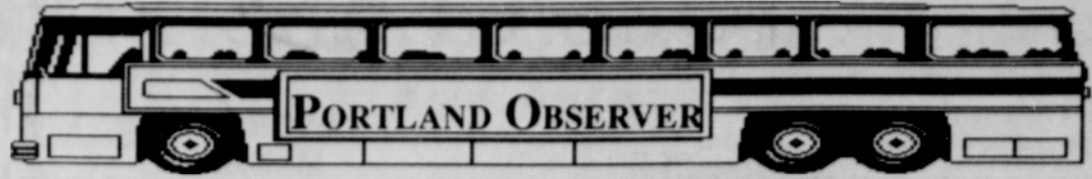


# NEWS AROUND TOWN



## Dick Bogle's City Hall Update

**Update: Northeast Rescue Plan . . .** The Bureau of Buildings has joined with residents of Northeast neighborhoods targeted by the "Rescue Plan for a Community Under Attack" to set ground rules for code enforcement which address the individual needs of each neighborhood. In the King neighborhood, response to complaints has been excellent; home owners are taking steps to correct problems, and bureau personnel have been added to assist people. *Enforcement efforts are being expanded south into the Sabin neighborhood.* Neighborhood revitalization dollars are being spent on showcase projects in badly deteriorated areas. Plans are underway for a major spring clean-up involving Air and Army Guard personnel and neighborhood volunteers, patterned after the successful pilot project last October on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

**Update: Abandoned Buildings . . .** On February 1, certified letters were sent to the owners of 900 houses declared "derelict buildings" under a new City ordinance. By definition, the houses are not only abandoned, but badly in need of repairs. *Our objective is to force the owners to either bring their properties up to City code, or demolish the houses.* Owners of "derelict" houses have until February 15 to submit detailed rehabilitation plans to the Bureau of Buildings, and pay a \$100 fee.

**Update: Affirmative Action . . .** Chief George Monogue is propelling the Fire Bureau toward full representation for minorities and women with a program which may well become a model for the nation. This past year, 20% of the successful candidates for spots on the firefighter hiring list were minorities and women. *The goal for 1990 is 20-25%, and new emphasis is being placed on recruitment.* In December, 60 recruits met at Portland Community College's Cascade Campus to start pre-employment training. Deputy Chief Ron Bender, who has headed the program since it was initiated in 1987, expects to prepare as many as 100 applicants for the bureau's next firefighter examination in September, 1990.

**Update: Affirmative Action . . .** Dennis Nelson, manager of the Bureau of Licenses, responded in a positive way to Commissioner Bogle's call to step up the hiring of minorities and women. All four of his recent hires are from underutilized classes, three of them minorities!

**Update: Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center . . .** The Meeting, a fictional encounter between Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., premiered February 2 and will run through March 4. Thanks to a grant from the Fred Meyer Charitable Trust, close to 1500 school children will see the play. *For information and reservations, phone 243-7930.*

**Update: BOEC (911) . . .** We are working hard to implement the 911 levy approved by City voters in June, 1989. The needs assessment process was completed in late November. *On December 6, a contract was signed with U.S. West to purchase and install the Enhanced-911 system that automatically flashes the caller's address on a screen.* Planning is underway for the Computer Aided Dispatch system for police, fire and medical service. We are ahead of schedule, and expect to have the E-911 system operational by this time next year.

**Update: 1990 Census . . .** To assure that minorities, the homeless and other groups are counted when the census swings into action in March, Commissioner Bogle has appointed a Complete Count Committee. *State and federal dollars are at stake, as well as the city's representation in Congress and the Oregon Legislature,* since census statistics are used as guides to funding and apportionment of political districts

**Update: Bicycle Messengers . . .** We have responded in a positive way to complaints of traffic safety violations and rude behavior by downtown bicycle messengers. *We decided to seek voluntary compliance from the messenger companies, rather than initiate another regulatory program.* Working with the Association for Portland Progress, Downtown Retail Council and the companies, we developed a work plan which calls for the use of logos and colors on bikes and messengers, hospitality and traffic safety training for messengers, and other measures.

## Women Gather To Discuss Leadership Issues

Developing leadership addressing housing, employment and education needs of women was the topic of a conference held on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Kenton United Presbyterian Church (2115 N. Lombard St.) in Portland. Approximately 150 attended this training event which brings together women of diverse backgrounds from around the Northwest to learn the National Congress of Neighborhood Women's Leadership Support Model.

