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Kathleen Saadat Appointed To Special Complete Count Committee



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In an effort to make sure everyone in Portland is counted in the 1990 census, Commissioner Dick Bogle has appointed a special Complete Count Committee.

Chairperson of the committee is Kathleen Saadat, Director of Affirmative Action for the State of Oregon.

"The success of the 1990 census count is vitally important to the city's future," Bogle stated. "not only does our community's political representation in the U.S. Congress and in the State Legislature rest on census population totals, but large amounts of federal and state funds are returned each year based on census statistics."

Bogle said if everyone is not counted, Portland could receive "less than our fair share" of these funds.

According to Bogle, the committee will undertake an intensive public education campaign to inform all residents about the importance of cooperating with the census.

Questionnaires will be delivered to each household on March 23, 1990, with pre-addressed envelopes to be mailed back by April 1. In some areas, census workers will pick them up.

The committee will focus on groups believed to be underrepresented in the 1990 count, such as the homeless and various minority communities.

Committee members represent a broad cross section of the community. They include Congressman Les Aucoin, State Representative Margaret Carter (D-Portland), County Chair Gladys McCoy; Sam Brooks, Sem Brooks and Associates; Rev. T.L. Lewis, Morning Star Baptist Church; Frank Dixon, Neighbors West/Northwest Review Board; Pam Arden, North Portland Citizens Committee; Frank Lepp, East Portland Neighbors; Bill Markwart, Central Neighbors North; Ron Herndon, Northeast Coalition of Neighbors; Gretta Grimala, Southeast Uplift; John Miller, Southwest Neighborhood Information, Inc.; Nancy Biasi, Office of Neighborhood Associations; Jean DeMaster, Burnside Projects, and Blanche Schroeder, Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Working with the committee to identify ways of assuring participation by the homeless are Diane Hess and Marcia Moskowitz of Metropolitan Community Action.

The committee will be staffed by political liaison Faye Burch of Commissioner Bogle's office, and Jim Claypool of the Planning Bureau. They will coordinate their efforts with Harvey Lockett, director of the local Census Bureau.

SBA Funds Statewide Minority Business Assistance Program

The U.S. Small Business Administration recently announced the award of \$149,774 to the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) and the Portland Community College (PCC) to fund a business assistance program targeted at disadvantaged businesses located throughout the state. This award was a result of a competitive process in which profit and non-profit organizations were asked to develop innovative programs that would provide for management and technical assistance to disadvantaged firms. The winning proposal for this area teamed the Oregon Association for Minority Entrepreneurs with the resources of the Portland Community College's Small Business Development Center.

Under the contract, OAME/PCC will provide eligible firms with one-on-one business consultation as well as workshops and seminars covering a variety of business topics. Special emphasis will be placed on matching the needs of the private and public sector with disadvantaged firms capable of providing those goods and services. It is anticipated that these services will be accessible throughout the state through the use of a circuit rider program and a cooperative arrangement with the twenty Small Business Development Centers located throughout the state.

Firms interested in receiving assistance should contact the OAME Center at (503) 236-1190 or the PCC Small Business Development Center at (503) 273-2828.

Give Another Chance. Give Blood.

Celebrate Martin Luther King's Birthday a special way this year. Sign up to donate blood at the Martin Luther King Memorial Blood Drive on Monday, January 15, 1990, at O.B. Williams Convention Center, 220 N.E. Beech, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call Christine Robinson, 285-0493, for more information.



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100 Public Housing Communities Share \$2.4 Million To Help Youth Avoid Drug Use

Grants totaling \$2.4 million for new or expanded sport and recreational programs will mean expanded positive opportunities for youth in 100 public housing communities across America, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Jack Kemp announced today.

"Sports and other competitive activities can be important in preventing children from being lured into drugs and crime," Secretary Kemp said. "Too often, children in public housing communities are exposed to the destructiveness of drugs and violent gangs, and too infrequently exposed to the challenge of sports and team activities."

Secretary Kemp has pledged to empower families in public housing to help them rid their communities of the scourge of drugs. Kemp believes that a local youth sports club is just one of many ways local governments, public housing residents, and the Federal government can work together to provide positive role models and activities for America's youth.

Many of the applications are supported by national, collegiate, or local sports figures.

The \$2.4 million was awarded on a competitive basis to localities in 36 states, including Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. The grants, up to a maximum of \$25,000, will help the local governments provide sport, social, educational or cultural programs for youth in HUD sponsored public housing developments.

HUD's grant funds are being matched by contributions from local public and private resources.

Program participants will include public housing authorities, resident management organizations, city recreation departments, police and sheriff departments, Boys and Girls Clubs and YWCA's and YWCA's. Activities will focus on creation of recreational facilities, sports clinics and team building activities and self improvement and development programs.

