

City Of Portland Sponsors Energy Awareness Fair

Commissioner Mike Lindberg will kick off an Energy Awareness Fair on October 15th from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Portland Building, 1120 SW 5th. The theme of the fair is: Cutting Energy Costs at Home, at Work and Around Town.

The Fair is sponsored by the Portland Energy Office. The press and public will then be invited to tour and ask questions at an exciting variety of energy displays. The Fair will highlight ways to keep more money in the pockets of the average home or business owner. Featured will be: 1) a new state-of-the-art solar water heating system, 2) easy home weatherization techniques, 3) a video produced by the Energy Office entitled "Ten Quick Ways to Cut Your Energy Bills," 4) a display of energy efficient lights, 5) car pool and transit information, 6) energy education materials for kids and much, much, more.

The Fair is a result of the October 10th City Council Resolution declaring October as Energy Awareness Month in Portland. The Resolution was introduced by Commissioner Mike Lindberg, Commissioner-in-Charge of the Portland Energy Office. "We should continue our role as national and international leaders on energy issues. Portland citizens should be proud to join hundreds of other U.S. cities in celebrating Energy Awareness Month, and doing a better job of saving money and our air," said Lindberg. "The City is committed to doing its part to find local solutions to energy and environmental problems."

Seven Reclaimed Portland Homes Available For Ownership At PDC'S Homestead Open House

Seven homes in Portland neighborhoods will be offered to lower-income residents at the upcoming Urban Homestead Open House on Sunday, October 20, 1991 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Portland Development Commission administers the Urban Homestead Program, which provides home ownership opportunities to those who otherwise might not be able to afford their own home. The program provides a significant tool to help the city reclaim vacant and abandoned housing, while encouraging neighborhood preservation, revitalization and stability.

Through the Urban Homestead Program, PDC acquires vacant homes in need of repair and transfers them to qualified Homesteaders. In turn, Homesteaders agree to make necessary repairs before moving in, accept a low-interest PDC home repair loan and live in the house for at least five years. There is no down payment involved in becoming a Homesteader. Homesteaders pay a one-time charge for taxes and insurance of \$500. Monthly payments on the home repair and acquisition loans average \$350, including taxes and insurance.

Each of the seven homes to be

Schools Schedule Grandparents and Special-Friends Week

Portland Public Schools welcomes grandparents, senior citizens, friends and neighbors during Grandparents and Special Friends Week, Oct. 21-25.

Beaumont Middle School, 4043 NE Fremont St., features from noon to 1:30 p.m. performances by the Oregon Senior Theatre accompanied by Beaumont students. Contact: Lynn Smith, principal, 280-5610.

Humboldt Elementary School, 4915 N. Gantenbein, welcomes guests at 1 p.m. for a special student performance followed by classroom visits. Contact: Linda Wakefield, principal, 281-8797.

Martin Luther King Elementary School, 4906 N.E. 6th Ave., welcomes visitors to classrooms at 1 p.m. and enjoy the schools "well-travelled" choir and refreshments at 1:30 p.m. Contact: Laverne Davis, principal, 280-6456.

Ayala Named Director Of Game Operations

Jose Ayala has been named the Trail Blazers' director of game operations. Ayala will coordinate special events and fan entertainment during Blazer home games. His primary responsibilities include scheduling anthem singers, halftime and speciality entertainment, in-arena promotions and direction of entertainment on the BankAmeriVision scoreboard.

Ayala is a 1976 graduate of Pacific University and comes to the Trail Blazers from KGW-TV where he served as a producer/director for the past 12 years. Ayala replaces J. Issac, who has been promoted to director of business development.

NAACP Meeting

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) General Meeting will be held: Sunday, October 20, 1991 4:00 PM

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
1734 NE First
(1 block North of Broadway)

Guest Speaker:

Mr. Greg Evans, President of The Oregon Washington State Conference followed by discussion of 1991-92 Portland NAAVP Agenda.

Kafoury Commends Citizens For Developing Draft Housing Plan

Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury praised the work of the citizens who developed a Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) for Multnomah County. "The public participation process has been amazing. The draft CHAS plan reflects the efforts of citizens from throughout our community. It will serve as a local blueprint for affordable housing for many years," she said.

