

NEWS AROUND TOWN

United Front Against the OCA Call for Arrest of Assailants in Jacob Johnson Skinhead Beating

In reaction to last Friday's Jacob Johnson beating, Karen Gwaltney of The United Front Against the Oregon Citizens Alliance, called for the arrest of all four attackers and for the police to charge them with attempted murder. Gwaltney stated, "According to an eye witness, they even shouted, we're the KKK and we're going to kill you. It's outrageous that a black man has been beaten by Skinheads, just like Mulugeta Seraw who was killed this way."

Gwaltney continued, saying, "the police response is to let three attackers go, despite an eye witness. Furthermore, they charged the fourth with second degree assault and then let him out on bail. These racists are a danger to the community. How dare the police treat it so lightly."

Gwaltney added, "The Oregon Citizens Alliance campaign to strip all rights from Lesbians and Gays, their

opposition to effective hate crimes legislation and OCA director, Lon Mebon's connection to Tom Metzger of White Aryan Resistance, all work to spread bigotry and encourage hatred in Oregon. We must reject the OCA's attempt to legalize discrimination and protest the police coddling of racist attacks."

Gwaltney concluded saying, "Mayor Bud Clark and Chief Tom Potter must call for the arrest of all four assailants. They must charge them with attempted murder immediately."

The United Front Against the Oregon Citizens Alliance will hold an event entitled, "Human Rights Fair; Unite Against the OCA," on Sunday, May 17th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Pioneer Courthouse Square.

The United Front Against the OCA works to unite groups and individuals against the OCA, ultra right wing and neo-nazi movements.

Urban League of Portland Launches Young Professionals Group

The Urban League of Portland has launched a new auxiliary group for young working people. The main goal of the Urban League Young Professionals is to provide a place where young people can meet socially, develop professionally, and give something back to the community.

The auxiliary is one of only three in the country associated with an Urban League affiliate. Kevin Fuller, an Urban League of Portland board member who helped organize the **Young Professionals**, believes there is definitely a need for such a group in Portland. "Our schools can't give young people all the skills they need to succeed. This group will help young people learn to network, develop professional skills and learn from mentors."

Activities will include monthly happy-hour gatherings, workshops on career development, and a mentor

project teaming young professionals with inner city high school students.

Despite the group's name, one doesn't have to be young or a professional to join. The group's goal is to help young people develop professionally, which can involve people of all ages and ethnic groups.

The only requirement to join the **Young Professionals** is to be a member of the Urban League of Portland. Annual membership dues to belong to both organizations are \$20 for students, \$25 for others.

The **Young Professionals** have already developed a set of bylaws and begun their first membership drive. Happy hour gatherings will be held at the Lloyd Center Red Lion's Maxi Lounge on May 8, 22 and 29 from 5 p.m. For more information, contact Deena Pierott at the Urban League of Portland, 280-2600.

Conklins Celebrate Opening of New Thriftway

Wilshire Park Sentry at 5400 N.E. 33rd Ave. is now Wilshire Park Thriftway. Join owners Tom and Joie Conklin in celebrating the change with special events from May 6-23, including:

King School Choir...will perform at 2 p.m. Friday, May 8.

The chorus represented the State of Oregon when it performed at President George's Bush's inauguration ceremony in 1988. The Conklins were the first contributors to the campaign to send the choir to Washington, D.C. The choir will perform May 15 at a fundraiser for the "I Have A Dream" scholarship program. They also will perform May 22 for a community appreciation dinner for Mathew Prophet, superintendent of Portland Public Schools.

Spaghetti Dinner...noon to 5:30 p.m., Saturday, May 9.

All proceeds will go to Doernbecher Children's Hospital at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland.

Prizes, sampling, special promo-

tions.

1,000 free Hawaiian orchid corsages starting May 6.

Free 2-liter of Pepsi to first 100 people after 2 p.m. May 6

Free loaf of bread to first 100 people after 2 p.m. May 7

Free carnation corsages to the first 250 women after 2 p.m. May 8.

Daily drawings for decorated Mother's Day cakes, bouquets and whole hams (\$25 value each) May 6-8.

Enter grand prize drawing for a big-screen TV, a color TV, a VCR, two mountain bikes and shopping spree. Winners will be drawn May 27.

Tom and Joie Conklin have owned the Wilshire Park store since 1986. They have operated the store as a Sentry Supermarket since then. They also own and operate TJ's Sentry Supermarket on N.E. 42nd Avenue. The 42nd Avenue store will remain a Sentry.

A new video rental department was added and the interior look of the store was updated.

Ombudsman Training Scheduled

Volunteers are needed to serve as advocates for the residents of nursing homes, adult foster care homes and residential care facilities. The Certified Ombudsmen work to enhance the quality of life and improve the level of care for the citizens living in long term care facilities. They protect the rights, safety and dignity of the residents.

Volunteers attend a 48-hour training program before being certified. The training includes information on conflict resolution, advocacy skills and problem-solving techniques, as well as specific information on the regulations guiding long term care facilities and the rights of the residents of the facilities. Certified Ombudsmen spend between one and five hours weekly at their as-

signed facilities, and a one-year minimum commitment is required.

The program's greatest need is for volunteers to serve in adult foster care homes, a position that also offers the greatest flexibility for the volunteers. The adult foster care homes have no more than five elderly residents each - volunteers who choose to take two homes can usually complete their assignment in one hour each week.

