



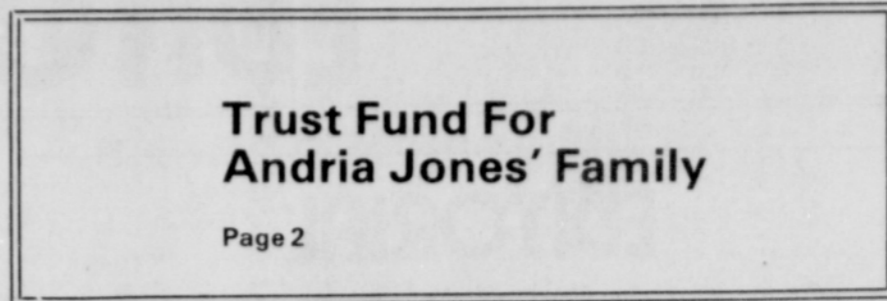
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Agreement Signed

by Nyewusi Askari

The Housing Authority of Portland and the Northeast Community Development Corporation (NECDC) have announced the signing of a joint agreement to construct five new homes to replace the five homes destroyed by a gas explosion January 1, 1986, in the neighborhood of N.E. 10th and Beech Street.

Carol Jelinek, HAP's Public Affairs Coordinator, said HAP has since bought the properties and plans to begin advertising the Beech Street construction contract January 21, 1988. Bids will be opened February 18, 1988, and a contract will be awarded to a local construction company by March 1, 1988, following HAP Board approval of the qualifying low bid.

The Northeast Community Development Corporation, a job training agency, plans to buy all five of the newly constructed homes from HAP and place low income families in them. These families will rent the homes and become involved in a home ownership opportunity program through NECDC.

"We hope that construction can get started soon after the bid is awarded. The construction should be completed by late fall," Jelinek explained. Jelinek said that if the cost of each unit goes above \$33,000, HAP would have to approve the new cost. Although there is a remote possibility of a delay in construction if the unit cost goes higher, Jelinek said HAP is committed to developing the project.

The project has faced delays in its development. The explosion occurred in January of 1986, but the Portland City Council did not approve HAP for necessary permits and variances until December, 1986. According to Jelinek, due to required public hearings, the approval of these variances was delayed until May. HAP received the deferred loan from the Portland Development Commission in July, which allowed HAP to purchase the five lots and begin work with the Northeast Community Development Corporation on a formal agreement for the construction and management of the properties. After several reviews by the attorneys for both agencies, NECDC signed the agreement with HAP December 29, 1987.

Jelinek said HAP has decided to go for both panelized- and stick-built bids. "We decided to open it up, and, if panelized does come into play, we will go with the lowest qualified bid. We don't want to cut out any section of bidding."

When asked whether or not a representative of HAP had suggested that NECDC be excluded from ownership of the new homes, Skip Collier, NECDC Board Chairman, said, "In August, we had some meetings, and at that time there were some changes suggested as to how ownership would be ac-



Carol Jelinek (L), Public Affairs Coordinator for the Housing Authority of Portland, and Skip Collier, Northeast Community Development Corp., at a press conference to announce a joint agreement to replace homes destroyed by a gas explosion at NE 10th Ave. and Beech St.

Photo by Richard J. Brown

quired. But, no, we've never been totally excluded from ownership."

Collier said NECDC will work closely with HAP to attract families to the newly constructed homes. "We intend to work closely with the Housing Authority in screening people. An incentive for the owners is going to be home ownership in the end. What we are going to be doing is selling the houses to people who normally could not afford that kind of house. Through the low income home ownership program, they will become owners in a shorter period of time."

Collier said Ronnie Herndon is responsible for the initial idea of the home ownership project. "Bill Hunter was our initial contact at the Housing Authority and was very, very supportive right up to his departure. He was replaced by Joan Brown, who is now the Acting Director and very supportive of the project," said Collier.

"I truly believe that this agreement solidifies the future of the Beech Street Project and the working relationship between HAP and NECDC. Both agencies are dedicated to developing these five homes to aid low income families in need of safe, decent and sanitary housing," Collier concluded.



Charolette Lewis Exhibit Opens at IFCC

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center (IFCC) opens the 1988 year with a gallery exhibition of paintings and drawings by Charolette Lewis.