The Cities of Portland and Gresham and Multnomah County joined together to develop the county-wide CHAS, a new federal requirement for housing funding. Since May, nearly 100 citizens, under the auspices of the Multnomah County Housing Advisory Committee, have spent thousands of hours crafting this document.

Four subcommittees identified housing needs and strategies related to the issues of homelessness, public and assisted housing, rental, and homeownership opportunities. The CHAS also recommends goals and priorities for directing housing development, finance, and related social services to help solve our community's problems.

Commissioner Kafoury encourages further citizen input. "Anyone interested in affordable housing issues should review the CHAS. It is an important first step toward making the most effective and efficient use of limited public and private housing resources," she said.

The Multnomah County Housing Advisory Committee will hold public hearings starting at 7 p.m. on the draft CHAS on October 23 at the Portland Building, 2nd floor, 1120 SW 5th, and on October 24 at Gresham City Hall. Review copies are available at the Portland Planning Bureau. Public hearings on the draft CHAS will also be held in November by each jurisdiction.

Congressman Wyden's October Town Meeting

Saturday

October 19, 1991

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 pm

Presbyterian Church of

Laurelhurst

935 N.E. 33rd Ave.

Portland

3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

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Adult Community Center

505 'G' St.

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Make Us Your Clearing House

We have been so impressed with the depth of our readership that we are even going a step further in increasing our ever growing interaction with the public, parents, students, and the educational community.

We want you to write and to call us here at *The Portland Observer* in respect to the information you have gained about the effective means and methods for better educating your children; and we would like to hear about particular skills and methods YOU YOURSELF have developed to make your child a better learner and better-adjusted student. You can be sure that your letters will be considered for publication what we would like to make your pages an exchange or "clearinghouse" for useful information that will further educational disciplines in our community.

Now, I know that I am reaching you through this column. Publishers of textbooks and curriculum are writing to say that they are receiving orders from many parents for books and catalogs mentioned in *The Portland Observer*. Others say they have received orders for similar materials from the Multnomah Public Library and the state instructional departments, all of whom have cited *The Portland Observer*. Just last week the Whitney Young Learning Center reported a greatly increased enrollment, many citing *The Portland Observer's* recommendation of their progressive tutorial program for students grades 6 to 10 (an after-school program operated by the Urban League at its headquarters, N. Russell at Williams Avenue). And so it has gone.

If it comes to that, we would gladly format a MONTHLY EDUCATIONAL PAGE OR FORUM that would expe-

dite this process -- it is up to you! We receive copies of minority newspapers from all over the nation -- black, hispanic, asian and native American, and can assure you that this type of activity is not only going on in many communities but is escalating as more parents become aware of their ability for effective interaction. Moreover, those papers as well as our own are receiving increased correspondence from white parents who are experiencing the need for special advocacy in the educational interface.

Before I forget it, let me remind you again of the very excellent material cited in the "African American Children's Books Catalog," The Red Sea Press Inc., 15 Industry Court, Trenton, NJ 08638. Also, I've gotten in some citations for other ethnic groups which need editing but will be communicated next week. In the meantime, you should certainly get down to that FEDERAL BOOKSTORE at 1305 SW First and peruse the racks at the most convenient Daltons Bookstore -- check out the "Children's Bookstore" in your Yellow Page Section, and similar sections in your downtown and branch public libraries.

Unbelievably, little old Portland has America's LARGEST RETAIL BOOKSTORE, Powells at 10th and West Burnside -- an amazing selection of every category on earth. That "Federal Bookstore" cited above has an order desk of catalogs listing educational, consumer and technical books and pamphlets available at amazingly low prices -- MANY FREE! Go down and shop, and get on their mailing list. It is true that there has been an "information explosion" but you have got to have the

initiative to avail yourself of it. And as I said a few weeks ago, if you want your student to write better please get a copy of "Rogets International The-saurus, Fourth Edition (about \$10.50). Serious!

