

PP&L Responds to Keep People Warm

Delays in distribution of federal Low Income Emergency Assistance Program (LIEAP) funds are affecting local citizens with limited incomes. Pacific Power & Light Company is responding to the needs of its low income customers by offering temporary special payment terms to the LIEAP recipients it serves.

Under the temporary arrangement, the company will restore electric space-heating service through January 15 to LIEAP-eligible customers who pay ten percent of the amount owed to the company and agree to a time payment plan for the remaining balance. During this period

Pacific is willing to work one-on-one with any customer who is having difficulty paying their bills.

Talton said it is important that customers call the company to discuss any problems.

Over the past few months, Pacific has been making other efforts to help its low income customers.

It has increased solicitation for Project HELP, a company-sponsored program that offers temporary fuel assistance grants to customers who fall between 125 to 150 percent of federal poverty guidelines.

"We have produced a public service announcement that will be distributed to television and radio stations in our area and have increased contribution requests to customers," Talton said.

In Portland, for the third year running, Pacific will help sponsor a one-stop assistance office where customers can go and meet with representatives from the company, the Salvation Army (administrator of the Project HELP program in Portland), and the Urban League (distributes federal LIEAP funds in Oregon).

Pacific, along with Portland General Electric Company and United Way of the Columbia-Willamette, is sponsoring an energy assistance hot line. The phone network was set up to answer basic questions about energy assistance. Operators will be kept up-to-date on developments concerning federal funding and will refer callers to the appropriate social service agencies.

"As a company, we sometimes find it difficult to anticipate the action of the federal government and social service agencies, but we will work with our customers on a case-by-case basis to help resolve temporary payment difficulties," Talton said.

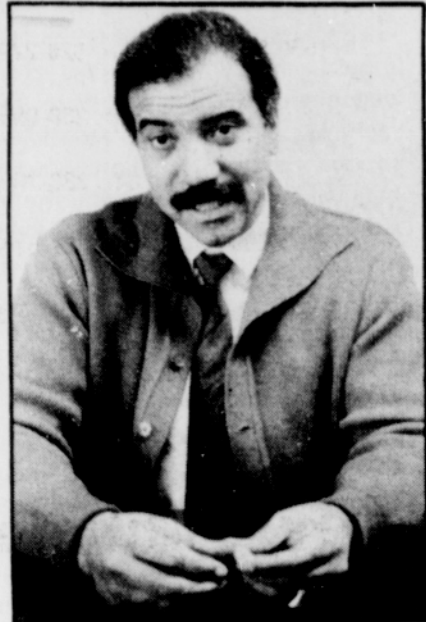


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Pacific will also waive deposit and deposit installment payments. Recipients of federal LIEAP dollars must have an annual income of \$6500 a year or less and fall below 125 percent of the federal poverty level. "The goal is to give customers time to apply for and get the federal dollars," said Carl Talton, Pacific's Portland district manager. "Although these temporary arrangements apply to LIEAP recipients,

Dispose of Christmas Tree Safely

Used Christmas trees are plentiful following Dec. 25. Many homeowners decide to dispose of the tree by burning it in a fireplace or woodstove. If you plan to use the Christmas tree for firewood, be careful.

Ray McNeilan, Oregon State University Extension home gardening agent, cautions those planning to burn the tree that by the time Christmas is over, the tree is well-dried out and likely to be extremely flammable.

If you want to burn the tree in a fireplace, first cut it into small pieces. Don't burn large portions of the tree's boughs and trunk at the

same time. Feed the pieces into the wood stove or fireplace slowly, a little at a time.

Besides burning, there are other ways to use a retired Christmas tree around the home.

McNeilan suggests having the tree ground into sawdust if you have access to a mechanical tree grinder. Then use the sawdust as a mulch around flowers and shrubs in the home landscape.

If a mechanical grinder isn't available, strip the boughs from the trunk. Cut the trunk up for firewood and use the boughs as a mulch around low-growing landscape plants.