Charolette Lewis, a graduate of the Portland Art Museum School, has worked predominately as a graphic artist. Her most recent design was selected for national distribution in a poster produced by the American Red Cross. In addition to her work with retail, public and private businesses, Ms. Lewis has distributed her own designs in greeting cards, a First World Women's calendar, Kwanzaa coloring book, poster and curriculum material.

Ms. Lewis began focusing on painting a few years ago, working mainly in a figurative style. Painting community and self images, Ms. Lewis' goal is to communicate and share her experiences with others.

"Being an African American woman has been a unique experience, and I want to share the circumstances. Art is not for an elite group of people, but for all of us. . . Art influences all of our lives."

In this exhibition of new works, Charolette Lewis will include circular compositions using paper, wood, paint, cardboard with the cycles of life phenomenology. Symbolic colors are used throughout the works.

"Everything that goes around, comes around."
The public is invited to meet the artist at an opening reception, Sunday, January 10, 1988, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., IFCC, 5340 N. Interstate Ave., Portland, Oregon, 97217, (503) 243-7930.



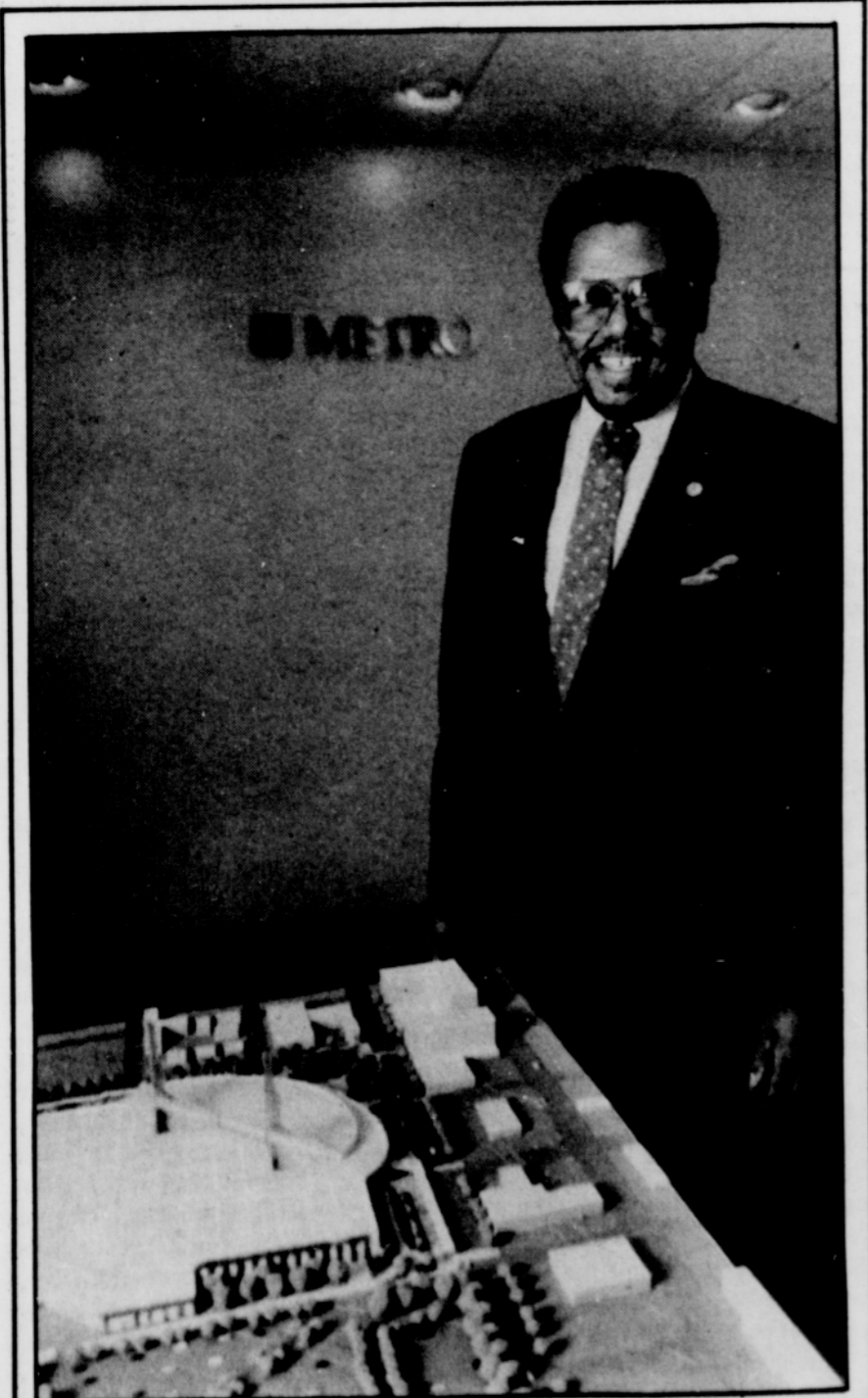
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Zeta Nu Chapter, hosted a reception Dec. 29th in honor of their 1987 Award Recipients. This year's award recipients are Alcena Boozer, "Citizen of the Year"; Roy Pittman, "Leadership Award"; and Jasper Ormond, "Community Award." Julius L. Evans received the "Omega Man of the Year Award." (L-R) Stephanie Pittman (received the award for her father); Boozer; George Bell, Omega President; Evans and Ormond.