Metropolitan Human Relations Commission To Hold Sixteenth Annual Awards Luncheon

The sixteenth annual Metropolitan Human Relations Commission Awards Luncheon will be held Friday, Jan. 12, at Noon at the Red Lion Hotel, downtown Portland on Southwest Lincoln. The event is \$12.50 per person, and open to those who make reservations by January 9. Call MHRC office, 796-5136 to obtain reservation information.

The awards luncheon is held every year in commemoration of the spirit and work of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. During the luncheon, individuals and organizations who have made outstanding contributions in the field of human rights and relations will be honored.

The Russell A. Peyton Award, named for the first executive director of the MHRC, is presented to individuals who have made notable contributions in their advocacy of human and civil rights. The 1989 award

will be given to Rabbi Joshua Stampfer of Congregation Neveh Shalom.

The Sonja Hilton Award is given for the advocacy of the rights of disabled persons. Kitty Purser, chair of the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission Advisory Committee for the Disabled from 1987 through 1989, will receive the award.

The Special Recognition Award will be presented to the Albina Ministerial Alliance.

The facility is wheelchair accessible and the program will be signed for the hearing impaired and deaf. For more information about accessibility, call Jan Campbell, MHRC Disability Project Coordinator, 796-5210. The TDD number is 796-5393.

MHRC Mission Statement

The Metropolitan Human Relations Commission believes in the dignity and worth of all human beings. MHRC's mission is to foster mutual understanding and respect, and to protect the human rights of all economic, religious, ethnic, racial, national origin, disability, age, sex, and sexual orientation groups in Multnomah County.

Be Planner-For-A-Day At Growth Conference Jan. 10

Citizens can help shape the future of the region at a conference entitled, "Planning a Livable Future: Growth Strategies for the 21st Century." The event will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Lloyd Center Red Lion.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Metropolitan Service District, Portland General Electric and the League of Women Voters (Columbia River Region Interleague Organization). Registration fee, including lunch, is \$25. Advance registration is required. The conference is open to the public.

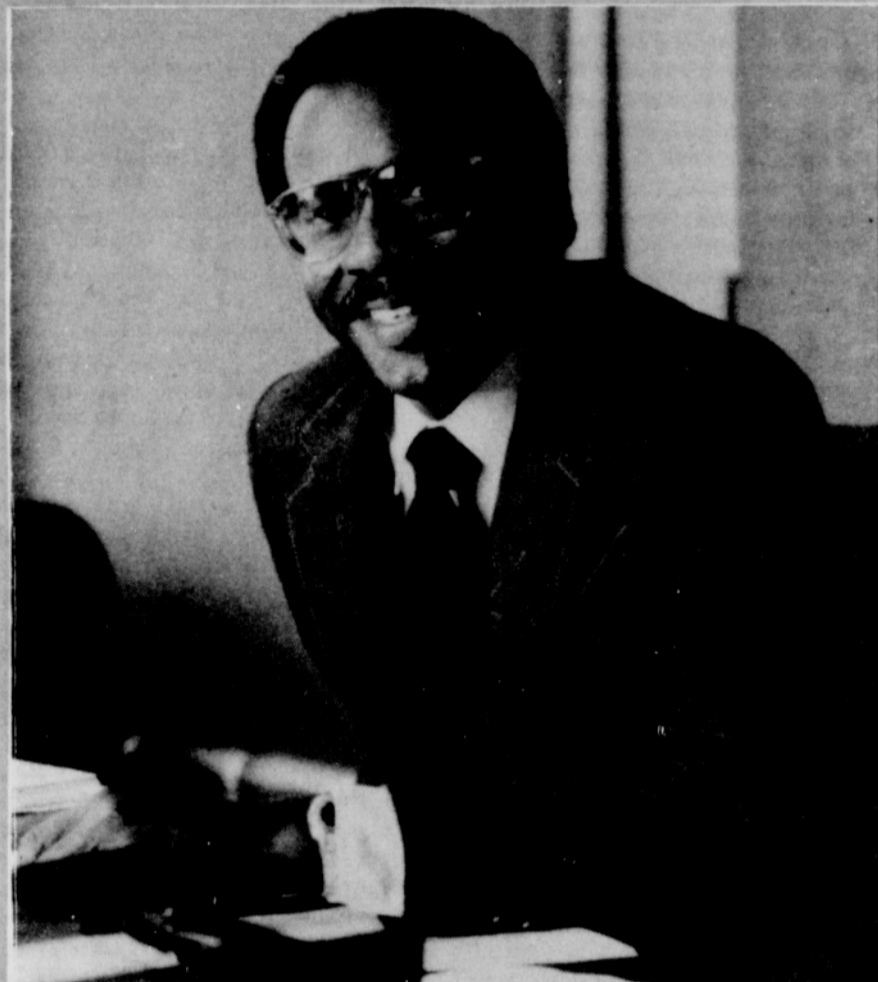
John DeGrove and Neal Peirce, national experts on regional growth issues, are featured speakers. DeGrove will present the keynote address on "Framing the Issues in 1990." He is director of the Florida Atlantic University/Florida International University Joint Center for Environmental and Urban Problems.

