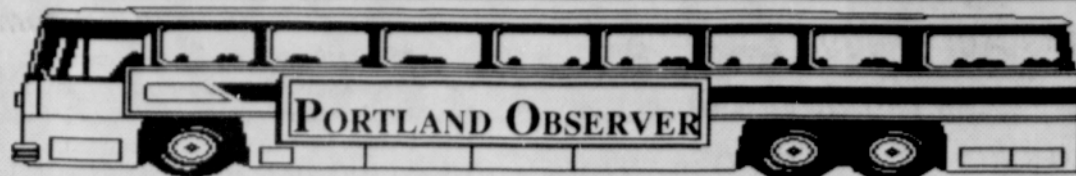


NEWS AROUND TOWN



Commissioner Announces Awarding of First Contract for Alcohol, Drug Treatment Beds

County Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury, Board Liaison for Justice Services, today announced the awarding of the first contract for residential alcohol and drug treatment beds called for under the public safety levy approved by the voters last fall.

"I'm excited that the Volunteers of America is going to be the provider of the first 40 beds in our 120 bed project. It looks like we will be up and running October 1, 1990. I'm particularly pleased with the speed of our community corrections staff in getting this effort underway. These treatment beds are an important element of the levy package. We need to address the fact that 70%-75% of the arrestees in our system have substance abuse problems. The goal of this program is to reduce their recidivism."

The program will target sentenced offenders identified by the courts, probation officers, or presentence investigators. Length of stay is anticipated to be ninety days followed by six months of aftercare.

Each client will receive a thorough assessment and individual treatment plan. Program activities will occur seven days a week. At a minimum, each week clients will be scheduled for one hour of individual counseling, fifteen hours of structured therapeutic group counseling, and ten hours of classes or self-help groups.

Security procedures will be appropriate for a substance abusing offender population. These include tests for drugs (urinalysis) and alcohol (breathalyzer) and random searches for contraband. Residents will only be permitted to leave the facility with the written approval of their counselor and probation officer. The facility will be locked to outside entry at all times. Entry and exit will be supervised. There will be twenty-four hour supervision by paid security staff.

Every client will have a discharge plan focusing on housing, employment, and family support. The six months of aftercare will include weekly group counseling and support sessions and drug testing. Fees may be charged the offender to support the after-care program.

"With the help of the courts and probation officers in enforcing a ninety day stay, we expect that 70% of the enrollees will complete the program and meet the majority of the objectives in their treatment plan," noted Cary Harkaway, program manager of the Community Corrections Division.

Volunteers of America, has operated the Women's Residential Center, a 52-bed treatment program for felons in portland, for the last two years under contract with the county's Community Corrections Division. "The Volunteers of America has a national reputation for excellence and a demonstrated record of achievement with our community corrections staff," Kafoury noted.

Commented Jim LeBlanc, Director of VOA, "We're proud to be selected as the provider for this program, and we thank Commissioner Kafoury and the other members of the board for their efforts in making these treatment beds part of the levy. We look forward to providing professional and effective treatment. The nature of the substance abuse problem with the offender population mandates a comprehensive approach, including sanctions, treatment, and aftercare. Commissioner Kafoury has provided leadership in developing this strategy, and other community corrections initiatives."

"The more we can do to reduce the dependence of these offenders on alcohol and drugs," said Kafoury, "The more we do to promote public safety and reduce crime. I'm grateful to the voters of Multnomah County for approving this program."

Firestone Celebrity Guest at Blazer MVP Banquet

The Portland Trail Blazers have announced that four-time Emmy Award winning broadcaster Roy Firestone will be the keynote speaker at the Seventh Annual Miller Lite Trail Blazer MVP Banquet on April 12 at Memorial Coliseum.

Firestone, an NFL commentator for ESPN and host of that network's "SportsLook," has performed as a stand-up comedian on "Late Night with David Letterman" as well as in various comedy clubs in Los Angeles. A three-time ACE (Award for Cable Excellence) Award winner, Firestone is an accomplished impressionist who specializes in impersonating the voices of sports stars and television personalities.

Tickets for the banquet, scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m., are available at G.I. Joe's locations and at the Memorial Coliseum box office. Fans that wish to vote for their Miller Lite Portland Trail Blazer Most Valuable Player need to stop by wherever Miller Lite is sold, pick up an entry blank and send it to the Trail Blazer offices at 700 N.E. Multnomah Street, Portland, OR 97232. All entrants will receive a Blazer caricature poster, compliments of Miller Lite.

