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Portland Landmark Doris' Cafe Opens It's New Location



Photo by Veronica Green

Great food, good friends and excellent music created a festive atmosphere for the grand opening of Doris' Cafe at its new location 325 NE Russell. Pictured are people from the community enjoy dancing to the music provided by Michael Vance B-Jamin Inc.

Portland Landmark Doris' Cafe opens its new location for the community. So Beef it up Pork it down but don't Chicken out if you want the greatest BAR-B-Que in town. Join us in celebrating the grand opening of DORIS' Cafe on Saturday, April 10, 1993 from 12 noon to 4pm. The new restaurant is

located at 325 N. E. Russell. Celebrities, the community and the media is invited to mix it up for this lip smackin' occasion. There will be free ribs, live music, giveaways and dancin' in the street to the sounds of some of Portland's best deejays. ROSIE DEAN And Jewel Thomas, owners, opened DORIS CAFE,

Sept. 1987. Since then, DORIS' CAFE has become a landmark. From Botswana to NEW YORK, word of mouth travels fast making DORIS' CAFE a must for everyone on national recording artists, Luther Vandross, Bobby Brown, The touring company of "Fences", and The Portland Blazer. The guest list includes

many notable celebs, politicians, community leaders and the everyday folk who lend their support and swear by the food at DORIS'!, most celebrated rib joint in Portland. SO JOIN US SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 1993 FROM 12 NOON TO 4PM FOR THE BEST SOUL FOOD EXTRAVAGANZA IN TOWN!!!!

Proposed Budget Emphasizes Security, Innovative Service

The Tri-Met Board of Directors reviewed a proposed budget for next fiscal year that calls for an increased focus on security, improved customer service, expanded service, and Westside MAX construction.

Reflecting the agency's emphasis on improved customer service, the proposed budget provides for significantly more bus service, additional telephone operators, and a \$1 million security package including more police officers, Park & Ride fencing and lighting.

Next year's budget also enables Tri-Met to comply with the Federal Clean Air Act, Americans with Disabilities Act and mandatory drug testing.

The \$134 million proposed operating budget, a 9% increase from current year, represents Tri-Met's aggressive efforts to meet the challenges of a rapidly-growing region. It projects a 3% increase in passenger revenues resulting from expected ridership growth. Employer payroll tax revenues, which make up about two-thirds of Tri-Met's operating funds, are projected to increase 7.9%. No fare increase is scheduled for FY 94.

The \$80 million proposed capital budget demonstrates Tri-Met's strong commitment to expanding service and

making transit more convenient for customers. Priority capital expenditures include: new buses and shelters, bus priority signal projects, additional Park & Ride spaces, telephone improvements and more vehicles for the existing MAX line.

Proposed budget

As Tri-Met enters the first year of Westside MAX construction, the Light Rail Construction Fund provides for 38 new positions, a down payment for low-floor light rail vehicles for the Westside line and work on the three-mile tunnel through the West Hills. Funds are also in place for engineering work on the MAX extension to Hillsboro. An aggressive Traffic Management Plan is also included to keep traffic moving on the Sunset Highway during rail and road construction.

Tri-Met implemented a 3.25% service increase last September--the largest increase in 10 years. This fall, a 5% increase is proposed, which means more than 1,700 additional hours of bus service a week. New service includes demand-responsive buses in outlying area like Sunnyside Corridor and Columbia South Shore, extra buses in the Sunset Corridor during Westside MAX construction, and shuttle to keep inner N.E. Portland moving during blazer Arena construction.

Population growth means Tri-Met must move in a new direction, beefing up service and capturing more riders in order to reduce congestion and keep the air clean, explained Tri-Met General Manager Tom Walsh. "We simply must find innovative and creative ways to serve the growing region. Most of the growth is occurring in the suburbs, where car travel is skyrocketing compared to transit use. This budget reflects our efforts to help preserve the region's livability by reversing that trend," Walsh said.

