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 THE MONEY.

Some banks seem to think you need lots and lots of stuff before you can get a loan. Houses. Cars. Yachts. It sort of makes you wonder: if someone's already got all that stuff, what do they need a loan for? That's why we've come up with Opportunity Loans. So even if your income's low, chances are fairly high you can get a loan. For things you need. Like a new refrigerator. Some reasonably nice new aluminum gutters. Or to pay some reasonably painful dental bills. Anyway, it seemed like a pretty decent idea,



if we do say so ourselves. Opportunity Loans.



Loans for people who actually need the money.

All loans are subject to approval. Having a good credit history, and/or a history of paying your bills on time will greatly improve your chances of approval. Remember, when you're filling out your loan form, it's smart to read the fine print. Like this. ©1993 U.S. Bank, Member FDIC.

African-American Group Gets Grant From United Way

The Coalition of Black Men is receiving a \$32,015 grant from United Way of the Columbia-Willamette to provide a support group to help African-American men take control of their lives.

The grant is from United Way's Community Investment Fund, which looks to fund innovative programs that address unmet needs in the community.

The target population for the coalition's African-American Male Support Group is primarily men in the Portland-metropolitan area age 16 and older who are unemployed, underemployed, drug and/or alcohol affected, and those involved in the criminal justice system.

The support group will help these men improve their knowledge of personal responsibility, relations within the family and community, health, and long-term decision-making. Activities include presentations on current topics, cultural and recreational activities, community service projects, and school visitations.

"This money will support and expand our current efforts. It will expand the things we're already doing to strengthen the Black community and be role models for our youth," said Macceco Pettis, chairman of the coalition and manager of the Multnomah North/Northeast Branch of the Children's Services Division. He added that health issues will be a major focus.

Additionally, the Urban League of Portland is receiving a \$25,000 grant for its Grandparent Parenting Project. This new program provides support and deduction to older adults who have taken over parenting responsibilities for their grandchildren. This national demonstration project is being offered through the Urban League's senior center.

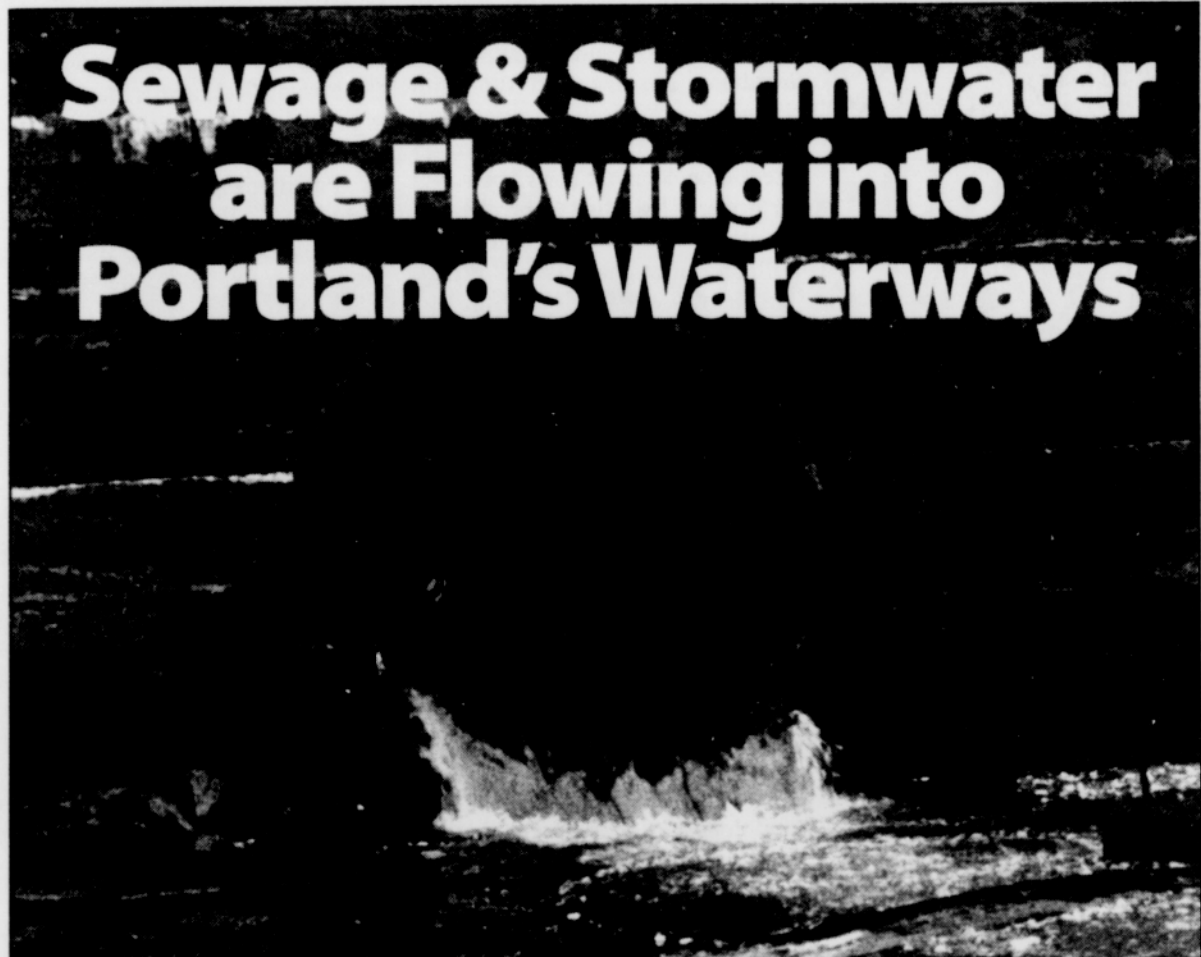
Through the Community Investment Fund, United Way of the Columbia-Willamette will distribute more than \$111,000 to eight organizations, including the Vermont Hills Family Life Center, Reach Community Development Corporation, Volunteer

Lawyers Project, Portland Women's Crisis Line, Clackamas Women's Services, Cedar Mill Library Association, Urban League of Portland, and The Coalition of Black Men.

