

News Around Town

COMMENTS FROM REPRESENTATIVE CARTER

"The Trade and Economic Development Committee is the committee which allocates lottery dollars for economic development in the state. During the week of February 27 to March 3, the committee will continue to hear from members of the public as to projects which they would like to see funded with lottery dollars.

"I am supporting legislation which would establish a 'skills center' located at the PCC Cascade campus which would bring together businesses needing trained workers, teachers and trainers from the college, and students from the area who are interested in obtaining job-specific training for particular jobs as well as general occupational skills to qualify them for more flexible work situations as the job market changes.

"Among the other projects being considered for funding by the committee is a proposal to purchase abandoned homes in the Portland area and rehabilitate them for occupancy by low income families who would be assisted in obtaining financing for the homes.

"With respect to affirmative action, I am in the process of drafting legislation in response to the recent Richmond v. Croson case which struck down mandatory set-asides for minority and women business enterprises. Among the things being considered are a comprehensive anti-discrimination statute, an amendment of the existing legislation to redefine the groups to be benefited in geographic or economic terms rather than racial and sexual ones. Finally, I will be seeking funding for a study to determine whether the elements necessary to uphold set asides for minority and women owned businesses are present.

"On another front, I am seeking to restore funding for the seven staff positions which were eliminated from the Albina Human Resources Center in December.

"I welcome your input -- please write me at H-478, State Capitol, Salem, Oregon 97310 or call me at 1-800-327-7389."

WYDEN ANNOUNCES FEDERAL NARCOTICS PROSECUTORS FOR OREGON

Washington, D.C....Congressman Ron Wyden today announced that Oregon will soon have five more federal prosecutors to combat the sky-high rate of drug-related crime in the State.

"The assignment of these prosecutors comes after a long, dark era of overwhelming caseloads in the U.S. Attorney's office in Oregon," said Wyden. "Having more prosecutors who specialize in narcotics law will help us make some real progress in fighting crime in Oregon."

Wyden noted that Oregon leads the nation in prosecutions under the Armed Career Criminal Act of 1984, which he authored. This, in turn, has contributed to dramatically increased caseloads for federal prosecutors in the state. The new attorneys have been hired, and will start as soon as the required background investigations are completed. According to Barry Sheldahl, Criminal Division Chief in the office of the U.S. Attorney for Oregon, two of the five are already substantially cleared and all will be in place by early Summer. Four of these attorneys are from Oregon and have either served as special assistants to the U.S. Attorney's office or served as deputy district attorneys in Oregon counties. One attorney is transferring from a U.S. Attorney's office in Virginia.

"These additional narcotics attorneys are a tremendous help to our efforts to

fight crime in Oregon, because there's no doubt that a large part of our crime problem is drug-related," explained Wyden.

Oregon law enforcement officials estimate that 80% of Oregon bank robberies are drug-related. Oregon leads the nation as the highest per capita producer of methamphetamine and has been a target of cocaine and heroin traffickers. Recently, the U.S. Attorney's office and Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schunk launched a cooperative effort to prosecute drug and other offenses committed by youth crime gangs.

Wyden wrote to the U.S. Department of Justice several times over the last year to request the additional prosecutors. Due to a lack of funding for any new positions, the Justice Department has not increased the U.S. Attorney's staff in Oregon since 1985.

Four of these new attorneys will specialize in narcotics cases. One will specialize in asset forfeiture. Asset forfeiture proceedings target criminals' profits which are then turned over to the U.S. Treasury, with some disbursed to law enforcement and crime victims. The Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 appropriated \$30 million for the hiring of additional drug prosecutors. Wyden was a strong supporter of that legislation in the Congress.

KIEWNOW'S FOOD STORES TO HELP FIGHT DRUG ADDICTION

Beginning this March customers who go through the check-out counter at any Kienow's Food Store will be able to buy a card which allows them to "Join the Fight Against Drug Addiction and Alcoholism" by donating \$1.00 to help the Oregon Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction (OCADA), a state-wide non-profit organization.

Every "Join the Fight" card is imprinted with a bar code which can be scanned at Kienow's cash registers. The word "donation" and the dollar amount contributed will appear on customer's register receipts.

"This is an experimental program for a very important cause," said Mr. Juan

Young, President of Kienow's. "We hope to tap the anger that people are feeling about the way addiction is destroying lives and channel that anger in a positive direction," said Dr. Judith Albert, OCADA's Development Director. "Join the Fight" gives Kienow's customers an opportunity to help their fellow Portlanders find their way out of addiction to alcohol and other drugs. It's a win-win situation." This is the first time in Oregon that cards have been used to create opportunities for customer donations at a supermarket check-out counter. "Join the Fight" is modeled on a national supermarket promotion in which customers donate their change to support local food banks.

PENINSULA LITTLE LEAGUE ANNOUNCES BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The Peninsula Little League Baseball Association will hold baseball tryouts on Saturday, March 11th, 1989 and Saturday, March 18th, 1989 from 10 a.m. till 12 noon.

Youngsters between the ages of 7 and 12 are eligible to participate at a cost of \$15.00 per youngster or \$20.00 per family. Young men and young women need not

have great skills but should like the game of baseball. This year all teams will have new uniforms. Coaches and umpires are needed. Parents are urged to come out and a help in these areas. The last dates for sign-ups will be March 11, 1989 and March 18, 1989 at Peninsula 11 a.m. till 2 p.m.

For further information, call Harold Miller (503) 287-4336.

