

News Around Town

HISPANIC CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS YOUTH LEADERSHIP

In a joint effort by the Oregon Council for Hispanic Advancement (OCHA) and the Multnomah County Department of Human Services, a conference entitled "Hispanic Youth Leadership: Building the Future" will be held Friday, May 12, at the Red Lion Inn (Columbia River, 1401 N. Hayden Island Blvd.). Toney Anaya, former Governor of New Mexico, and a nationally recognized leader in the Hispanic community, will deliver the keynote address at 12:30. OCHA is a community-based volunteer organization that seeks to promote leadership development in the Hispanic community.

The conference will begin at 9:00am. Leonard Olguin, a professor from California State University in the field of multicultural education, will speak at 9:25am and lead two workshops in the afternoon. Panels and presentations are scheduled throughout the day.

SEMI-PRO FOOTBALL RETURNS TO PORTLAND AFTER SIX YEAR ABSENCE

After a six year absence, semi-professional football makes its return to Portland with the newly organized Oregon Thunderbolts of the North West Football League. Portland's last team, the Steelheads won the league championship in 1983 before folding.

The North West Football League, which has been around since 1971, has franchises in Vancouver, Washington (Warhawks), Tacoma, Washington (Bengals), South King County (Sharks), Snohomish County, Washington (Blue Knights), Seattle (Raiders) and the Thunderbolts. The league begins play on July 29th, and concludes with the championship game on October 21st.

The Thunderbolts will play their home games at Portland Christian High School, 122nd NE & Brazee, in Portland. Home games will be Saturday, August 5th, August 9th, September 2nd, September 16th and September 30th, all games start at 1:00 pm. The team's opening game will be July 29th at Vancouver, Washington's Kiggins Bowl, 7:30 pm against the Washington Warhawks.

The team has signed two well known local coaches to guide the offense and defense. Mel Renfro, former outstanding player at Jefferson High, Oregon University and the Dallas Cowboys, will serve as defensive coordinator. Taking over on offense will be Tom DeSylvia, former head coach at Jefferson High in Portland, where he twice won the state AAA football Championship before retiring. He also coached one season at Portland State University. The Thunderbolts will be hosting a coaches clinic, Saturday, May 13th at Clackamas High School from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

SBA & BUSINESSES HOLD PROFIT ENHANCEMENT SEMINAR

A stronger bottom line! That is what your business is all about. There will be a 6-hour seminar devoted entirely to improving your unique feature of the seminar will be an hour of individual counseling by the instructor which is included in the price. This will be arranged for sometime after the seminar.

The instructor will be Clark Compton, a business financial consultant, and author of the workbook "Financing Your Business". He will cover such topics as: Cash Flow Management, Financial Analysis, Budgeting and Forecasting, and Business Development Center.

The price, including lunch and the hour of private counseling, is \$50. The enrollment is limited to 40 people.

The seminar begins at 8:30 am and ends at 3:30 pm
For information and registration, call 653-8733.

GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS MAY 9 TEACHER DAY IN OREGON

In an official signing ceremony, Governor Neil Goldschmidt recently proclaimed May 9 Teacher Day in Oregon. The date coincides with National Teacher Day and is included in Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7-13, sponsored by the National Parent Teachers Association (PTA).

The theme of this year's observance is "Teachers: An Investment in America's Future." According to Mary Hatwood Futrell, president of the National Education Association (NEA) -- the nation's largest teachers' union -- the event "is a time to show gratitude for America's teachers, those who work most closely with the nation's children and young adults."

Throughout Oregon, local community groups, PTAs and local affiliates of the Oregon Education Association (OEA) will be finding ways to acknowledge teachers' contributions to Oregon's future.

"A quality teaching staff is one of the most important investments a community can make in providing a bright future for our citizens," said Nancy Lee, president of OEA.

"Teachers look forward to the observance as a way of sharing their commitment to the importance of education," Lee Added.

ASIAN CULTURAL NIGHT FESTIVITIES DUE AT PSU

Dining on Asian cuisine, watching the traditional dances of Asian countries, and dancing to American Top-40 records spun by a deejay all await visitors to the second annual "Asian/Pacific Rim Cultural Night" Friday, May 12 at Portland State University.

