

NEWS AROUND TOWN

Signing of Contract for Enforcement of the Civil Rights Ordinance

The contract for enforcement of Portland's recently-passed Civil Rights Ordinance was signed on Wednesday, April 15, in the City Council Chambers, at the end of the Mayor's weekly forum cable broadcast.

Participating in the signing was Oregon Commissioner of Labor and Industries Mary Wendy Roberts; Donna Butler, Director of the Fair Housing Council of Oregon; and Portland City Commissioner Mike Lindberg.

Portland's Civil Rights Ordinance, passed in October of 1991, called for utilization of the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) as the enforcement arm, recognizing BOLI's long and established history of enforcement of state civil rights law.

In addition, the City of Portland will contract with the Fair Housing Council of Oregon for testing services supporting the enforcement services of BOLI.

City Commissioner Mike Lindberg, commenting on the unique arrangement for this enforcement package, said, "There is no doubt that the public supports our approach in utilizing BOLI services to enforce the City's ordinance. Not only does this action take advantage of the already-trained staff at BOLI and the Fair Housing Council, but it saves thousands of dollars for citizens interested in greater government cooperation and efficiency. I am extremely pleased with this arrangement."

Gospel Extravaganza

When: Friday April 24, 1992 7:00 pm
Where: Celebration Tabernacle
1854 N. Lombard Portland OR
(Between Interstate and Denver)
Purpose: Gospel Extravaganza - Musical Fundraiser
"A Night Of 88 Keys"

Portland Schools Offer Early Introduction to Kindergarten

Portland Public Schools offers early registrations and introductions to kindergarten for five-year-olds and their parents during the next two weeks (April 20-May 1).

Portland School District's 62 elementary schools hold an annual "roundup" allowing parents of children who will be five years old on or before September 1 to register early for this fall's kindergarten classes.

To register, parents must provide documents citing their child's birthdate, up-to-date immunization record and other information relating to the child's home address and emergency contacts.

While registrations may be processed at any time during and following the roundup at every school, these Portland elementaries also have set aside special time periods for parents and five-year-olds to tour schools and meet with Kindergarten teachers:

Alameda: 2732 N.E. Fremont Street... April 29... 9 a.m.
Applegate: 7650 N. Commercial St... April 24... 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Astor: 5601 N. Yale St... April 21... 8:30 a.m.
Ball: 4221 N. Willis St... April 23... 10:00 a.m. (pre-kindergarten)
Boise-Eliot: 620 N. Fremont St... April 28-29... anytime
Irvington: 1320 N.E. Brazeo St... April 23... Pre-K 6:30 and Kind. 7:15 p.m.
Rice (Rose City): 6433 N.E. Tillamook St... April 24... 9 a.m.
Rigler: 5401 N.E. Prescott St... April 21... 9:30 a.m.
Scott: 6700 N.E. Prescott St... April 23... 1 p.m.
Sitton: 9930 N. Smith... April 20... welcome all week
Parents may learn which local elementary schools serve their neighborhoods by calling 249-2304.

The K103 Children's Museum Family Cruise!

Friday, May 8, 1992

Join the K103 Children's Museum Family Cruise on the Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler up the Willamette River! Sniff the spring air. Look for ducks, geese and herons. Sing along with the T & O Railroad Band!! Bring your own picnic or enjoy the Sternwheeler's snack bar.

For parents, grandparents, kids and friends, this cruise is sure to mean a wonderful time and some very special memories.

Departure is at 3:30 p.m. with 5:00 p.m. return to dock. Boarding starts at 3:00 p.m.

Proceeds benefit the programs of the Children's Museum.

Tickets are now on sale: \$7.50 per child and \$8.50 per adult. Museum members receive \$2 discounts! Call 823-2227 with your Mastercard and Visa in hand.

Skin Care and the Elderly

A presentation for caregivers and health professionals, "Skin Care and the Elderly: Preventing and Treating Skin Breakdown," will be held at Good Samaritan Hospital and Medical Center on Wednesday, May 20, 7-9 p.m. in Peterson Hall Auditorium, 2255 N.W. Northrup.

