

NEWS AROUND TOWN



Housing Gets First Child Care Center

The first child care center for public housing residents will be opened in May, following the award of a one year demonstration project grant of \$45,140 to the Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) and Neighborhood House. The child care center will be developed at Hillsdale Terrace, a HAP development in southwest Portland that houses 60 low income families. Parents who want to use the child care center must be employed, involved in job search or training programs leading to employment.

The child care center will use two community rooms at Hillsdale Terrace to serve 20 pre-school children and 15 grade

school children from the development. The center will operate from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Neighborhood House will operate the center, which will emphasize and encourage the development of self-esteem and social, mental, and physical growth. Neighborhood House is a community service agency that provides early childhood, family, and aging services to low income families in southwest Portland.

"We have a good partnership with Neighborhood House that will allow our low income parents to look for work and become employed," HAP Executive Director Donald E. Clark says. "Parents will feel better having their children cared for so close to home."

HAP and Neighborhood House plan to involve residents with the child care center

through a parents advisory board. Parents will have input on the development of activities and curriculum at the center. One of the goals is to build bridges between school and home by encouraging the parents to participate in the center's classroom and help sponsor holiday events such as potlucks. The child care center will be vital to the parents at Hillsdale Terrace in providing affordable child care.

The grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will cover the start-up costs of the center. HAP is contributing \$40,000 for the operation of the center. Additional funding will come from eligible State of Oregon Adult and Family Services subsidies. Parents will also be expected to pay based on a sliding fee scale.

City Energy Office Helps To Weatherize 5,000 Apartments

Over 5,000 rental units have been weatherized as a result of Portland's Multi-Family Weatherization Assistance Program. The program, funded by the Oregon Department of Energy, has just received a \$230,000 grant to continue the program until June of 1991. Commissioner Mike Lindberg said that with the new grant, an additional 2,000 rental units will be weatherized.

Under the program, Energy Office staff work closely with property owners and managers to explain weatherization incentives and to prepare the application forms.

"Our program targets low-income families in multi-family housing units, which in many cases need the energy upgrading the most and can take advantage of the financial incentives offered by utilities and the State of Oregon," said Program Manager Debbie Palermi.

The PIC Elects 1990 Board Officers

E. Andrew Jordan Named to Third Term as Chairman

The Private Industry Council, a private, non-profit employment and training organization, has elected officers to its board of directors. The new officers, who will serve until January 1, 1991, will lead a 26-member board representing private business, education, labor, community-based organizations and the public sector. The board will oversee The Private Industry Council's comprehensive employment and training programs for youth and adults in Washington and Multnomah Counties.

E. Andrew Jordan will serve as chairman of the board. Mr. Jordan, an attorney, is managing shareholder of the law firm Bolliger, Hampton & Tarlow. He is an expert in land use and development, local government and employment law. He has been a board member since 1987 and will serve a third term as chairman. Mr. Jordan represents The Private Industry Council at the Portland Leaders' Roundtable. He is a

former president of the Beaverton Chamber of Commerce.

Bill Scott, president of Pacific Development, Inc., is the new vice-chair. Mr. Scott participates in a number of local boards including the Association for Portland Progress, Emanuel Medical Center Foundation and the Portland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Scott, who is also a member of the Leaders' Roundtable, has served on the board of The Private Industry Council since 1988.

Mary Zoe Petersen has been re-elected as secretary-treasurer, a position she has held since the inception of The Private Industry Council in 1987. Mrs. Petersen is co-owner of Gresham Optical and Custom Eyes. She is also an active member of the Soroptimist Club of Gresham, American Association of University Women, the Mt. Hood Festival of Jazz Foundation and the Gresham Chamber of Commerce.

Child Care Center Announces Closure

The St. Vincent de Paul Child Development Center board of directors announced Monday morning that the center will close on February 28. Board president, Julia Baker, cited the center's desperate financial situation faced over recent months, saying, "The board deeply regrets the decision, but after unsuccessfully pursuing new funding sources we felt there was no other choice. Reducing our high standards of care in order to cut our budget was not considered an acceptable option." Since mid-1989 the center has seen declining tuition revenue, the result of falling enrollment.

The center currently cares for 69 children, between two-and-a-half to five years old. Seventeen staff are employed.

The center opened 50 years ago as Blessed Martin DePorres Day Nursery at North Victoria and Broadway. Later it moved to Northeast Williams and Graham, renamed St. Martin's Day Nursery. In 1973 the center moved to its present location, the old Immaculate Academy at 44 Northeast Morris. Third generation students are not uncommon.

NACME Recognizes Outstanding High School Students

Portland resident Bosco Kante, receives a 1989 National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering (NACME) High School Student Merit Award from Eastman Kodak President Kay R. Whitmore. The award recognizes African-American, Hispanic and American Indian high school students who have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership skills, and commitment to engineering as a career field.

Kante, who received an 411,000 scholarship, was among ten finalists honored at NACME's Forum '89 in Washington, D.C. A graduate of Grant High School, Kante is now a mechanical engineering major at the University of Southern California.

Forward Motion Offers Wide Variety of Services and Computer Expertise



Theatruies Ben Yehudah (West) of Forward Motion, Inc. and Sam Qasam of Rent A Soft work as a team to offer a wide variety of services and computer expertise to corporations and individuals in the downtown Portland corridor at 1430 SW Park Avenue near the Portland State Campus. Both have extensive experience with computer software and hardware.

T. Ben has 10 years experience in the computer industry and has worked for such companies as IBM and Xerox. He has also taught various computer subjects for community and private colleges. He has served as an advocate for juvenile African

American males under the Juvenile Justice system. During the summer of 1989 he was the computer instructor for the Earn & Learn Program at Portland Community College. This was a highly successful program aimed at training youth who were or had high potentials for drug or gang involvement. The student retention rate for this summer program was an astonishing 90%. T. Ben said "I would like to see the Governor's office, Portland Public Schools, and CSD utilize my expertise in organizing

a year-round computer training program tailored for the specific needs of high risk African American youth."

Forward Motion trains corporate personnel as well as small business people in the use of computer software use for IBM and compatible systems, and offers computer consulting and programming. Consulting includes software and hardware sales.

Sam Qasam is experienced with computer hardware and offers a wide range of services as customers.

Some of those services are as follows: Computer time rental, software rental, resumes, word processing, desktop publishing, laser printing, spreadsheet projects, and transferring files from MAC to IBM or IBM to MAC. Sam said, "customers should try the software before they invest \$500 in purchasing such software as Lotus 123 Version 3 or other software, only to discover it was not what they expected". "T" and Sam want to help individuals, small business owners, and corporate personnel be the best they can be, and they are available to assist companies in their computer decisions.

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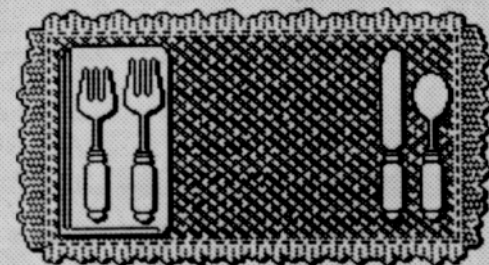


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