Training will begin on June 2 in Salem. Mileage will be reimbursed for the training. Interested volunteers may contact Kathy Walter at the Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman, toll-free at 1-800-522-2602 to receive additional information and an application.

Praise of Hatfield and Packwood On National Voter Registration Bill

A coalition of Oregon organizations working to make it easier for people to register to vote are pleased to announce that Oregon's two U.S. senators are both cosponsors of the National Voter Registration Act, S.250, a bill which will enable citizens to register to vote when they apply for or renew their driver licenses, as well as at other government agencies and by mail. These simple and cost-effective programs will remove the discriminatory and complicated barriers which frequently contribute to keeping citizens from registering to vote in many states. This bill is expected to come to the floor of the U.S. Senate for a vote in May.

Since its introduction, Senator Mark Hatfield has been a cosponsor, and last Thursday (April 16), Senator Bob Packwood joined his Oregon colleague as a cosponsor. Oregon is the first state to have two Republican Senators as cosponsors of the National Voter Registration Act.

"Oregon's voter registration statistics, since the adoption of a motor voter program, speak for themselves," proclaimed Senator Hatfield. "An Oregon initiative, yet again, is blazing the trail for new federal policy. I doubt my colleagues can quibble with the success we have had in Oregon and hope that they will join me and Senator Packwood in support of the National Voter Registration Act." Senator Packwood, in declaring his support, stated that "Oregon has shown that the National Voter Registration Act can work. I am pleased to be a cosponsor of this democracy-building legislation."

"Once again, Senator Hatfield and Senator Packwood have demonstrated their commitment to the African American Community with their support of S. 250, the 'Motor Voter' bill. The Washington/Oregon NAACP would like to

express our thanks to our U.S. Senators for their leadership and statesmanship in furthering the cause of voter registration in America," stated Greg Evans, President of the Washington/Oregon NAACP.

"In states that have enacted motor voter laws, the program has proven to be a convenient and cost effective way to expand voter rolls while helping to keep the lists accurate and updated," observed Joel Ario, Executive Director of the Oregon State Public Interest Research Group. "This is a great program for young people and all citizens. It's now time for Congress to make this promising program available to all Americans."

Kappa Eaton, President of the League of Women Voters of Oregon applauded the Senators' leadership: "One of the founding tenets of the League of Women Voters has been to promote easy and informed access to the entire electoral process. The goal of our 'Take Back the System' campaign is to fully enfranchise all U.S. citizens, and passage of the National Voter Registration Act is a major piece of this campaign. Oregon has been a leader in making voter registration universally accessible and we are particularly pleased that our two Oregon Senators have recognized that our system should be replicated nationwide."

The organizations involved in this coalition are:

ACLU Oregon; Common Cause/Oregon; Disabled American Veterans, Department of Oregon; League of Women Voters of Oregon; National Council of Jewish Women, Portland Section; National Association of Letter Carriers, Branch 82, Portland; Oregon State Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG); and Washington-Oregon State Conference of State Conference of NAACP Branches.

A HOME LOAN for PEOPLE WHO THINK THEY CAN'T GET ONE.

Not everyone has the money it takes to take out a home loan from a bank.

But right now, a lot of people in Oregon who think they can't qualify for a home loan, can. With a HomePartners loan from U.S. Bank. It gives you the money you need to buy a house without costing an arm and a leg. Or even a foot. Here's how it works.

With a HomePartners loan, the amount of money you need for a down payment is about one third

less than even the usual federally insured home loan requires. And most closing costs, for things like title insurance and other fees, don't have to be paid up front—they can be borrowed with the rest of the money.

Not only does this home loan cost less, it's easier to qualify for. A steady income and a good history of paying your bills might be all you need.

Now, we aren't exactly giving away these loans to everyone who walks in the door. But, we guarantee

that a lot of people who thought they'd never be able to get a home loan, will get one.

So, before you give up on the idea of owning your own home, take a look at what U.S. Bank's HomePartners loan has to offer. It could save you from a lifetime of rent.



A CONVENTIONAL HOME LOAN		VS HOMEPARTNERS HOME LOAN	
<u>DOWN PAYMENT</u>			
5%		2%	
<u>HOW DO YOU GET YOUR DOWN PAYMENT?</u>			
Must be from your own savings		Can be a gift from a relative	
<u>NECESSARY REPAIRS</u>			
Must be done before loan is given		All repairs (except those required for health or safety reasons) can be done after loan is given	
<u>ADDITIONAL CLOSING COSTS</u>			
All costs must be paid up front		Most costs can be financed	
<u>TOTAL CASH REQUIRED AT CLOSING FOR A HOUSE WITH A SALES PRICE OF \$30,000</u>			
(For down payment, up front closing costs, estimated taxes and insurance)			
\$3,587		\$2,115	
<u>DO YOU QUALIFY?</u>			
<u>% OF MONTHLY INCOME ALLOWED FOR HOUSE PAYMENT</u>			
28%		Up to 33%	
<u>CREDIT HISTORY</u>			
Previous loan experience on cars, credit cards, etc.		Without prior loan experience, landlord references or a good record of paying utility bills can be used to establish credit history.	
The HomePartners program can help you purchase a house in Oregon for up to \$49,000. You are eligible to apply if your annual household income does not exceed the following income		 EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY	
		level guidelines: 1 person—\$26,000, 2 people—\$30,000, 3 or more people—\$34,000. HomePartners loans are offered through U.S. Bancorp Mortgage Company.	