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OREGON STATE BAR AWARDS SUMMER CLERKSHIP FUNDS; ANNOUNCES PROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

The Oregon State Bar's Affirmative Action Committee (AAC) has recently chosen 12 Oregon law students for positions in its Minority Summer Clerkship Program. The program is meant to increase employment of promising minority law students in Oregon law firms and organizations. The 12 students chosen for the program are: Cedric R. Brown, a second-year student at Lewis and Clark; Mirta L. Contreras, Debra S. O'Gara and Leonard W. Williamson, second-year students at the University of Oregon; Anne Okimoto, Odion Okojie, Michael Whitaker and Glen E. M. Yaguchi, first-year students at the University of Oregon; Michael Levelle and Daria Ann Loy, second-year students at Willamette University; and Jaime P. Rodriguez and Carl Takao Yamada, first-year students at Willamette.

Stipends of \$5 per hour were awarded on a competitive basis to encourage the students to seek summer jobs with the law firms and organizations, who are required to at least match the \$5 per hour rate.

According to Rebecca Sweetland, the State Bar's Affirmative Action administrator, the AAC created the program to address this fact: about 180 of the more than 9,500 Oregon State Bar members are minority attorneys and although more than 100 minority law students attend Oregon's three law schools each year, few of those students remain in the state to practice.

In addition to the clerkship program, the AAC has proposed a new professional partnership program, which will match minority law students with Oregon practitioners. This program, beginning in the spring, will be a personalized effort to encourage success among minority law students and interest in practicing law in Oregon.



OHSU OFFERS APPRENTICESHIP GRANT

Twelve grants are available this summer for minority high students who want to participate in the Minority High School Student Research Apprenticeship Program at the Oregon Health Sciences University.

Funding for the summer program in the OHSU's schools of Dentistry, Medicine and Nursing is provided by the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, Md., and the School of Medicine.

"The aim of the students research positions is to provide opportunities for minority students to participate in various aspects of biomedical research and thus widen their career choices," says Dr. J. Peter Bentley, professor of biochemistry. The program, in its seventh year, is designed so that students develop an understanding of both the research in which they participate and the technical skills required to conduct scientific studies. Students will be assigned to the research laboratories of various OHSU faculty sponsors.

Former OHSU grant winners have participated in such research as in various fertilization, psychology, the mechanisms of cataract formation, genetics and computer programming in dental health.

According to federal guidelines for these grants, minority students are those who identify themselves as Black American, Hispanic, American Indian, Alaskan Native, Asian or Pacific Islander.

To apply, students need to submit a letter describing their career goals and their reasons for wanting to participate in the program, an up-to-date high school transcript and at least one letter of recommendation from a science teacher. All applications should be received at the OHSU by April 15. Applications should be mailed to Dr. J. Peter Bentley, Professor of Biochemistry, Oregon Health Sciences University, 3181 S W Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland, OR 97201.

For more information about the OHSU's summer minority high school student research apprentice program, contact Bentley's office at 279-8414.

PDC PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Commission Meeting

Date: March 8, 1989
Place: The Portland Bldg., 11th Floor
1120 SW Fifth Avenue
Portland, OR
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Commission meetings are open to the public. A complete agenda is available at PDC. Call 796-5300.

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CO-FOUNDER OF ST. ANDREW LEGAL CLINIC, JEFFERSON AWARD WINNER

Attorney Keith R. Raines, Director and Co-founder of the St. Andrews Legal Clinic located at 807 N.E. Alberta is the winner of the 1989 Jefferson Award. This fact was announced in a joint statement by KOIN-TV here in Portland and the American Institute for Public Service in Washington, D. C. The award is a prestigious honor that recognizes individuals throughout the country who have remained without recognition after having performed significant public service.

Even though the clinic is not directly associated with St. Andrew Parish just across the street, Mr. Raines was honored for having performed a "ministry of law" for the last 10 years by serving the unmet legal needs of over 15,000 people.

The St. Andrew Legal Clinic is a charitable, nonprofit corporation certified by the Oregon State Bar as the only public interest law firm in Oregon. Their four full time lawyers provide access to the judicial system for those who would otherwise be excluded from the constitutional protection of each citizen. They also offer a Thursday night extraordinary service where voluntary lawyers from the metropolitan area attempt to unravel some of the legal problems that individuals in the community face. Unfortunately this service has been under-utilized by Portland's African American community. It is an inexpensive service well worth their consideration.

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VIDEO SHOWCASE IS PLANNED AT PORTLAND CABLE ACCESS

On Friday, March 3, 1989 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., the Portland Cable Access, located at 2766 NE Union, will be presenting a series of free evening discussions. Featured will be clips from access productions and feedback from a studio audience of access producers, friends and interested individuals. Rose Reed, Community Access Coordinator at Multnomah Cable Access, will host the first Video Showcase. Hosts throughout the series will be professionals from the video community. The series will be held the first Friday of each month through June 2nd.

Each producer will show a maximum of five minutes from an in-progress or completed show. The public is invited to help provide the valuable reactions and feedback that are often not available to access producers.

Video Showcase is patterned after a seminar last fall sponsored by the National Federation of Local Cable Programmers that featured George Stoney, professor at New York University, who is widely known as the Father of Cable Access. Producers may call Phyllis Cole at Portland Cable Access, (503) 288-1515, for more information on how to participate.

CENSUS BUREAU HAS JOB OPENINGS

The U.S. Census Bureau is seeking applicants to fill several job openings in the Portland area. All positions are temporary and are scheduled to be filled in early Spring. They have been listed as follows: One supervisory clerk is sought at \$5.75/hr for a period ranging from 5-8 months. One administrative assistant at \$5.75/hr for a period of 12-18 months. One payroll clerk is sought at \$5.00/hr for a period of 2-8 months and one recruitment clerk is sought at \$5.00/hr for a period of 2-8 months. **These positions do not have benefits.** Hiring preference may be given to former U.S. Bureau employees. **PLEASE NOTE:** THIS IS PRELIMINARY INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Mail your name, address, zip, telephone number, and position(s) of interest to:

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