



World War II Hero

Admiring the Dorie Miller photograph which will be included on the bronze plate which AKA has commissioned in honor of Miller's heroics are AKA board members. The plate will be dedicated Oct. 11 at the U.S. naval Base, Pearl, Harbor.

With AKA international president Mrs. Mary Shy Scott (far R) of Atlanta, Ga. (L-R) are Ms. Yvonne Perkins, Central regional director, Indianapolis, In.; Mrs. Johnetta R. Haley, international parliamentarian, St. Louis, Mo.; and Mrs. Martha L. Perine, international treasurer, also of St. Louis.

Old School Building To Get New Life

A recycled school building becomes a daycare center for 240 children in North Portland after a million-dollar fundraising project. The 1923-vintage Blessed Sacrament School - closed since 1985 - will become the Peninsula Children's Center when remodeling is completed in August.

The two-story woodframe and brick veneer building occupies a city block at 4720 N. Maryland and has its own playground. Following closure of the Catholic school, the facility was operated from 1986 to 1990 for alternative education as the Waldorf School, and has been vacant since.

It was purchased from the Archdiocese of Portland, according to Mike Purcell, developer and president of the general contracting firm, R.A. Gray & Co.-Purcell. He said remodeling work on the project began in the middle of March, following asbestos abatement. Purcell said the architect-designed renovated daycare building will become one of the largest and best in Portland.

When it is completed by August, enrollment will be 240 children, according to Tom El Salvio, project coordinator with Peninsula. "We could en-

roll that many today, if we had the facility," he said. Peninsula Children's Center currently operates on North Farragut in North Portland as a non-profit corporation. It was founded in 1970 by a group of mothers to service 20 children, he said. Now it has a staff of 35 and is one of the larger employers in North Portland.

He said two thirds of the daycare center's clientele is low-income, and 70% are single parents. About 25% of the children are minorities, including African-Americans, Asians and Hispanics, according to Del Salvio.

Purchasing the building gives Peninsula Daycare Center a home that is specifically designed for children. Sara Packer, executive director, said the daycare center now operates in a converted convent. Many children at other centers area cared for in rented space, but Del Salvio said "childcare centers lead nomadic lives, never sure how long they will have their rented space." Purchasing the school gives Peninsula a permanent home, large enough to service the growing demand in Northeast Portland.

Peninsula is the only daycare center in North Portland where school-age

children can be dropped off by parents going to work, be taken to either Peninsula Elementary or Boise-Eliot schools by bus, and be picked up after school and cared for until parents return. Del Salvio said Peninsula also participates in the Teen parent program, through which teenage mothers are reimbursed through the Portland Public Schools as long as they stay in high school. Peninsula is also one of the few that cares for children as young as six weeks through preschool.

Del Salvio said fundraising efforts have netted \$300,000 in low interest loans, as well as \$400,000 in grants, including \$220,000 from the Fred Meyer Charitable Trust and \$100,000 from North Portland enhancement, that contributes proceeds from the St. John's Landfill. The agency is also selling its current facility as part of its fundraising plan.

Others are making in-kind contributions, Del salvio said, such as plumbing and insulation. He said the Portland City Forester required the school to plant 20 to 30 trees, and a crew of community service workers will plant the trees, that have been contributed. He said Peninsula is still seeking \$150,000 in grants or loans.

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles To Appear

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle appearances and free carnival rides will highlight family festivities kicking off "farewell to membership" celebrations at HomeClub improvement warehouses in the Portland area on Saturday, April 6 and Sunday April 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

A Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle, clowns, free balloons, live music, a free carnival ride, refreshments and a "nursery extravaganza" will be part of each of HomeClub's "Grand Re-Opening" carnivals. A Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle will greet fans and pose for photographs on Saturday and Sunday, and carnival rides will be available on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A band will serenade customers on "Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and clowns will give away balloons.