Over 100 friends and supporters of State Rep. Margaret Carter, D-Dist. 18, turned out for a combination birthday celebration and fundraiser on Sunday, December 27th at Julep's Restaurant in Northwest Portland. Carter chose the occasion to announce that she is presently considering the advice of many as to which local or state-wide race to enter in the coming election season. Carter has proven to be a hard-working representative who stays in touch with her constituency, and who can deliver on the issues important to them, i.e. Martin Luther King Bill, Divestment, and Minority Business Enterprise Act. Margaret Carter will be one to watch in '88".

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Portland Women's Crisis Line Seeks Board Members

The Portland Women's Crisis Line is a non-profit, volunteer organization that maintains a 24-hour telephone hot line to provide counseling, information and referral on issues of domestic and sexual violence.

PWCL is currently recruiting for prospective Board members. Sarah Hardin, Chair of the Nominating Committee, said, "Interested persons should express a willingness

to make a commitment, and a strong interest in seeing the cycle of violence broken so we can create a future for ourselves and our children that will not include domestic violence and sexual assault."

"We serve a wide range of community groups in the work we do throughout the tri-county area. Because of this, we feel it is imperative that each group has a voice in

Housing Authority Receives \$1.8 Million

The Housing Authority of Portland, Oregon, has received HUD approval for \$1,851,360, over a ten year period, to assist with rental costs after the moderate rehabilitation of 58 single-room housing units for the homeless. The funds will be used to rehabilitate Mt. Vernon Apartments, 631 S.E. Taylor Street, Portland. The Portland Housing Authority proposes assisting 58 SRO units in a currently vacant apartment building located east of downtown Portland. The project will be targeted to single homeless women, specifically those who are mentally disabled, women leaving prostitution, those without job skills, ex-offenders, and ex-substance abusers. The developer of the project has been working with a group of social service providers to coordinate the supportive services needed by this population.

the administration of the organization and in the development of its programs."

Individuals who have a desire to serve that community, who have life experiences or knowledge in the areas of sexual and domestic violence and who have energy to commit are asked to contact Sarah Hardin at 227-5152 for an application and interview.

CALENDAR

Dance Auditions

PSU to audition men and women dancers Saturday, Jan. 9, from 1-5 p.m. in 212 Shattuck Hall, 1914 SW Park, for a full-length contemporary work choreographed by Judy Patton in collaboration with writer Ursula LeGuin. The work will be performed as part of the University's Contemporary Dance Season, April 15-16, in Lincoln Hall Auditorium. Choreographer Judy Patton will conduct the January 9 auditions. Warm-ups will be from 1-2 p.m. with the audition from 2-5 p.m. Included will be set movements and improvisation, according to Patton. For further information, contact the PSU Department of Dance at 464-3131.

Red Cross Babysitting Class

Want to become a Certified Red Cross Babysitter? Girls and boys 15 years and older have an opportunity to learn how to plan for a babysitting job, take responsibility for children, prevent accidents, know first aid, in an 8-hour Babysitting course.

The class will be at Emanuel Hospital, 2801 N. Gantenbein, on Saturday, January 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per student. Scholarships are available. Call 284-7090 to register.

Alzheimer's Disease or Forgetfulness?

Join us for this free seminar as specialists discuss the basics of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Marilyn Cleland, R.N., Caregiver Program Coordinator, and Liz McKinney, Support Group Facilitator, will repeat a program which was filled to capacity in December. Some of the issues to be covered include: What is Alzheimer's disease?; other causes of forgetfulness including medications and depression; the role of medication and therapy; the latest research; and options for coping and caring.

The seminar takes place Thursday, January 7, 1988, 7-9 p.m. at Good Samaritan Medical Mall, Gresham, 2850 E. Powell Valley Rd., at Burnside and is free to the public. To pre-register, call 661-7309.

