December 27, 1936, in Bastrop, Louisiana. They moved from the cotton fields of the South to start a new life for themselves and their young ones.

"When you get older and become an adult, you can finally see how a stable home life can contribute to the quality of a person's upbringing," said Verlean Willis, one of the Sylvesters' four children. Willis came to the Portland reunion from Denver, Colorado, with two of her three sons.

"I can definitely say that living in the Sylvester home has made me a better person," she said, "and that has helped me in raising my three boys. I just feel that I am an awfully lucky person," Willis said.

The week-long reunion was capped off by a program of celebration at the Vancouver First Avenue Baptist Church. The program, which was attended by relatives and friends of the golden anniversary pair, included recollections, song and a renewal of vows by the Rev. O.B. Williams, pastor of the church.

Both John and Thelma Sylvester have been active at First Avenue Baptist, him serving as a deacon and she working for the benefit of the church in many areas.

John Sylvester worked at both the Crawford and Daughtery Foundry and St. Vincent Hospital for over 25 years. Thelma Sylvester worked at Meyer and Franks.

John is a member of Evergreen Lodge No. 2000 under the jurisdiction of M.W. St. Joseph Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M. of Oregon, and Worthy Parson of Lily of the Valley Chapter, O.E.S. Thelma is Grand Worthy Matron of Mt. Olive Grand Chapter, O.E.S.

Those family members in attendance were their four children: Dorris L. Brown of Inglewood, California; Verlean S. Willis of Denver, Colorado; John H. Sylvester, Jr. of Houston, Texas; and Denise LeCour of Thornton, Colorado; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Free Concert/Open to Public

The University of Portland's Cultural Arts Board presents the Portland Opera Players in an evening of music and fun Monday, September 29, at 8 p.m. in Buckley Center auditorium.

"Let Us Serenade You" is a delightful concert featuring music from such works as Porgy and Bess, Kismet, Carmen and Der Rosenkavalier. The six singers change costumes during the performance, and a narrator sets the scene for each musical selection in a way that recalls Vaudeville at its prime.

This concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Cultural Arts Board at the University of Portland, 283-7258.

Free Clinic for Women

A free information clinic for women on preventing breast cancer will be held at Meridian Park Hospital, Tualatin, on Tuesday, October 14, from 9-10 a.m. Recognizing that early detection and prevention can actually reduce the rate of breast cancer, the clinic is designed to provide women with the skills and confidence to perform routine breast self examination. Information will also be available on mammography, a low dose x-ray examination, as an effective means of detecting early breast cancers.

For additional information contact the community education department at the hospital, 692-2656.

St. Vincent De Paul Elects First Woman President

The Portland Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul elected 1987 officers September 18, including the first woman president in the Council's history.

Beth Haglund was named to the post. She has been a St. Louise Conference member for ten years, three as president. She served on the Portland Council executive committee and is a member of the board of Rita's Place. As president of the Portland Council, she will be responsible for coordinating the activities of over 1,000 volunteers in a four-county area.

MAX Orientation For The Blind

The Commission for the Blind will offer an orientation to Tri-Met's light rail system for blind and visually impaired individuals on September 25 at 2 p.m. and October 2 at 6:30 p.m. Participants will learn about fares, schedules, and stop locations, as well as take a guided ride on MAX. A representative of Tri-Met will be on hand to answer questions.

The orientation will take place at the Commission's Portland office, located at 535 S.E. 12th Avenue. For more information, interested persons may call 238-8375.

Supervisory Skills For Small Business Owners

Portland Community College is offering for the first time this fall a class in supervisory skills for the owners of small businesses.

The three session course was designed for managers. It will offer skills for effective interviewing and hiring, employee motivation, discipline and termination.

Instructor Mary Goranson owns a private counseling practice. She holds a master's degree in social work. In addition to the new class for PCC, Goranson teaches career development and assertiveness training at Clark Community College, Vancouver, and Portland State University.

The class will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., starting Monday, September 29, in Portable Building 10 on the PCC Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth St. Tuition will be \$13.

More information is available from Cascade Small Business Services, 240-5303.

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"IN THE PINK"

Central City Concern, a non-profit social service agency, will hold its second annual dance and auction on September 27th. Titled "In the Pink," this year's event will be held on the 37th floor of the U.S. Bancorp Tower from 7:30 p.m. to Midnight.

Music for dancing will be provided by the Woody Hite Band and Paul Bergen caterers will serve refreshments.

Items to be auctioned include furs, watches, vacation destinations, air fare, antiques and art work.

Tickets are \$25.00 each and available by calling 223-5322. All proceeds will benefit Central City Concern's low income housing program and the alcoholism services at Hooper Center.

For more information, contact Micheale Williams, 223-5322.

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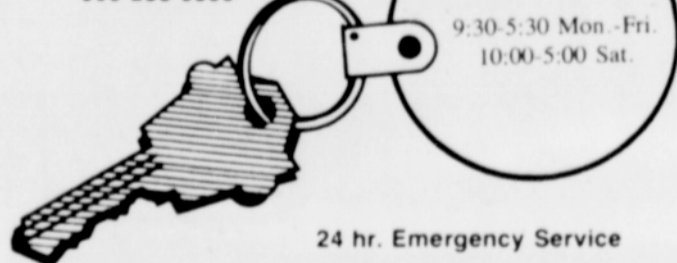
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