The presenter will be Priscilla King, a registered nurse who specializes in the treatment of pressure sores and wounds. King will discuss the causes, prevention and treatment of skin breakdown, as well as practical tips and strategies for maintaining healthy skin. Local vendors will display products used for skin breakdown.

For more information, please call Good Samaritan Education and Family Support Services at 229-7348.

Legal Aid Office Opens in North/Northeast Portland

Multnomah County Legal Aid Services, Inc., (Legal Aid) will open a North/Northeast Community Office on Friday, April 24th. The new office will make legal services for civil cases available free of charge to low-income people in Portland's Albina neighborhood. The opening of the new office follows 13 years of not having a legal aid community office in that area. The opening also follows a decade of cutbacks in legal services programs nationwide; federally funded legal services have been cut back by one third in the last ten years, and the closing of free legal aid offices has been a familiar occurrence nationally.

The new Legal Aid office will be located on the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College, 705 North Killingsworth (Student Center Building, Counseling Center, Room 115). Office hours are Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome; appointments can be made by calling 295-9494 (Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

Attorneys and paralegals from the Downtown office of Multnomah County Legal Aid will staff the new North/Northeast community office on a rotating basis. They will provide legal advice and/or representation free of charge for low-income individuals and groups on civil matters such as government benefits, landlord-tenant law, civil rights, consumer issues, divorces, driver's license issues, and more. Potential clients must be eligible under Federal poverty income guidelines.

Leading efforts to serve the resi-

Summer Plus Program

The Northeast YWCA invites you to attend Summer Plus Program June 15-July 17, Ages 6-11.

Register at: Northeast YWCA, 5630 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Phone: 223-6281 ext. 3057 or 3058.

dents of North/Northeast Portland is Terry Ann Rogers, Executive Director of Multnomah County Legal Aid. Rogers, a graduate of New York University School of Law, has been a legal aid lawyer and lobbyist since 1980. In explaining the need and value of the new Legal Aid office in Portland's North/Northeast area, Rogers said: "With the new office we will be able to serve the minority community of Portland better than we have been able to serve them in the past."

Rogers further commented: "The legal system should be accessible to every citizen. Legal Aid makes that possible for the poor and minority populations--and the new office makes it convenient." The location of the new office pleases Rogers who cited the PCC/Cascade Campus' central location and easy access as important to the success of the neighborhood Legal Aid clinic.

Dan Saltzman, Chairman of Portland Community College's Board, noted mutual satisfaction in the new relationship between PCC and Legal Aid. He said, "We look forward to our association with Legal Aid and welcome you to your new home. We are committed to making education and social services easy for people to reach. We are glad to share our space at the Cascade Campus with other programs which help the community. PCC is pleased to be a part if bringing Legal Aid services to the residents of North and Northeast Portland."

Legal Aid is not completely new to North and Northeast Portland. In 1966, the then Multnomah County Legal Aid


Society opened its first community legal aid office at 59 N.E. Stanton Street. The office--serving the Model Cities neighborhood and Northeast Portland--was in the old War on Poverty-sponsored "Neighborhood Multi-Service Center" which houses community services such as Job Training, Planned Parenthood, as well as Legal Aid. Its operation was funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity and United Good Neighbors (precursor to United Way). In 1968, Legal Aid moved from Multi-Service Center to 517 N.E. Killingsworth. During the 1970s, Legal Aid also coordinated a night clinic in the Albina neighborhood (first at N. Williams and then at N.E. Union) which was staffed by volunteer attorneys.

During the "budget-crunch" years of the 1970s, Federal funding for legal services programs waned and program efforts began to stagnate. First, Legal Aid closed its East County and Southeast offices and then the Albina night clinic in 1976. Finally, the Northeast office was closed in 1979.

Funding for the new office is made possible in large part by The Campaign for Equal Justice. This annual giving campaign among members of the Oregon State Bar is an effort to stabilize funding and to decrease the dependence of Multnomah County Legal Aid on other legal services programs throughout the State on uncertain Federal support. The Campaign for Equal Justice seeks to raise \$750,000 over three years to support the State's legal services program. The Meyer Memorial Trust awarded the campaign a three-year matching grant of \$750,000.

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