SBA Presents \$150,000 Grant to Minority Group

Portland Community College and the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs accepted a \$149,774 award from the U.S. Small Business Administration Jan. 24 to improve the success of minority-owned businesses throughout Oregon.

Representatives from PCC and OAME were on hand at Portland City Hall to receive the grant from SBA officials. Those

Furniture Giveaway

Security Pacific Bank and United Way of the Columbia-Willamette have rescheduled an office furniture giveaway to member agencies for Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31. The original distribution in February was canceled because of bad weather.

The event will take place in a Portland warehouse at 4454 SW Macadam Ave.

Benefits Agencies

present include OAME Executive Director Sam Brooks, PCC President Dan Moriarty, SBA Regional Administrator Harold Wolf and Erline M. Patrick, SBA Minority Small Business and Capital Ownership Development Associate Administrator from Washington, D.C. Patrick oversees all of the agency's programs to assist the growth and development of minority-owned small businesses.

(near Hamilton Street) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. This project continues the bank's participation in various United Way activities. In addition to an award-winning campaign in 1989, the company also gives away tickets through United Way to such events as Portland Beavers baseball games and operates a United Way in the workplace Program within its organization.

A Group for Parents with Drug-Affected Infants (0-6 mos.)

Tuesdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Breakfast & Lunch Served Limited child care & transportation

- * Come be with other parents and infants in a fun and supportive atmosphere.
- * Share your frustrations and your joys.
- * Learn how to help your child with his/her special needs.

- * Learn how to take care of yourself and meet the battle of staying clean for you and your baby.

Contact Karen Bensen or Donna Krassman, 284-6267, Parent Child Services, 909 N.E. 52nd, Portland, OR 97213.

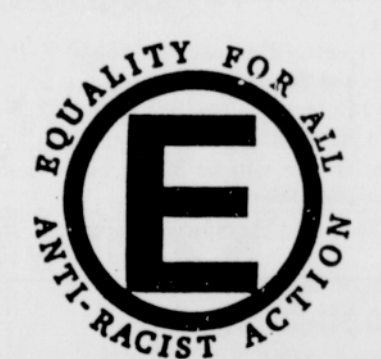
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Youth Gangs Program 248-4112 or 243-7910 VOLUNTEER TODAY!

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- * Business Mentors: Serve as Mentors for youth at-risk.
- * Facilitators of Telephone Banks: Prent/Volunteers in this area will work at designated schools where Telephone Banks are located.

- * Community Based Trainers: Take an active role in educating community and parent groups in recognizing gang behaviors and activities.
- * Chaperones: Have the opportunity to serve as Chaperones at school events and work directly with youth at-risk.



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"Dash For Youth" Launches Park Bureau Track Season

Portsmouth Community School, in cooperation with Nike, Inc., will host a track season warm-up for students in grades 6-8 at Roosevelt High School, April 6. The "Dash for Youth" will run from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. and include three events: 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash and 4 x 100 meter relay.

Everyone wins at the "Dash for Youth." Participants can run in one or all of the events, but only in one heat of each. Race officials will award ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each heat and Nike will supply hats to all participants.

Registration is not necessary. Runners simply need to report to race officials at the time of the event. For more information on the event, contact Portsmouth Community School, 280-5671.

Portsmouth Community School is a cooperative effort of the Portland Park Bureau and Portland Public Schools.

Senior's Property Tax Deferral Application Period

SALEM--Property tax deferral applications for lower income senior citizens should be filed with county assessors between now and April 16, reminds the Department of Revenue. Oregon homeowners age 62 or over who meet all the requirements may delay paying property taxes on their residences. The taxes must eventually be paid, with interest, when the owner dies, moves, or sells the property.

Application are available at your county assessor's office. If your application is approved, the State of Oregon will pay your property taxes for you. Once you have been accepted into the program, you don't have to apply for the following years. The deferred taxes paid by the state become a first lien on your property, except for the liens of mortgages or trust deeds that were recorded before the deferred taxes.