"Kids look to all types of people to find role models. They can be teachers, coaches, parents, people in the sports and entertainment industries, or adults like those who formed The Coalition of Black Men," said Alan Jones, chairman of the Community Investment Fund Committee and vice president/chief information officer for Tektronix, Inc. "This group has dedicated itself to showing young Black men that positive role models exist right here in Portland and that these people are willing to give their time and talent to help improve the lives of young people."

The Community Investment Fund was established after the 1991 fund-raising drive. It totaled approximately \$200,000, or about 1 percent of the amount raised in that campaign. The next round of grants will be announced in September.

Hay Guys! Mothers Day is May 9



Sewage & Stormwater are Flowing into Portland's Waterways

- In a typical year, about six billion gallons of sanitary sewage and stormwater runoff overflow into the Willamette River and Columbia Slough.
- These events are called Combined Sewer Overflows.
- Reducing CSO-caused water pollution may cost more than \$700 million.
- Monthly residential sewer bills could increase to \$40 or more.

The City of Portland needs your help to decide how to handle combined sewer overflows. Come to one of the Public Hearings and voice your opinion. For details about the meetings, or for more information about CSO's call:

823-2479



CSO PUBLIC HEARINGS

Wednesday, May 12 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. City Hall Council Chambers 1220 SW Fifth Avenue	Monday, May 17 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Marshall High School Auditorium 3905 SE 91st	Monday, May 24 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Benson High School Auditorium 546 NE 12th
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Pacific Power's Green Corps Program Benefits Northeast Portland

Employees of Pacific Power will join with Northeast Portland neighborhood and civic groups on two tree planting projects as part of a company program designed to enhance the environment and benefit the community.

Pacific's program, known as Green Corps, will provide \$1,700 for one project and \$2,000 for another. It is one of eight such programs in Oregon representing a partnership between Pacific Power employees and the communities in which they live and work.

In one project beginning this spring, Pacific Power employees will team with the East Columbia Neighborhood Association in a tree planting project at the Columbia Children's Arboretum owned by the Portland School District. The 28 acre project is located in Northeast Portland between Northeast 6th and 13th Avenues near the Columbia Slough.

The arboretum provides an envi-

ronmental learning center for students attending Portland Public Schools. The tree planting project will be completed by fall.

In another project scheduled from this May through February 1994, Pacific Power employees along with the Piedmont Neighborhood Association and Friends of trees will seek out private property owners who want trees planted to improve their neighborhood's appearance. Funds will provide 50 street trees which help save energy by shading homes during hot weather and allowing solar energy through when it's cool.

GREEN Corps is a pilot program intended to provide funding for environmental projects in Pacific Power's service area. The projects were nominated by employees and selected based on three criteria: consistency with the company's environmental goals, community involvement and employee participation.

"Our employees were the catalyst

behind Green Corps," said Paul Lorenzini, President of Pacific Power. In 1992 when Pacific Power reaffirmed its commitment to the environment with the adoption of a corporate environmental goal, employees identified a wide range of potential environmental projects. They asked the company for support, and Green Corps was the result.

"The program demonstrates Pacific Power's commitment to improve the environment," Lorenzini said. "The company's goals call for cooperative, cost-effective programs that provide a real benefit to the company, its customers and investors."

Pacific's environmental goal focuses on energy efficiency, conservation, renewable resource such as solar and wind power sources, and clean air issues.

Pacific Power is a division of PacifiCorp, which serves 1.3 million customers with electricity and related services in seven states.

MYCAP Co-Founder Awarded Grant From Washington, D.C.

Lonnie Jackson, Minority Affairs Director at MacLaren and Co-founder of the Minority Youth Concerns Action Program (MYCAP), a comprehensive gang intervention/prevention program, operating in Northeast Portland, has been awarded an Academic Specialist Grant from the United States Information Agency in Washington, D.C. to conduct a projection Community Action and Narcotics Abuse prevention in Bangkok, Thailand.

Mr. Jackson is one of only two American's selected to receive this grant. The dates for the project are May 10-22, 1993.

Mr. Jackson will speak at a narcotics seminar in HVAHIN, Thailand, focusing on "Community Action and the Fight Against Dangerous Drugs". The United States information Agency believes community action by non-governmental groups is an American strength based on democratic citizen participation and wish to foster the relatively new development of this trend in Thailand can benefit from American experience in management, fund raising, community awareness, and cooperation with other private and public institutions.

Say you saw it in the Observer

Letter Carriers To Collect Food

Portland area letter carriers will collect non-perishable food donations along their mail routes on Saturday, May 15 to benefit the Oregon food Bank network and feed those in need. On that day letter carriers will voluntarily pick up food donations along their mail routes and deliver it to local food banks. Vancouver, WA and Salem-area letter carriers will also participate in the national food drive.