Festivities will be held at HomeClub warehouses located in Portland at 1950 N.E. 122nd Avenue and in Beaverton at 11055 Southwest Canyon Road.

**COMING SOON
HOMES WANTED
APRIL 17 & 24**

Ninth Annual Tom McCall Run & Walk

The largest-ever TOM McCALL RUN & WALK is scheduled this year for Sunday, April 7, 1991, 8:45 a.m., in Tom McCall Waterfront Park, SW Front & Ash Streets downtown. Everyone is invited to attend.

In 1990, nearly 3,000 runners and walkers turned out under beautiful blue skies to participate in the event. Loaves & Fishes anticipates a record-setting attendance again this year.

Runners will eagerly be awaiting this third running event of the 1991 season. The Run draws world-class competitors of all ages, including wheelchair participants. Senior citizens from all over the tri-county area are planning to compete in this year's walkathon.

Loaves & Fishes Centers welcomes the addition of Willamette Egg Farms

as a major sponsor to this year's event. They join KATU Television, The Oregon Lottery and Western Family in promoting good health and vibrancy in Oregonians of all ages.

Entry fees are \$5 (\$6 on day of event); T-shirts are available for \$11 each. Complimentary fruit and muffins from Loaves & Fishes kitchens and boiled eggs from Willamette Egg Farms will be available for all participants.

THE TOM McCALL RUN & WALK proceeds benefit Loaves & Fishes/Meals-on-Wheels. Now in its 21st year, Loaves & Fishes serves 4,000 meals each day to senior citizens in the tri-county area.

For more information, contact: Julie Piper Finley, Loaves & Fishes Centers, 777-2424 or Steve Hamilton, Hamilton Racing, 655-4245

HomeClub launched its new "lowest price to everyone, every day" plan chainwide in March with the refund of pro-rated membership dues to current HomeClub members. Under the former policy, warehouses were open to everyone, with members paying posted prices and non-members paying five percent more.

Committed to providing responsive customer service, HomeClub offers over two acres of quality brand-name merchandise at a substantial discount to consumers every day. Each warehouse has 14 departments with an extensive variety of products, ranging from hardware and hoses to windows and wallpaper. HomeClub also features a Kitchen Design Center, Custom Paint Center and Project Center, all supported by trained, helpful staff.

Based in Fullerton, California, HomeClub, Inc. is one of the nation's leading warehouse-style home improvement chains. The company currently operates 67 locations in 10 western states.

"A Spoonful Of Sugar Helps The Medicine Go Down"

Sucrose is an effective pain-killer for newborn infants undergoing painful medical procedures such as circumcision and heel-prick blood collection. NICHD-supported investigators have found, fifty-four infants at Howard County General Hospital in Columbia, MD., and St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore were enrolled in the study, which compared the effectiveness of sucrose versus water or no intervention in reducing crying duration during these procedures.

During blood collection, infants given 2 mL of 12 percent sucrose cried 50 percent less than infants who were given 2 mL of sterile water.

During circumcision, infants who received no intervention cried 67 percent of the time, while those who received a pacifier flavored with sucrose cried only 31 percent of the time. Infants who were given a pacifier dipped in water cried 49 percent of the time.

These findings indicate that infant pain during these procedures can be successfully reduced by giving the infants sucrose. (Pediatrics, February 1991, Vol. 87, No. 2)

Roberts Testifies On Behalf Of Hatfield's "Motor-Voter" Bill

The Senate Committee on Rules and Administration today held the first of two hearings on the National Voter Registration Act of 1990, a bill designed to simplify the voter registration process and provide for simultaneous registration to vote along with an application for a driver's license.

Referred to as the "motor-voter" bill because of the simultaneous registration provision, the Voter Registration Act has been introduced by Senator Mark Hatfield, R-OR., and Senator Wendell Ford, D-KY. The legislation is based on successful programs currently operating in Washington state and Washington D.C.

The list of distinguished witnesses at the hearing included Oregon Govern-

nor Barbara Roberts and Washington Secretary of State Ralph Munro.