CPR For Infants and Toddlers

A class in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for infants and toddlers will be held at Emanuel Hospital & Health Center. This course is an in-depth, four-hour class teaching the basics in CPR, first aid and emergency procedures. Certification upon completion. The class offers hands-on experience to all participants through the use of baby and toddler mannequins. Registration is limited to ensure individual attention. The class begins Jan. 8. For more information and class registration, call Emanuel's Community Health Education office at 280-4284.

X-Mas Tree Recycle!

Bring your tree to N.E. 42nd and Prescott St. on Saturday, Jan. 9th, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and tell all your friends! Only \$2.00 donation per tree! Cub Scout Pack 477 and Boy Scout Troop 477, chartered to the Faubion School PTA and American Legion F & J Ravin Post 134, will raise funds by turning your Christmas tree into chips.

Oregon Teenage Pregnancy Task Force Conference

Their 8th annual conference will be held January 7 and 8, 1988 at the Lloyd Center Red Lion Inn in Portland. For more information, contact Diane Turner (503) 281-5366, or Sylvia Loftus, (503) 581-9922.

To the Community



The President and members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Portland Alumnae Chapter, thank you for your generous toy contributions.

Our Third Annual Toy Dance, held at the Holiday Inn Airport, November 28, 1987, was a success. As a result of your generosity, the following agencies and organizations were presented toys: Grace Collins Memorial Center, Northeast Portland's Sixth Annual Christmas Party, and Albina Ministerial Alliance, with focus on the new Teen Parent Program.

Again, thank you! Wishing you and yours the happiest of the New Year.

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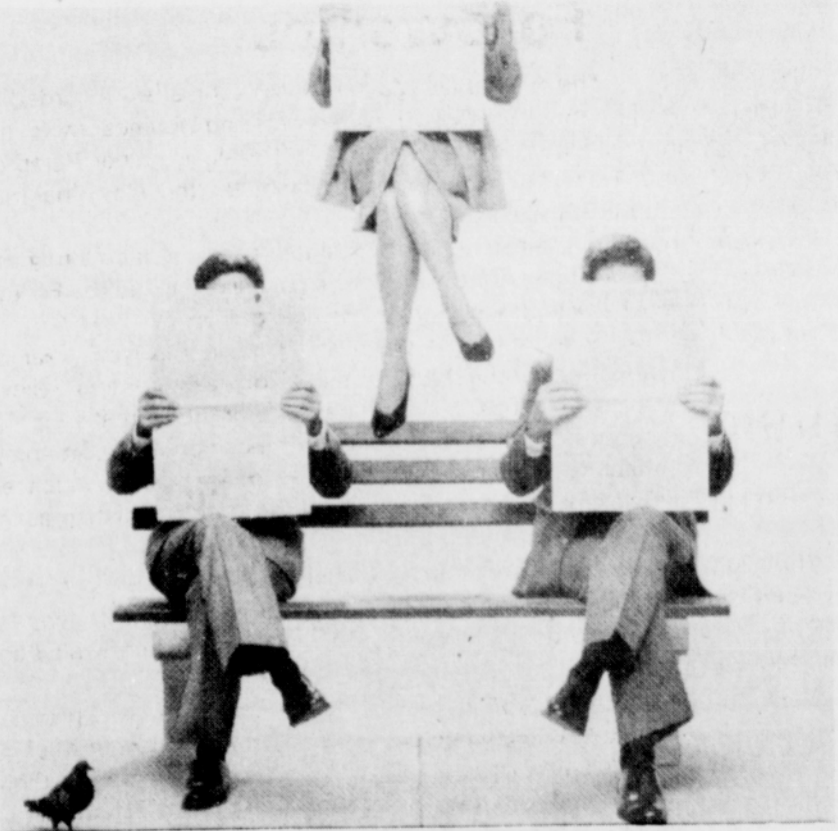
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