PSU students from several Asian countries including Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, The Philippines, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Korea, Taiwan, Burma, Japan and Vietnam are scheduled to participate in the event, sponsored by the Asian Students Cultural Organization at PSU.

Festivities begin at 2:00 pm in the third-floor ballroom of PSU's Smith Memorial Center with a series of cultural exhibits.

At 6:00 pm, diners will be served food from several of the Asian countries during a leisurely two-hour meal period, supplemented by a costume show from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

From 7:30 to 9:30 pm, cultural events will be presented, including traditional dances, songs and martial arts demonstrations.

From 10:00 pm until midnight, a deejay will play American music hits for dancing on the ballroom floor. Arts and crafts exhibits also will be on display in a neighboring room.

Tickets at \$3.00 for PSU students and \$5.00 general can be purchased at the door. Senior citizen tickets are available at \$2.50, and children under 12 will be admitted free with parent or guardian.

After 6:00 pm, visitors may park free in unreserved spaces in PSU's multi-story parking facilities.

For further information, contact PSU's Office of Educational Activities at (503) 464-4452.

OREGON PUBLIC EMPLOYEES UNION DONATES CASH, SUPPLIES TO BLACK UNITED FRONT SCHOOL

PORTLAND-The Oregon Public Employees Union (OPEU) has collected a variety of school supplies and more than \$300 in cash for the Saturday School operated by the Black United Front here.

The donation will be made by OPEU Executive Director Alice Dale and

Union Field Representative Yvonne Martinez to Avel Gordley and Karen Powell of the Saturday School at a news conference to be held at 10 am, Monday, May 8, at the OPEU Portland Field Office, 123 NE Third Avenue, Suite 440.

"OPEU and the Black United Fund are organizations which share certain goals," said Dale. "Both organizations are working to find ways for our constituents to achieve self-determination. Both are concerned with the quality of life in Oregon. And, both, particularly within our Union, members in our Children Services Division and the Adult and Family Services locals, are concerned about the well-being of the children in our communities."

OREGON MINORITY AIDS COALITION

The Oregon Minority Aids Coalition (OMAC) is announcing their House Meeting Project that starts the 2nd phase of their HIV infection/AIDS prevention education targeted to Oregon's racial/ethnic minority communities.

House Meetings are an opportunity to become informed about HIV infection/AIDS and the issues surrounding it for People of Color, in an informal setting. A host invites 8-10 of her/his friends, children, co-workers, church members, etc. to their home. We supply refreshments, an appropriate video, factual information, a question and answer session, and a door prize for the group. Each meeting lasts about 1 hour and is presented free of charge. We can tailor presentations to a variety of racial, age, gender, or religious groups.

Sound interesting? All you need to do in order to schedule a meeting or find out more about them is to contact OMAC.

(503) 234-1541

PCC PRESIDENT ELECTED TO NATIONAL POST

Daniel F. Moriarty, president of Portland Community College, recently was elected Vice president of COMBASE, a national consortium of community college presidents concerned with responding to the educational needs of local college districts.

Moriarty also was appointed to a three-year term on the Commission of Urban Community Colleges of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges. Both his election and appointment took place at an AACJC conference in Washington, D.C.

PCC TALLIES SIGNIFICANT ENROLLMENT INCREASE

With lower-division college transfer classes leading the way, Portland Community College enrolled some 30,000 students during the first four weeks of the current spring term.

It was PCC's largest spring term head count since 1982, according to figures from the college's Institutional Research department.

Enrollment in college transfer classes grew by nearly seven percent throughout PCC's five-county district.

Other areas showing significant growth were vocational upgrading classes, the English as a Second Language program, Adult Basic Education and GED Preparation classes and non-credit community education classes. Career preparation classes were about even with last year.

"We're showing the strongest student retention rate from winter to spring term in recent memory," commented Donald M. Fiser, associate vice president for enrollment services. Among reasons Fiser gave for the number of students continuing at PCC from winter to spring were expanded student support services, PCC's educational quality, expanded Saturday class offerings and low tuition cost.