Lisel Burns and Madonna Beard, both members of the NCNW National Council, conducted the training sessions at the conference. Ms. Burns, who is the Director of the New York Society for Ethical Culture, has extensive experience in organizing women around neighborhood improvement issues. She has taught at New York University, as well as at other colleges in New York state. Ms. Burns' co-trainer Madonna Blue Horse Beard, an Oglala/Lakota Sioux spiritual teacher, who works with groups to share a Native American perspective of cultural diversity.

"We are fortunate to have these women here in Portland to share their skills," says Charis Sprague, conference organizer. "Ms. Burns and Ms. Beard have both contributed to national and international community development efforts. Their work in Portland will be to connect local advocates with a regional network of grassroots and professional women working on leadership development."

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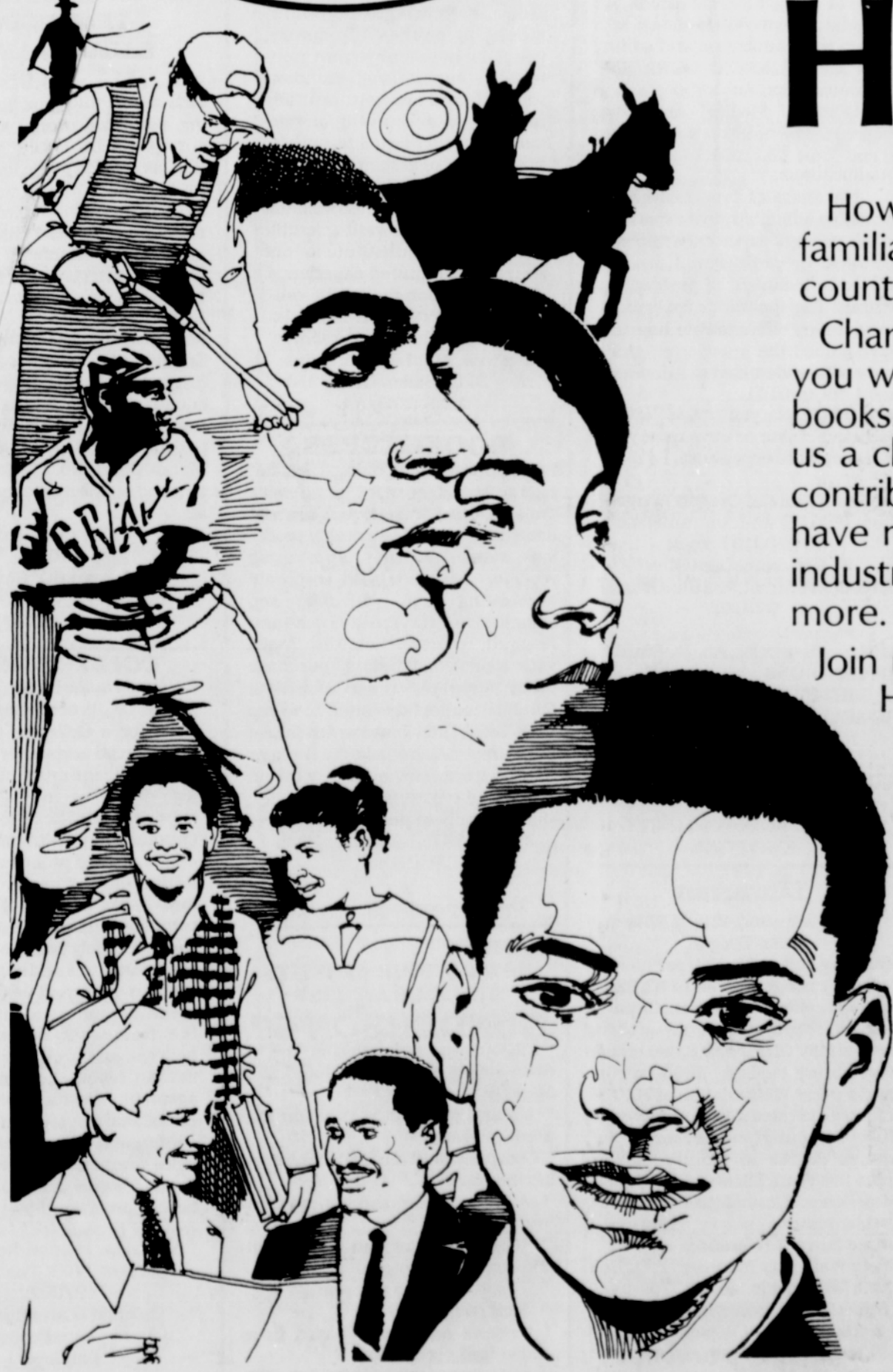
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