Millionth Baby Celebration

Scheduled for Oct. 24

Tradition Becomes Oregon Law

An Oregon law became effective September 29, 1991 which gives funeral processions rights of the road and sets fines for violations. Although respect for the funeral procession has been customary over the years in Oregon, there has been no previous uniform state law to define the procession and to cite disruptions.

Pedestrians, bicyclists and motor vehicle drivers must yield the right-ofway to the funeral procession and obey the direction of the escort or lead vehicle driver or be subject to a Class A traffic infraction. It is unlawful to drive between vehicles in a funeral procession or to join a procession to be exempt from rules of the road.

A funeral procession by law is two or more vehicles accompanying the body or cremated remains of a deceased person. The lead vehicle or escort must use an intermittent red or white warning light and all following vehicles must use low-beam headlights. The first and the last vehicles must use hazard warning lights. The procession can be lead through stop signals once the led vehicle lawfully enters the intersection. The processions are exemppt from tolls and authorized to travel at prescribed speeds.

Grant Funded Project At Multnomah County Library **To Help Children Enter** School 'Ready To Learn'

Bags of books and other learning materials designed to help day care providers interest pre-schoolers in reading and learning are now available at Rockwood, Holgate and Capitol Hill branches of the Multnomah County Library.

The project, called "It's In The Bag," helps children enter school "ready to learn," says Toni Bernardi, youth services manager for Multnomah County Library.

"It's In The Bag," funded by a federal grant distributed through the Oregon State Library, makes it possible for day care providers and other to check out "bags" of books about animals, science, community helpers and other topics of special interest to preschool children. Other materials are designed for the providers themselves, such as those that contain tips for group and individual activities for children.

"The focus of the project is on children," says Ginnie Cooper, director of libraries for Multnomah County. "It's especially important for young children to gain a sound educational foundation during those years when their intelligence grows more rapidly than at any other time."

Borum Named PSU Director Of Corporate/Foundation Relations

Regina A. Borum has been named Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations in the Office of Development at Portland State University. Conjointly, she will hold a faculty position as Assistant Professor of Public Administration, School of Urban and Public Affairs.

Borum has been with PSU since October 1, 1990 when she became Assistant Dean of New Program Development in the School of Extended Studies. Prior to that appointment, she was Director of Conference and Continuing Education at Wright State University in Dayton. At Wright State she held several other positions, including: Director, University and Community Events; Interim Director, Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center; Assistant to the Vice-President for Health Affairs; and Assistant to the Dean, School of Medicine.

As Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, Borum will assist the University in attracting private financial support. She will administer both unrestricted and restricted grants. Working with faculty and off campus funding agencies, including the Portland State University Foundation Board of Directors, Borum says, "I hope we can attract more corporate and foundation dollars to enhance all areas of university life."



Regina A. Borum

Don Riggs, Executive Director, University Development, says "I am very pleased that Regina has joined the development office team. Her presence will enable us to be more knowledgeable of resources available in corporate and foundation areas. With her help, we hope to be better able to respond to University program needs."

Borum, who is a native of Ohio, graduated Cum Laude in Communications from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, and received her PhD. in Philanthropic Studies from Union Institute in Cincinnati.

Catherine Lynn Winter, born Oct. 7 at Emanuel Hospital in Portland, has become the millionth Oregon baby screened for metabolic disorders, according to Michael Skeels, Oregon Health Division administrator.

The baby, daughter of Karen and Michael Winter of northeast Portland, will be honored at a celebration Oct. 24 in Portland, Skeels said.

Gov. Barbara Roberts has issued a proclamation recognizing the fact that Oregon pioneered the technique that allows for early identification of metabolic disorders such as PKU and hypothyroidism and for prevention of the severe mental and physical disabilities and death that result when remedial action is not taken, Skeels said.

He added that when screening began, PKU was the single major cause of retardation among clients institutionalized at Fairview State Hospital. Since screening began in 1961, Skeels said, not a single child has been sent to that hospital.

Oregon now provides screening for Idaho, Nevada and Alaska, but this celebration recognized one million babies screened in Oregon alone, he said.

Dr. Robert Guthrie, who developed the screening process, will be back in Oregon from New York to join the celebration, along with a number of people who benefited from screening and early diagnosis of metabolic disorders such as PKU, hypothyroidism and maple sugar urine disease, which is named for the odor it causes.

Chuck Brokopp, director of the State Public Health Laboratory, explained that newborn screening involves the testing of all newborns for the presence of birth defects that are unable to be identified by routine examination. Within the first week of life, he said, a few drops of blood taken from the baby's heel are soaked onto a special filter paper and sent to the state laboratory. They are then tested for several biochemical defects and treated in the first weeks of life, usually through a special diet. Properly treated, babies with these biochemical problems can grow and develop normally, Brokopp said.

He said the celebration will be at both the Public Health Laboratory, 1717 SW 10th, and the Ballroom of the Smith Memorial Center at Portland State University from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Several pioneers in the screening effort will receive awards, and tours of the State Laboratory will be available in the late afternoon.

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