He added that expansion at this level during the next year, FY 95, would only be possible with a new revenue source dedicated to transit. A transportation funding package, proposed by the Oregon Transportation Commission, is currently before state legislators in Salem. The proposed FY 94 operating budget includes 95 new positions. Walsh told the board that nine positions are needed for bus maintenance, and 36 additional full-time bus drivers are needed to provide new service planned for this fall. Forty-one additional rail personnel are necessary to maintain the existing Eastside rail line and begin training maintenance workers for Westside MAX.

On April 21, the board will receive a report from the six-member Citizens Advisory Committee on the

Budget, which has monitored development of the budget since December. After reviewing the budget over the next three weeks, the board is expected to vote on the approval of the budget at its regular meeting at 3:30pm, April 28, in Room C of the Portland Building. A public hearing will be held before the vote.

New In-State Dialing Plan Begins

Effective Sunday, Oregon phone users can now dial "1" plus "503" and the seven-digit telephone number on in-state long distance calls. It's the first step to making more telephone prefixes available to meet future telecommunications growth in the state.

The new dialing plan, approved last year by the Oregon Public Utility Commission, applies to all long distance calls within the "503" area code. Currently, customers dial "1" plus the seven-digit number on in-state long distance calls. On July 11 long distance calls within the state will require dialing "1" plus the "503" area code to be completed by telephone company switching computers.

South African Leader to Visit MYCAP

A distinguished South African leader will visit the Minority Youth Concerns Action Program (MYCAP) this week to learn about grassroots organizing in northeast Portland. Joseph Johannes Marks will talk to staff and youth at the MYCAP facility Friday, April 16 at 1:00 p.m. MYCAP is located at 4732 N.E. Garfield.

Marks is the chairman of the Cape Areas Housing Action Committee and a member of the Democratic Party, the official opposition party in the former whites-only house of assembly of the South African parliament.

Mark has been active in the anti-apartheid politics since 1952. His prime focus for more than a decade has been on community grassroots organizing. Marks requested the visit to MYCAP, a program that helps gang-related youth establish productive lives in the Portland community.

MYCAP director Tim Holt encourages cultural exchanges, "MYCAP is not just a program, it is a movement to heal the world. Hosting a meeting such as this is one step in a series of many in the healing process."

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"Christian Women Against Crime (CWAC) Third Annual Awards Banquet"



Dr. Lonise Vias

Christian Women Against Crime, Inc. (CWAC) announced Thursday, May 13, 1993 as the date of their 3rd annual awards banquet, "Commitment To Excellence." The banquet is scheduled for 7:00pm at the Governor Hotel

Gresham Resident Named Country Companies Agent

Tom Farber of Gresham has been named an agent in the Country Companies Gresham Agency.

The Country Companies are a group of companies providing insurance products and services. As a Country Companies agent, Farber is able to provide for all the insurance needs of area residents by offering life, Auto, Home, Farm, Ranch, Health, Disabil-

Ballroom, SW 10th at Alder.

The keynote speaker is Dr. Lonise Bias, National Lecturer Against Substance Abuse. Dr. Bias is the mother of the late Len Bias, the University of Maryland basketball player, who died on June 19, 1986, only three days after being drafted by the Boston Celtics.

"We are so pleased to have Dr. Bias bringing her message of hope to the community and Portland," says Alberta Phillips, Executive Director of Christian Women Against Crime, Inc.

Dr. Matthew Prophet and Dr. Myra Rose, Principal of Grant High school are Honorary Co-Chairs. Awards will be presented in the areas of education, team work, community and public service.

Christian Women Against Crime (CWAC) was established in 1985 to address problems in the community. For information regarding banquet reservations, call 282-1316.

ity Income and Commercial insurance.

Farber attended Portland Community College. He is a member and previous program chairman of the International association of Arson Investigators.

Farber will serve clients from the Country Companies office at 1107 NE Burnside, Gresham.