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The Ben Linder Construction Brigade

The Ben Linder Construction Brigade, a project of the Portland-Corinto Sister City Association, will hold a press conference at the First Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson, Room 134, Sunday, January 10th, at 1 p.m., to announce the departure of the Brigade for Corinto that evening.

The Ben Linder Construction Brigade was established to carry on the tradition of Ben's life and work. Members of the brigade will travel to Corinto in order to rebuild the roof on the city's only hospital, and carry out other repairs. The hospital will also be painted. While in Corinto the Brigade members will be staying in the homes of Corinto citizens, and truly experiencing the conditions of life and work in Nicaragua. While in Nicaragua, Brigade members will learn first-hand about the situation in Nicaragua in order to return to Portland and educate others. The Brigade will also contribute concretely — as Ben did — to the building of a new Nicaragua.



Samuel Brooks, President of Brooks and Associates, Inc., was recently confirmed as a commissioner of the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission. A major project for the commission will be the construction of the Convention Center.

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Toll-Free Aids Hotline Opens in Oregon

Oregon residents can now call a new toll-free hotline to ask questions about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

The Oregon AIDS Hotline, a joint project of the Oregon State Health Division and Cascade AIDS Project, will operate Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, noon to 6:00 p.m.

The Hotline's trained volunteer staff is ready to answer questions on a wide range of topics, such as how the virus is transmitted, how the disease progresses, and how to avoid exposure to the virus. The Hotline does not provide medical advice or diagnosis, but can refer callers to local County health departments, private resources, and social service agencies for testing, medical follow-up, and other assistance.

Janet Bowman, hired in August as Hotline Coordinator, states, "It's time to fight fear with facts. Many people are just beginning to realize that AIDS affects all of us in some way. It helps to have somewhere to call with questions and concerns. We hope that Oregonians will look upon the Hotline as an identifiable resource for timely, accurate information about AIDS."

Callers can read the Oregon AIDS Hotline by dialing 223-AIDS (223-2437), Portland metro area; or 1-800-777-AIDS (1-800-777-2437) toll-free in Oregon.

Jefferson Award Call For Entries!

PORTLAND, OREGON — KOIN-TV is looking for Good Samaritans, people in our area who give of their time and energy to reach out and help others. We are seeking people whose efforts have helped make our community a better place to live. We want to recognize those people whose dedication often goes unnoticed.

For the ninth consecutive year, KOIN-TV will honor five of these special people with a Jefferson Award for Outstanding Public Service. Each year, the American Institute for Public Service presents the Jefferson Award in five categories, one of which is the "Greatest Public Service Benefiting Local Communities".

The five individuals chosen will be presented with a special bronze medallion and will be eligible for a national Jefferson Award, to be awarded in Washington, D.C. later this year.

The five local winners will be profiled on "Newsroom 6" during the week of February 28.

Information packets with nomination forms can be picked up at KOIN-TV, 222 S.W. Columbia, Portland, Oregon, 97201, or by calling 243-6666. Deadline for entries is February 1, 1988.

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