"Given Oregon's and my strong commitment to voter participation, I enthusiastically support the provisions in the bill before you which provide for motor voter registration," Roberts said, "Our challenge is to make sure citizens have access to the political process, not barriers before them. This act is an important step in that direction."

"The sad state of participation in our electoral process should be of concern to all Americans-of whom, less than 40 percent participated in the 1990 general election," Hatfield said. "In my state the turnout was higher than the national average but as a nation, we have failed to exercise this fundamen-

tal right."

Hatfield emphasized that the purpose of voter registration is protect the "integrity of the votes cast."

"Unfortunately, we must protect the rights of eligible voters by ensuring that only those who are eligible to vote, will vote. We have to remember that the purpose of registration is not to keep any element of society from exercising their right to vote, the purpose of registration is to protect the value and integrity of the votes cast."

Among the groups endorsing the legislation include the League of Women Voters, People for the American Way, the Rainbow Coalition, Rock the Vote, and others.

Survey Finds Oregonians Favor Basic Elements Of Kitzhaber's Oregon Health Plan

Oregonians favor a tax-supported system to finance health care to the poor and those without insurance, according to the results of a Gallup poll commissioned by the Oregon medical Association.

It was also revealed at a press conference today that an overwhelming 68 percent of respondents said they would support such a system even if it meant they would pay more taxes.

The survey conducted in mid-January was part of a larger American Medical Association research project on public attitudes about physicians and health care. Some 400 Oregonians selected at random responded, a confidence level to which the Gallup organization assigns a plus or minus five percent error rate.

Fifty-four percent said they favored a health care system totally paid for and operated by the state; but when probed for details, tended to opt themselves out of such a system if they were insured (86% were). Sixty percent favored a government plan only for people who don't already have insurance, while only 28% favored a government program that covered everybody.

Sixty-three percent said "yes" when asked if government should require all employers to provide health insurance, but give special tax breaks to small businesses. Another 11% favored such a requirement with no special treatment and only 22% opposed

the idea.

"What all this boils down to is that the citizens of the state favor the basic elements of Senator Kitzhaber's health care access plan enacted by the legislature in 1989," said OMA President Michael H. Graham, M.D. "We are very encouraged by the results of the opinion survey and think it will also encourage the legislature to adequately fund the Kitzhaber plan and perhaps the federal government to grant a Medicaid waiver so that it can be implemented. After all, if the people directly affected are behind the concept, public decision-makers should give it a chance to work."

The Oregon plan would expand Medicaid coverage to more poor people and require Oregon employers to provide insurance to fund coverage for a package of basic health care benefits at least at the level of the Medicaid program.

When asked what the best method to increase health care funding for the poor was, respondents indicated they strongly favor "sin" taxes as opposed to concrete proposals on payrolls, income, professional or medical services. Seventy-eight percent favor use of state lottery funds as a funding method and 64% agree with a tax on alcohol and cigarettes.

Oregon respondents identified the cost of care and insurance as the major problem facing the country with re-

spect to health care and medicine. Forty-six percent said high cost was the major problem, ten percent identified the cost of insurance, and another ten percent said the poor and elderly were particularly vulnerable.

Other survey results indicated most people want to control how their health care is provided rather than having the state tell them. Fifty-seven percent said they'd rather pay more money out of their own pocket directly to doctors and hospitals, with government involvement only for people who can't pay for their own care, while thirty-nine percent said they would rather have the state in charge of organization and delivery of health care services.

Other highlights from the survey show:

*A majority of health respondents (62%) think they receive as good or better care than people in other industrialized countries.

*Exactly half the Oregon respondents feel the quality of Medicaid health care is lower than that received by the general population.

*Forty-one percent of the Oregon public feel the care available to the elderly through Medicare is lower quality than that to the general public.

*A sizeable majority (64%) of respondents feel that upscale elderly patients should pay a percentage of their health care costs.

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