Peirce is a nationally syndicated columnist (appearing locally in The Oregonian), TV commentator and author. His luncheon speech, "A Tale of Two Regions," will explore growth problems in the Puget Sound region of Washington compared with the Portland metropolitan area.

Arnold Cogan, of Cogan Sharpe Cogan, will give a talk and slide presentation on growth management issues facing this region today. A panel discussion, "Strategies for Livability," will be moderated by Ed Whelan, PGE, and feature Metro Councilor Mike Ragsdale, Grubb & Ellis, Henry Richmond, 1000 Friends of Oregon; and Earl Blumener, Portland city commissioner. PGE President Kay Stepp will also be among the conference speakers.

The afternoon workshops, moderated by Metro Councilor Jim Gardner will feature small-group discussion of planning strategies for the region.

Charles Jordan Appointed



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Commissioner Mike Lindberg announced today he has appointed Charles Jordan in the permanent position of Superintendent of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation effective immediately. Jordan has served as acting Superintendent for the Bureau since December 11, 1989 and has successfully completed the required civil service process. Jordan's salary is \$63,378 a year.

Commissioner Lindberg will authorize reimbursement of Jordan's relocation costs. The \$9,805.08 will be funded through the existing Park Bureau budget.

For the last five years, Jordan has served as Director of Parks and Recreation in Austin, Texas. Prior to his tenure in Texas, Jordan served ten years as a City Commissioner in the City of Portland.

"Throughout this process, I have had one goal: to hire one of the most talented Parks Superintendents in the country to manage our city's parks system," Commissioner Lindberg said. "I am elated that this goal has been realized."

Goldschmidt Urged Senior Health Insurance Freeze

At Governor Neil Goldschmidt's suggestion, senior health insurance premiums have been frozen until sometime next spring by Theodore Kulongoski, Oregon Insurance Commissioner.

Premiums for the private health insurance sold to supplement Medicare are expected to increase as companies move to pay benefits that the federal government no longer covers. This follows repeal of the Catastrophic Coverage Act by Congress last month. The repealed program was funded by a controversial premium charged to all Medicare beneficiaries. Last week, the Social Security Administration announced that it will be unable to reprogram its computers to stop taking those premium deductions from benefit checks until at least May 1990.

In a letter to Kulongoski, Goldschmidt said the charge is unfair. He also said the delay by the Social Security Administration will create "a great amount of confusion among our retirees as to what actual medical coverage they have and how much that coverage costs."

Goldschmidt suggested a moratorium on all Medicare supplement rate increases until the federal government reprograms its computers. According to Goldschmidt, the decision "will give regulators and the insurance industry more time to evaluate the effects of repeal of the Catastrophic Health Care Act."

Kulongoski announced a freeze Monday on Medicare supplement premium increases until the government deductions stop. The Governor's suggestion and many letters of concern from Oregon seniors prompted Kulongoski's decision.

He pointed out that individual seniors are not in a position to ask the federal government to stop the deductions. However, he argued that "Insurance companies have the time, money, and power to implement cost containment and to lobby the federal government to refund the repealed Catastrophic Coverage Act premiums."

Kulongoski's order applies to only the individual Medicare supplement policies held by Oregon seniors. It does not apply to policies purchased on a group basis be-

cause the insurance Commissioner does not have authority to approve or deny rate changes on group plans. Kulongoski asked companies that sell such plans to voluntarily comply with his moratorium.

Kulongoski urged his fellow insurance commissioners across the country to join him in imposing the moratorium, "and in protecting seniors from unfair and excessive charges."

Black College Satellite Network to Telecast "The State of Black America 1990" Press Conference

The Black College Satellite Network will telecast live the press conference on the release of "The State of Black America 1990, Tuesday, Jan. 9, from 10 to 11 a.m. from the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

The press conference, conducted by John E. Jacob, President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Urban League, will also be received by other satellite networks, cable stations, as well as homes with private satellites with receive capabilities.

Individuals who have KU-BAND or C-BAND and satellite receive capabilities will be able to pick up the press conference. The satellite coordinates for the KU-BAND will be Satcom R-2 transponder number 6B (vertical) channel 9 of 30, downlink frequency of 11876.5 Mz and audio frequency of 6.2 of 6.8. Those with C-BAND will be able to receive the program through Westar TV, transponder 6D (horizontal) channel 11 with downlink frequency of 3920 Mz and an audio frequency of 6.2 of 6.8.

For further technical information and to register as a downlink site, contact Dr. Walter Barwick at Black College Satellite Network at (202) 737-2405.

"The State of Black America 1990 is the most authoritative annual document examining the current status and conditions of African Americans in America. The State of Black America is a publication of the National Urban League.