BAN APARTHEID!

"YOUTH UNLIMITED -- YOUTH LOBBY DAY"

On May 12, 1989 several hundred high school and middle school students will spend a day in the state capitol lobbying in favor of a modification in the spending limit.

Rep. Margaret Carter has been working with the Portland Rainbow Coalition to involve students in the political process by setting up the "Youth Unlimited -- Youth Lobby Day". Students will have an opportunity to tell legislators in person about programs affecting youth which are either underfunded or in jeopardy because of budgeting restraints caused by the spending limit.

Of special concern are lack of sufficient funds for drug and alcohol counseling and treatment, for mental health programs including in-patient care for young people, for emergency food and shelter for homeless youth, for medical care and for state support for education and job training.

The students come from diverse backgrounds. Some come from privileged circumstances, others from disadvantaged homes. The students represent a real "rainbow" in terms of their ethnic backgrounds -- some are Black, some White, some Hispanic and some Asian. They come from urban areas and rural schools. Some of the students have been politically active before; for others this is their first venture into the political arena.

A full day of activities is planned. Students will be testifying before both the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Resources and the House Human Resources Committee which meet at 8:30 and 1:30 respectively. In the morning and afternoon students will be meeting in groups of two or three with legislators to discuss their concerns in person. At 10:30 the Jefferson High School rap group will present an original rap performance at the opening of the House session. At noon there will be a rally on the capitol steps where both students and legislators will present their views on the need for a modification of the state spending limit.

YOUNG PORTLAND COUPLE CLAIMS SATURDAY'S \$3.6 MILLION OREGON'S LOTTO AMERICA JACKPOT PRIZE!

For the second time in just one month, Oregon's LOTTO AMERICA had the single winning ticket for a jackpot prize. On Tuesday, Brian Westby, 30, and his wife, Leesa, 25, arrived at the Salem Lottery office to claim Saturday's \$3,640 jackpot prize. The 20-year annuitized prize will provide \$145,600 annually after federal withholding. There is no Oregon state tax on any Oregon Lottery games.

The Portland couple didn't realize they held the winning ticket until just before noon on Tuesday. They had bought their \$2 quick pick Oregon's LOTTO AMERICA tickets, along with \$3 worth of Oregon's Megabucks tickets, at the Old General Store/OLCC in Charleston on Saturday while visiting Leesa's parents and family in Coos Bay. "I could've learned earlier," said Leesa, "but I overslept. And I wanted to wash the car before going to the store for a printout of the winning numbers."

Leesa, a housewife and mother of two small children, followed her daily routine. She packed a lunch for Brian that she takes to him every workday, and drove toward the Grace Company in Portland where he works with high grade soils development. But first she stopped at a store for a printout of the winning numbers. "When I got back into the car and checked our tickets against the printout, I couldn't believe it. We had a winning ticket!" When Leesa drove into the parking lot at the Grace Company, she saw Brian outside talking to a fellow employee. "I honked the horn and jumped out of the car yelling, 'We won! We won!'". Brian ran into the building to tell everyone where he works. They couldn't believe it!"

The couple plans to use some of their winnings to buy a new home and take a vacation. When asked if he'll continue to work, Brian responded with a firm, "No. We want to travel to places we've always wanted to see. Now we can do it."

LOCAL EXECUTIVE RECEIVES AWARD FROM NATIONAL DISTRIBUTOR ASSOCIATION

CHICAGO, May 3 -- Hutch Johnson, executive vice president of Eoff Electric Co., 905 NW 12th, Portland, OR, received the National Association of Electrical Distributors' (NAED) Young Executive Award. The award, a framed scroll and silver Revere bowl, was presented to him at the closing General Session of the Association's 81st Annual Meeting, Held April 29 - May 3rd, the event drew over 3,200 attendees from the major wholesale distribution and manufacturing companies in the electrical industry.

The award is given in recognition of outstanding achievement by a young man or woman in the electrical distribution industry.