To qualify for the deferral you must meet the following requirements:

- * You must be 62 years old by April 15 of the year in which you file your application.
- * You must have a recorded deed to the property or be purchasing the property under a recorded sales contract. Contact your county assessor for more details.
- * You must live on the property (except for an individual required to be absent by reason of health). If the property is owned by two or more persons, not husband and wife, each owner must apply, live on the property, and be age 62 years or older.

- * Your total household income must be less than \$18,500 for the preceding year. New legislation requires that once you are in the program, you must meet an annual income limit not to exceed \$24,000 federal adjusted gross income to continue having your taxes deferred.
- Contact your county assessor if you need an application or more information.

Neil Kelly Resigns as PDC Commissioner; Dorothy Hall Named as Replacement; Doug McGregor to be Reappointed

Mayor J.E. Bud Clark announced today that he is appointing Dorothy Hall of Hall Tool Company to the Portland Development Commission, the City's agency for urban renewal and economic development. Hall replaces Neil Kelly who is resigning for short-term medical reasons. Kelly's resignation is effective March 22, 1990. Hall's appointment is expected to be voted on by City Council at their March 28 meeting. Hall will fulfill Kelly's term through July 1991. Also at the March 28 Council meeting, Commissioner C. Douglas McGregor is expected to be reappointed to another three-year term.

Mayor Clark praised Kelly's work with the Commission since he was first appointed in May 1985. "Neil Kelly has been a tremendous asset to the Commission and I am pleased he has indicated a willingness to serve the city again in the future." Kelly is owner and Chairman of the Board of the Neil Kelly Company, designers/remodelers, located in Portland.

Hall Tool Company has been run by members of the Hall family since it was founded in Portland 55 years ago. Dorothy Hall has shared the responsibility for management of the business with her husband Dick for the last 10 years. The company is a distributor of industrial tools and equipment and has 12 employees. Hall Tool Company is located at 1724 S.E. Grand, within the Central Eastside Urban Renewal Area.

Ageism, Sexism, Racism

Saturday, April 14, 1990 10:00 A.M. to Noon

Will be the subject of the Portland Chapter of the Older Women's League (OWL) monthly meeting. The speaker will be Jeannette Pai, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Human Relations Commission.

League meets at the Willamette Athletic Club, 4949 S.W. Landing Drive, is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, NO ADMISSION CHARGE. No-host coffee available. Ample parking; Tri-Met Bus #35, with bus and handicap access entrance on Macadam. For directions or information, call OWL (245-4271).

Run For The Arts

The month of April marks the twelfth anniversary of Portland Public Schools and Young Audiences' collaborative RUN FOR THE ARTS. Portland school children will be collecting pledges and running to raise money to bring professional performing arts programs into their schools. The RUN helps schools in the Portland metropolitan area fund carefully designed performing arts assemblies, workshops and residencies. The artists who appear in the Young Audiences roster are highly skilled, professional dancers, musicians, singers, storytellers and theatre artists.

More than 12,000 Portland students collected pledges from over 135,000 sponsors during the 1989 RUN FOR THE ARTS. This year, students will begin collecting pledges from friends and neighbors on March 29 in preparation for the individual jog-a-thons held from April 11-18 on each school campus. Contributions to the RUN FOR THE ARTS are tax-deductible and help enrich our schools' cultural arts programs.

We are pleased to announce that Z100 FM's Little Ricky Rocko and the Jamin Salmon will once again co-chair the RUN. Along with RUN FOR THE ARTS T-shirts and winners' ribbons, incentive awards have been donated by Ski Bowl's Alpenslide, the Portland Timbers, Burger King and the Salem Trophy Company.

Public Service Announcement

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority wants you to know that March is Job Corps Month. If you are between the ages of 16-21, economically disadvantaged, and in need of your G.E.D. or vocational training, give the Cleveland Job Corps a try.

Call 1-(800)-331-6819

America's Little Miss Pageant Photo Contest

"The Official America's Little Miss Pageant" announces their 1990 photo contest in three divisions: Birth to 2-years old, 3- to 12-years old and 13- to 18-years old.

They are looking for beautiful twinkling stars to fill their pageant sky. Whether she can sing, dance or just smile and look pretty, that's all that is needed. Each photo will be judged on beauty, pose and cover girl potential with over \$5,000 in cash and prizes awarded at the finals.

For a free official entry form and additional information please send a long business, self-addressed, stamped envelope to: The Official America's Little Miss Pageant, 54 Ridge Rd., Phoenixville, PA 19460.

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