Middle Schools Essay Winners Announced

by Jerry Garner

Nine students from Tubman, Dexter McCarty, Whitaker, Markham, and Robert Gray Middle Schools were named winners of the 1986-87 Harriet Tubman Relations Essay Competition. They are: Gary Simpson, sixth grade; Damon Turner, seventh grade; Saladin Lloyd, eighth grade of Tubman. Freda Franklin, sixth grade; Emily Caniler, seventh grade; Julie Usher, eighth grade of Dexter McCarty. Bronwen Wright, seventh grade, Whitaker. Joan Cosgrove, eighth grade, Robert Gray.

The essay winners were announced last Friday during a Metropolitan Human Relations Award luncheon, held at the Red Lion Motor Inn, 310 S.W. Lincoln. At the luncheon, Ms. Stevie Remington, Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union, was honored with the Russel A. Payton Human Relations Award. The Award, established in 1972, is given annually to an individual for their long-standing history of human relations work in the community.

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center was presented the annual Sonja

Hilton Award by the City/County Advisory Committee on the Disabled, for its commitment to the human rights of the disabled. A special award was presented to the Cascade AIDS Project for their work, compassion and contribution to the well-being of citizens in the education and fight against AIDS.

The nine middle school students were chosen winners of the 1986-87 Harriet Tubman Human Relations Essay Competition, for which the essay theme was "Unifying the United States and the World". Each sixth and seventh grade winners will receive \$25, the eighth grade winners will receive \$50 each.

The Harriet Tubman Essay Contest has been held annually since 1980; it was formed by the Community Coalition for School Integration. According to Dr. Dapo Sobomehin, education specialist for the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission, "the primary objectives for the essay contest are to develop a positive inter-racial understanding within the multicultural/multi-ethnic student bodies at the middle schools and to reinforce students social and language arts skills."

Remington has served as executive director of the the ACLU of Oregon since 1970. Under her administration the ACLU has strengthened its lobbying effort in the Oregon legislature, doubled its membership, and has become a strong and effective ACLU affiliate. Ms. Remmington has often served as the voice of the ACLU of Oregon, explaining difficult ACLU positions to government officials, private citizens, and the media. She has also been active in civil liberties work outside the ACLU office. Ms. Remington currently serves on the board of directors of Oregon Prisoners Legal Services Project, has been a member of several governmental advisory committees, was a member of the ACLU of Oregon affiliate board from 1965 to 1970, and is past-President of the Portland League of Women Voters.

The following individuals were on the Harriet Tubman Essay Competition grading committee roster: Kareen Power, chair; Lanita Duke; Holly Danks; Stephanie Mitchell; Roberto Reyes Colon; Roby Clark; Michael Henderson; Deborah Cochrane; Mark Hopkins; Mary Cherniack; Bob Kremer; Ollie Smith; Barbara Berard; Jerry Garner; Sherry Pfaff; Madeline Moore; Joan Okuhara; and Steve Goldberg.

Photo Exhibit "We Drew A Circle" Opens In Portland

The 80-photo exhibit will be displayed at Mall 205, January 19-24; Clackamas Town Center, January 26-31; and Washington Square, February 3-8. The exhibit will then tour the state through March 15. Funded by the Association for Retarded Citizens of Oregon, the exhibit will be sponsored in Portland by the ARCs of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties.

The exhibit was produced by Andrew Kilgore of Little Rock, Arkansas, to overcome the attitudinal barriers faced by people with developmental disabilities.

This is the Oregon premiere of the exhibit which has toured the nation since its completion in 1983. It is touring the state as part of the three-month ARC campaign, "Good Neighbors...It Takes ALL Kinds." The campaign, which is sponsored by the ARC of Oregon and local ARC chapters, will provide information about Oregonians with mental retardation and their capabilities.

While in Oregon, Kilgore will be photographing Oregonians with mental retardation for an upcoming exhibit on self-advocates. For more information, contact Kathy Smith or Judy Kearney at 223-7279.

Black Womens Movement

Black feminist, union organizer and civil rights activist since age 14, Julie Hicks will be a guest speaker on the key role of "Black Women in the U.S. Labor Movement." Radical Women meeting on Thursday, February 26, 6:30 p.m., Multnomah County Central Library, 801 S.W. 10th Avenue. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 249-8067. Wheelchair accessible.

Blood Donors Sought

In response to a recent plea for Type "O" blood donors, a special four-hour drive is scheduled Monday, February 2, 1987 from 3-7 p.m., at Meridian Park Hospital, Tualatin. Donations are by appointment only, and reservations may be made by calling the volunteer office at the hospital.

Although no blood type will be turned away, there is a special need in Portland area hospitals for the more universal donor blood supply due to increased use in treating surgical and cancer patients, as well as transplants.

The American Red Cross Mobile Unit is sponsored by the Meridian Park Hospital Auxiliary.

Property Values Certified

Oregon property values in 1986 continued a 5-year decline, according to Richard Munn, director of the Department of Revenue. Taxable property values certified to the Secretary of State totaled \$82.9 billion for January 1, 1986, down from \$86.4 billion in 1982.

Thirty-four of Oregon's 36 counties reported overall losses in value during this time period. This downward trend in overall property value has resulted in increased tax rates because of the diminishing tax bases.

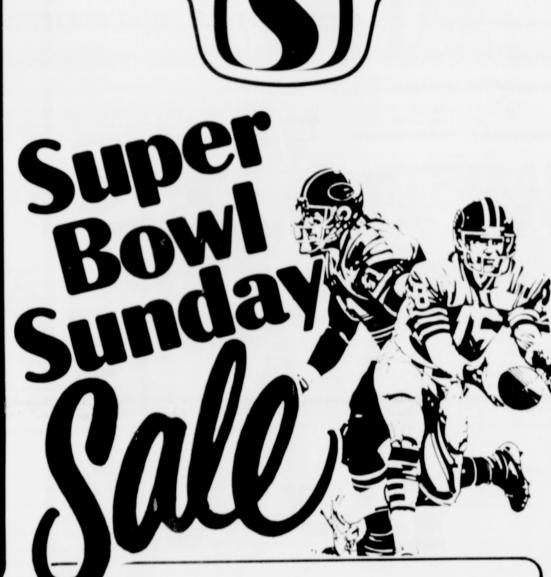
Free Screening

A free diabetes screening clinic is being offered at Meridian Park Hospital, Tualatin. The clinic will be open from 9-9:30 a.m. on Monday, February 2.

Pre-registration is required. For additional information contact the community education office at the hospital, 692-2656.







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