Active in NAED, Johnson currently serves on the Long Range Planning Committees of both the Association, and the NAED Education Foundation, Inc.

The Oregon State University graduate began his career at age 14, working summers at his family's business, Eoff Electric. His career steps included stints at shipping, receiving, delivering, counter and inside sales. Currently he is branch manager of both Eoffs Portland and Vancouver, WA, branches, and also serves as executive vice president of the corporation.

KEMP ORDERS HALT TO SEGREGATED PUBLIC HOUSING ASSIGNMENT PRACTICES

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Jack Kemp has ordered the review of tenant selection and assignment procedures of the Nation's Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) to determine if the authorities are using non-discriminatory procedures for placing families in public housing units.

"President Bush and I are committed to ensuring fair housing opportunities for all families," Secretary Kemp said. "We will work to make sure public housing authorities follow tenant selection procedures that do not discriminate or lead to segregation."

Allowing applicants for public housing to indicate a project or preference for a particular location often can result in assignments based on race. Recent reviews public housing authorities have indicated that a number of authorities are permitting applicants to express preference for particular projects and have assigned applicants to those projects. HUD has determined that using project or location preference is inappropriate and may be inconsistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, unless HUD has certified that such practices do not result in segregation.

Where HUD directs a PHA to change its policy, the PHA will have 90 days to provide assurances that the preference practices have been terminated.

COMMUNITY POLICING MEETING

On Thursday, May 11th, 1989 at 7:00 P.M. at the University of Portland's Hunt Center Theater, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd., the North Citizens committee and the Portland Police bureau will sponsor an open meeting to discuss community policing. Mayor Bud Clark.

VOLUNTEERS HELP DECIDE UNITED WAY ALLOCATIONS

Several members of the black community recently served with other volunteers to consider United Way funding requests from member agencies for the 1989-90 fiscal year.

Volunteers met for up to 25 hours on panels to examine requests in the areas of aid to the handicapped, child care, children's services, emergency, family, health treatment, mental health multi-service, systems support, and youth. The following people began meeting in March to review information on agency budgets, programs and services, and fiscal management:

Raymond Barber, Jr., aid to the handicapped panel

Denise S. Walker, children's services panel

Gloria J. McCulla, systems support panel

Kathy Pierce, youth panel

Funding recommendations from these panels will be considered by United Way's Community Services and Allocations Committee before presentation to the board of directors in late May. The 1989-90 funding year runs from July 1, 1989, to June 30, 1990.

LOCAL KIDS TAKE CENTER STAGE AT OSCAR MAYER KIDS COMEDY HOUR

Would-be Pee Wee Hermans from around town will have their day in the spotlight when they compete with parodies and puns for fun and prizes.

Oscar Mayer Foods announces The Kids Comedy Hour (A Joke-Telling Contest) at:

The Beaverton Mall in the Main Entrance at
3205 SW Cedar Hills Blvd.
Beaverton, OR.
Saturday, May 13, 1989
12:30 - 1:30 PM

Aspiring comedians between the ages of five and ten are invited to compete in a joke-telling competition with prizes awarded in the following categories: "Number One Knock-Knock," "Side Splitter," "Hey Riddle Diddle," and "Corniest Court Jester." The "most Relished Joke" (grand prize winners) will receive a ride in the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile.

The competition is in keeping with the Madison, Wisconsin-based company's tradition of promoting fun and creative self-expression among children.

WALK & ROLL-A-THON

Portland Impact's Second Annual Walk & Roll-a-thon is a celebration to raise money for youth "at risk", frail elderly, and homeless families--the programs of Portland Impact.

The event is June 3, 1989 from 10 am to 2 pm at Cleveland High School's track, 31st and SE Powell Blvd. Rain or Shine!

Fun for the whole family is planned. There will be free hot dogs, soda, music, face painting, juggling, hay rides and more. At least one pledge is needed to participate.

Pledge sheets are available at Portland Impact's SE Senior Center and SE Youth Service Center, Northwest Fitness, Budget Rent-a-Car locations, and other area athletic stores.

Call 231-9578 for more information. Join the celebration!