'Dr. Mom' Speaks to Portland Parents

Parents can learn how to "Keep the Fun in Parenting" when nationally known pediatrician, Dr. Marianne Neifert, visits Portland on Thursday, February 6, for an informative and humorous evening at Montgomery Park.

Her talk will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and pre-registration is required. To reserve tickets, call 229-8081. The talk is co-sponsored by Emanuel Hospital & Health Center and Good Samaritan Hospital & Medical Center, part of Legacy Women's Health Services.

Neifert is best known as "Dr. Mom," the author of a parenting column in McCall's magazine and two popular child care guides: "Dr. Mom," and the newly released "Dr. Mom's Parenting Guide."

"What's Behind the PC Hype?

What began as a right-wing political campaign in support of campus conservatives has become a full blown movement to silence leftists and other critics who speak out against discrimination and government repression. Join Radical Women in a discussion of the history and politics of "Political Correctness" hysteria and how to counter it. Everyone's welcome.

Radical Women will meet on Thursday, February 20, 1992, 6:30 p.m. at Standard Plaza, 1100 S.W. 6th Avenue, Third Floor Conference Room A. A delicious supper is available for \$4.00.

For more information call 289-

She'll bring her practical wisdom and supportive philosophy as a wife and mother of five, and will offer suggestions to help parents set priorities, restore balance to their hectic lives, and reduce their children's misbehavior by enhancing self-esteem.

Dr. Neifert will be available to sign her books from 6 to 7 p.m. that evening. Montgomery Park is located at 2701 N.W. Vaughn Street, Portland

While in Portland, Neifert also is taking part in a conference for medical professionals on breastfeeding. Neifert is associate clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, and medical director of the lactation program at St. Luke's Hospital in Denver, Colo.



Commission Meeting

Date: February 12, 1992
Place: Portland Building
1120 SW Fifth Ave., 11th Fl.
Portland, OR
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Commission meetings are open to the public. A complete agenda is available at PDC. Call 823-3200.

PDC is the City of Portland's urban renewal, housing and economic development agency.

Low-Income Tax Benefit Explained at Malls

Tax help booths will be at four Portland metro malls on Saturday, February 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. to assist area taxpayers with their federal and state income tax returns.

Beaverton Mall, Eastport Plaza, Jantzen Beach, and Clackamas Town Center will have special tax booths staffed by federal and state tax employees from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additionally, Tax Aide and Oregon Enrolled Agent volunteers will be there to assist in preparing tax returns for low-income, elderly, non-English speaking, and taxpayers with special needs.

Special efforts are being made to promote the earned income credit. This

federal tax credit can bring a refund of as much as \$2,020 to low-income working families regardless of whether they had taxes withheld from their wages last year.

Eligibility for earned income credit includes earning less than \$21,250 from a job and having a child living with you for more than six months.

Portland Mayor Bud Clark has proclaimed February 15 as Earned Income Credit Day in Portland to alert citizens of this benefit.

Most area grocery stores are also promoting this credit this week through fliers, advertising and grocery bag messages.

Oregon Selected for Welfare Reform Study

Multnomah and Washington counties have been selected to participate in the federal government's evaluation of "welfare reform" programs across the country. These programs, set up under the federal Family Support Act of 1988, provide people on public assistance with education and training to help them become self-sufficient.

The evaluation will be conducted for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services by the nonprofit Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation (MDRC). The two Oregon counties make up one of the eight study sites across the country selected from 45 locations which were nominated.

"This selection recognizes that we have one of the most advanced and progressive programs in the nation," AFS Administrator Stephen Minnich points out. "It is an honor for our agency and in particular for the many partnerships which make up our program."

The evaluation will gather reliable information on the effectiveness of the various means of helping welfare clients get and keep jobs that pay a living wage. It will also study the effect of these programs on children in welfare households.

Oregon's welfare reform program, known as JOBS For Oregon's Future, provides education and job preparation activities for welfare recipients across the state. The program is a cooperative effort between AFS, other state agencies and local providers of education and training services. Approximately 7,500 welfare recipients are currently enrolled; almost 21,000 are expected to be served during the 1991-93 biennium.

The study, to begin in March, will encompass only the Washington and Multnomah County area, which serves 30 percent of the state's welfare population. MDRC will follow welfare recipients in the study for five years, gathering information on their education, employment and the amount of welfare they receive.

MDRC will issue periodic reports on its findings during the course of the evaluation.

Urban League of Portland Board Votes To Support School Board Election From Zones, and Defend Civil Rights Ordinance

The Board of Directors of the Urban League of Portland has voted to support local initiatives to elect Portland Public School board members from zones and protect Portland's new Civil Rights Ordinance from repeal.

At its January meeting, the Board voted to support the Portland Rainbow Coalition's appeal to Portland Public Schools' Board of Education to change the system of voting for school board members to election from zones. The League's Board agrees that the current system of electing school board members at-law favors candidates with more money and name recognition and may be a violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 as amended. Election from zones would require less money, allow more grass roots campaigns and provide ethnic groups and neighborhood and local school activists a chance to win a board seat.

The League's Board agreed with the Rainbow Coalition that zone elections would help Portland Public Schools move toward more local school decision making by creating a board more representative of local school clusters.

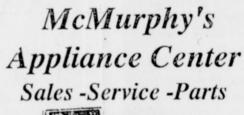
In another decision, the League's Board voted to support and become a member of the Portland Fairness Coalition, which was formed to oppose the Oregon Citizen Alliance's (OCA) effort to repeal Portland's Civil Right Ordinance, passed last October. The

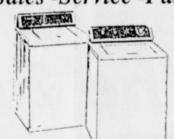
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Ordinance passed last October. The
broadbased ordinance protects all people
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The ordinance is under attack by the non-Portland based OCA, which has initiated a campaign to preclude the city from enacting ordinances which protect lesbians and gay men and will repeal sexual orientation from the list of protected characteristics in the ordinance. A lawsuit filed by the OCA against the city would also eliminate source of income as a class protected by the ordinance.

The League's Board agrees with the Portland Fairness Coalition that the ordinance helps protect all the city's people from discrimination and should not be repealed in any form.





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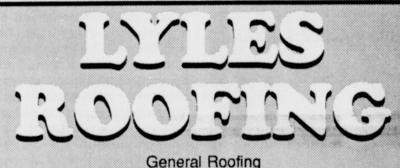
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Cold-weather goods needed

As winter nears, blankets, heavy coats and other cold-weather clothing are once again atop our list of desperately needed items. Among the other needs: workboots, rain gear and tents (for the homeless), blankets, pillows, bedsheets, baby blankets, pots, pans, dishes, kitchen utensils, tables and chairs, chests of drawers.

For details: 284-6878.

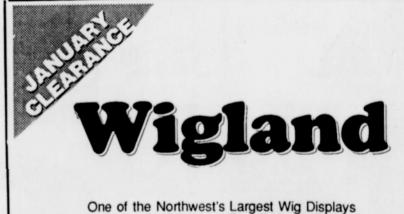


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