

by Gov. Neil Goldschmidt



News From Neil

Governor Neil Goldschmidt announced today three Oregon cities would receive funds under the state's Rental Rehabilitation Program for the rehabilitation of substandard rental housing. The program is administered by the state's Community Development section of the Economic Development Department.

Three Cities to Receive Grants

Cities receiving funds are: Corvallis, \$150,000; Medford, \$100,000; and Springfield, \$200,000. Each city will make the funds available to rental property owners, they in turn will use the funds for major repairs to rental housing which are predominately occupied by low and moderate income persons. Property owners will be responsible for contributing one-half of the rehabilitation costs. In addition, the state will award rent vouchers (available from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development) to eligible low income tenants to help them pay the cost of their rent.

All three cities have been operating similar programs in past years and have excellent performance records.

Lutheran Choral Concerts

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Lutheran Choral originally started out singing for Reformation only, but the enthusiasm of the group led them to continue practicing in the summer every Monday evening, and then perform 4 or 5 concerts in the fall.

The group members at one time were all Lutherans, but because of much outside interest, it was opened up to any and all denominations.

It now has 136 enrolled and are represented by singers from Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington Counties, as well as the Vancouver, Washington area.

Although it is ecumenical, the Luteran tradition is still upheld.

They have had many outstanding directors, such as Stanley Glarum and Edith Christianson. The present director is Stan Bleything. He is also the choir director at Oak Grove United Methodist in Milwaukie, OR.

This year's concert is divided into three sections. The first consists of pre-20th century music. The second includes Spirituals and Hymn Anthems with audience participation. The third includes 20th century selections

This year is the 49th concert year, and Lutheran Choral is looking for anyone who might have sung in the past to contact Olive "Jac" Kistner at 289-8641 or Nancy Oswald at 655-4753 about special plans for our 50th celebration next year.

Concerts have no admission charge, but a free-will offering is taken during one of the intermissions.

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Jed, 16, and Diana, 9, are shown with their White adoptive family The Ashtons of New York State.

Whites Who Adopt Black Children: Is Love Enough?

The pros and cons of transracial adoptions of Black children by White families are weighed in the September EBONY.

Critics, such as the National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW), fear the adoptions cause racial and cultural genocide, and that such Black children will suffer psychological problems throughout life. "Our position is that the African-American family should be maintained and its integrity preserved," explains Dr. Morris Jeff, NABSW president and director of city welfare in New Orleans.

Mark and Judith Ashton, a White couple with two adopted Black Children and two biological children, observed that mutual love between the child and parent is "not enough to make sure that the end result is a strong, self-confident human being." Although things are fine now for 23-year-old Adrian Parry, who was adopted by a White family at age 15, he recalls anxious and awkward times. "I wouldn't wish this on anybody. It's too difficult for children and parents alike," he remarks.

Dr. Rita J. Simon, a sociologist and dean of the School of Justice at the American University in Washington, D.C., reports that her studies of about 200 transracially adopted children over 15 years uncovered no special problems. Other supporters say many children in such families learn to bridge the cultural gap.

County Volunteers Given Recognition

Multnomah County will be holding a public event at noon Tuesday, September 22 in Terry Schrunk Plaza, S.W. 3rd Avenue and Madison Street, to thank all of its volunteers.

The festive event will feature music by Thara Memory and the Oregon Youth Big Band and a cake-cutting ceremony led by Multnomah County Chair Gladys McCoy.

The event is one of several activities planned for "Know Your County Month" in September.

We Want You

Calling all high school students, parents, school counselors, friends, and other interested community people.

ence is well underway and will be held October 24th, 1987, from 9 a.m. to

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COMMUNITY DENTISTRY

BY Dr. Edward Ward

Maintaining Your Dentures

Part 2

Last week I discussed common problems amongst denture wearers and urged you, the reader, to seek professional advice rather than use home remedies. Today, I'd like to share with you tips on the care of your dentures.

Do not use any harsh chemical to clean your dentures, especially partial dentures which have metal clasps and may corrode. Any of the commercial denture cleaning products will do nicely. However, you should use a soft denture toothbrush to brush your dentures two to three times a day to remove plaque, stains and odor-causing bacteria. Remember that your denture is softer than your teeth, so never use a hard brush on them. Plaque and calculus will build up on your dentures if care is not taken

Remove your dentures and brush them over a sink of water to prevent breakage if dropped. Brush inside and outside between each tooth. The same procedure should be carried out prior to bedtime. I recommend leave ing dentures out at night to give the tissues beneath the dentures time to recover from the pressures of day-long wear.

If you are one of those patients who cannot sleep unless your dentures are in your mouth, I recommend that you take them out sometimes during the day for four hours or more. While you are sleeping, or during one of your tissue resting periods, the dentures can be soaked in a commerical cleaning agent.

To remove tartar and stain on complete upper and lower dentures, it is recommended that they be soaked in a glass of water to which you add one teaspoon of Clorox and two teaspoons of water softener (Calgoria soap). Rinse in baking soda and water to remove the taste of the Clorox.

To remove tartar and calculus from partial dentures, which are part metal, use vinegar as the soaking agent. Never use hot water, because warping may occur.

After your dentures have been set aside to soak, use a soft toothbrush to brush your gums, especially denture-bearing areas, and massage the tis sues with your fingers for a few minutes. Do this rountinely to establish a habit of caring for your dentures and your mouth. Now watch your face light up with a smile.

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AIDS Meeting

People of Color United Against AIDS has scheduled a meeting for September 15, 1987, 7-9 p.m. in room 154, City Hall, 1220 S.W. 5th. Our sincere apologies to committee members who were inconvenienced by the mix-up about meeting time for the August 11th meeting. Following is the proposed agenda. Thank you in advance for your support of and interest in the work of People of Color United Against AIDS. Amani has much to share from his trip East.

Agenda: 1) Fiscal sponsor report (Cascade Aids Project): Elizabeth; 2) Brochures (review, distribute, reprinting); 3) Planning for small-scale conference on AIDS and minorities: Anita-Proposal for conference to take place at end of November, '87 (31/2 months from now). Discussion on goals and objectives, speakers, workshops?, printed material, focus. Need to consider: 1. projected number of people who will attend, 2. space (meeting rooms, security, accessible, etc.), 3. costs for rental of space if needed, printed material, sound system; 4. pre-planning necessary; 5. coordination with other agencies; 6. speakers available; 7. other?; 4) Mailing to minority community groups; 5) Re-writing and translation of brochures, including POCUAA brochure: Anita; 6) Identify small projects between now and projected conference date-AIDS and the teenage Black male: Joy Cross; AIDS and prostitution.

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