While we are at it, let's think about organizing the home scenario so that we might better integrate this new learning mode and material into our life style -- and that of our children. What about picking up a couple of economical letter-size cardboard filing cases and several dozen manila folders sets? -- for the less-elaborate sorting and classification of these new materials. And think about picking up some 12" x 12" concrete blocks and 1" x 12" pine boards for equally economical shelving for the new and old books. Establish a family study and library area wherever you can. You've got the room -- you'll find it if you are really serious about escalating your family's interaction with the educational process.

And while you are at this organization business be sure to organize and direct the children's television habits. Certainly, you will want to program them into watching key segments of the DISCOVERY CHANNEL (24). If you can afford it, order their yearly program guide, \$12.00. Then, there is channel 10, the public education station, and there are NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SPECIALS all over the place. If you have ideas you wish to share, get back to me. As I said earlier, MAKE US YOUR CLEARING HOUSE; we wish to serve the entire community and you can make it happen.

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Responding to the Iraqi Takeover

Welcome to my new column, "...And Justice For All". I hope you enjoyed my previous column, "This Week in History". My attempt of this column will be to point out injustices and other disruptions we as citizens may experience, as well as an analysis and hopefully, potential solutions. At the end of each week's column, I'll include a tidbit of information I've read or seen lately that may be of interest to you. If you have any comments or criticisms, or even a topic you'd like to see addressed, please feel free to write or call me at the *Observer*.

For those who haven't been paying attention to the Iraqi invasion hype in the media lately, I wish to break down the political activity to what it means to us.

Firstly, here is a brief breakdown of what's occurred: Iraq has seized Kuwait for the purpose of monetary gain (through the abundance of petroleum in the country), and has its greedy eyes on Saudi Arabia (which is the largest oil producer of OPEC). The U.S. has responded by halting imports of oil from Iraq.

The United States--and by this, I don't mean citizens in general, I mean those in positions of power--has pretended, once again, to be taking a "firm moral stand" (can't you just hear Bush saying that?) against the invasion. We

may even go to war with Iraq over Saudi Arabia. But the reason is clearly not morality.

If Iraq gains control of Saudi Arabia's oil, they would not ship to U.S., thereby drastically--since Saudi Arabia accounts for half the oil of OPEC--increasing the price in America. It could result in an economic recession; and, yes, Bush's least-favorite statistic, loss of jobs. This is what Bush and the bigwigs are worried about, NOT the morality of an Iraqi invasion. Examine the *Statesman Journal's* (Salem's daily) headline announcing this tragedy: "Invasion drives gasoline price up." How is that for American concern for Kuwait? I'm not putting down the *Journal*; they're simply reflecting the American attitude.

Clearly, the U.S. seems more interested in the economic scales being balanced rather than taking a gamble for morality. Take South Africa as proof of that theory: while our government could place economic sanctions on South Africa, instead we do nothing and government officials had to smile face-breakingly at Mandela during his U.S. visit, saying things like "We're headed there (to-ward sanctions)" or "We're thinking strongly about it" instead of "We're just afraid our economy might experience a rough patch." Well, WHAT ABOUT OUR PEOPLE? What is it

doing to our people to take no moral action? If the government is so worried about crime, how about being a role model, illustrating that morality is worth its price?

If you are shaking your head and saying, "it's not that bad", then pay attention: think of all the companies that you've heard about that transact business in South Africa. Maybe you even purchase products that are produced there. Were you aware that each year, the Coca Cola company pays the White Pretorian government \$30 million in taxes and other subsidies? Your dollar might be going toward racism.

As common citizens instead of authorityheads, we're more limited in the degree of action we can take (Bush has the veto power; all we can do is curse at the nightly newsmen). But there are still actions to be taken: write Congress; write South African-involved businesses; boycott products (when you're unsure, try to buy a local product, so the money won't leave the country); most importantly, keep aware. You're involved in this, too.

Item: The United States, in its latest (July 25) testing of a nuclear weapon, spent 30 million dollars, and the blast registered 4.8 on the Richter scale. [This information, compliments of a poster in Oregon Peace Institute's window.]

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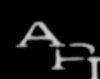
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