

News Around Town

CIC SEEKS BOARD MEMBERS

The Multnomah County Citizen Involvement Committee is seeking persons who live in North Portland and central Northeast Portland to serve on the 23 member committee. The role of the Citizen Involvement Committee is to facilitate citizen participation in the decision making processes of county government.

The boundaries for current vacancies are, in the case of North Portland, west of Interstate Avenue and for Central Northeast Neighbors the Alameda, Beaumont Wilshire, Rose City Park, Hollywood, Cully and Madison neighborhoods. For further information, call Merlin Reynolds at 248-3450.

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National Black Talent Directory

By Dan Bell

Last year a vital national edition of the National Black Talent Directory gave African-Americans one concise source of providing major studios, production companies, and recording companies a means to find talented African-Americans.

The publisher J.J. Jones a prominent African-American photographer developed the National Black Talent Directory after being approached numerous times by entertainment executives in regard to finding African-Americans for their projects.

In 1988 the first year of publication 10,000 copies of the directory were distributed nationwide. The response was immediate, in that the directory played an important role in the selection of the behind the scene personnel for Robert Guillaume Show. Other requests poured in for talent and technicians from NBC programs Generations, Carsey/Warner Productions-A Different World/The Cosby Show, and the nationally syndicated-Straight To The Heart.

The 500 page directory provided 1,700 registrants national exposure and was utilized by such major studios and production companies as Orion Pictures, Eddie Murphy Productions, and NBC Productions.

Some local entertainment personalities who were included in last years publication were Brenda Phillips (Winner of a Willie Award this year) Mattie Ann Spears, Kirk Green, and the Untouchable Krew. Nationally known celebrities such as Marla Gibbs, Arsenio Hall, and Aretha Franklin also took advantage of this central source to be contacted for projects.

In an interview the exclusive N.W. representative for the National Black Talent Directory, Joe "Bean" Keller of M.A.R.I. indicated that the purpose of the directory is not only to provide information for the entertainment industry's key decision makers, but also to give African-American youth impetus to strive toward a career in the entertainment field. Moreover the directory does not just focus on the talent and technical aspects of the entertainment industry, but encompasses the creative and administrative aspects as well, such as writers, and producers.

There will be a registration seminar at the N.E. Y.M.C.A. 5630 N.E. Martin Luther King Blvd, August 23, at 6:00 p.m. The seminar is open to the public and all those interested are encouraged to attend regardless of prior experience.

FATALITIES DOWN IN JULY

Fifty-seven traffic deaths occurred on Oregon's roads and highways during the month of July 1988, with 59 traffic deaths.

Total deaths are down slightly with 336 for the first seven months of 1988 with 343 traffic deaths.

There were 29 drivers, 17 passengers, seven motorcyclists, two pedestrians, and two bicyclists killed in July.

Double fatality crashes occurred in Jackson, Multnomah, Jefferson, Polk, and Klamath counties. Marion county had two double fatalities.

Of the 46 drivers and passengers killed, preliminary reports show that only four had on a safety belt. There were a total of four victims under the age of 16, and only one had a safety belt or other restraint in use. Oregon law requires motor vehicle occupants under 16 to be in a safety belt or other restraint.

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THE READING TREE 1989--IRVING PARK



The "READING TREE" an eight-year old program has established a long record of service to young people, parents and friends in the northeast Portland community. Similar satellite programs have been started at two other parks, Alberta and Peninsula. These programs have also met with success.

At Irving Park this summer approximately 100 children came daily and received a boost of confidence and skills to return to school with in September.

This program was directed by B. Anderson and M. Mounce both teachers at the Harriet Tubman Middle School, Portland, Ore. Other helpers included five teachers from Portland

State University who came not only to help the children, but to earn credit toward their certification work for the summer.

High school students, as well as others, came to lend a hand when it was convenient, and often found opportunities to correct problems that they might have had, as well as learning to work with each other and the younger children.

Several children who came to Portland on vacation came to participate in our Reading Tree program. We had children from Idaho, Mississippi and the Islands.

Our program ran for five weeks. Emphasis was placed on inspiring young people to focus on reading.

Nothing was mandatory nor forced. We felt that the Reading Tree was successful because the children wanted to be there to read and learn.

Each year the program gets better, more students participate, parents get more actively involved and the community develops a greater appreciation for the positive work being done for our children.

The success stories that we hear from parents and friends attest to this. It is a positive example of community involvement. Parents and community are acknowledging, through this effort that education is a partnership requiring cooperative efforts of all to achieve the goal.

GOLDSCHMIDT NAMES TWO TO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Gov. Neil Goldschmidt announced today the appointments, effective upon Senate confirmation, of Sharon R. Little and Jeana Wolley to the State Board of Education.

Little, 47, of Lebanon, was president of the 1600-member Oregon League of Women Voters from 1987-89, and vice president from 1985-87.

She is a former high school English teacher, and was named Lebanon Woman of the Year in 1989. She has served on the State Advisory Council for Handicapped Children, the Oregon School Boards Association Legislative Committee, and as chair of the Lebanon Board of Education. She attended the University of Michigan, where she received both a bachelor of arts degree in English and a master of arts degree in education. Little, who will serve until June 30, 1993, replaces Thelma Elliott, whose term expired.

Wolley, 37, of Portland, is director of operations and administration

at Pacific Development Inc. She is a member of the Oregon Association for Minority Entrepreneurs advisory board, the Black Leadership Conference, and the N/NE Portland Coalition of Neighborhoods Jobs Committee. She was involved with the community coalition for school integration effort in Portland in 1977-79. She attended Portland State University, where she studied urban studies and political science. Wolley, who will serve until June 30, 1992, replaces Clifford Freeman, whose term expired.

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