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Paulus Appoints Diversity Committee

Five Oregonians serve on an ethnic diversity committee advising the Oregon Department of Education on the school reform program and other education issues.

"The face of Oregon is changing," said State School Supt. Norma Paulus who named the committee. The number of minority students in Oregon schools is increasing at three times that of all students. The numbers of minorities this school year jumped 7.8 percent compared to a 2.3 percent increase overall. Minorities now account for 12.5 percent of all students, up from 11.9 percent in 1991-92.

"Even though we're consciously trying to attend to the needs and perspectives of others," said Paulus, "it's easy to make mistakes because we are viewing the situation through our own cultural filters. That's why we need people to constantly help us broaden our view before we make policy decisions."

Phyllis Lee, chair of the committee, agrees. "We welcome this opportunity to work with policymakers to assure that all perspectives are considered early in the process," said Lee, director of multicultural affairs at Oregon State University. "We view this as an opportunity to be proactive rather than reactive."

"We've been meeting with many people to develop a grasp of the complexity and magnitude of education issues, so that we can identify where and how we can be most effective in assisting the Department," Lee added.

Among the committee's early tasks is the development of a resource bank of people from different ethnic groups who are willing to assist in the reform effort and other important activities.

Other committee members are LaVonne Lobert-Edmo, student research specialist, Indian education program, Salem-Keizer School District; Emilio Hernandez, director, high school equivalency program, University of Oregon; Lurlene Shamsud-Din, program coordinator, Aging Services Division, Multnomah County.

Governor And Legislature Observed Champeog Event

On Sunday, May 2, the public joined the Oregon House of Representatives and Governor Barbara Roberts at Champeog State Park in events commemorating the historic vote that formed a provisional government in the Oregon Country.

On May 2, 1843, settlers voted 52-50 to form their own governing body. In honor of the event's 150th anniversary, the House of Representatives convened at Park Champeog.

Governor Barbara Roberts spoke, followed by Chet Orloff, executive director of the Oregon Historical Society. Governor Roberts, Orloff and local residents re-enacted the May 3, 1900, identification of the park as the site of the historic vote. The Champeog Pageant Actors re-enacted the 1843 formation of the provisional government followed with remarks by the French Consulate. The French-Canadian chanson was performed by the Portland French-American School. The House Representative and the Speaker of the House Larry Campbell convened in an actual session of the House of

Representatives. Among bills considered were two that related to the historical significance of Champeog State Park.

The Oregon Egg Producers and Willamette Valley Vineyards hosted a brunch in the park, serving ham and cheese omelettes, fresh fruit, muffins, sparkling wine, Oregon Trail wine, coffee and juice in the park's riverside picnic area. Proceeds from the \$4.95 brunch benefits Aurora's historic Willie Keil Wagon, which will be the only wagon from the state of Oregon to cross the entire distance of the Oregon Trail this summer.

"The egg producers of the Willamette Valley were pleased to support this celebration of the vote at Champeog and the Aurora Sesquicentennial of the Oregon Trail," said Reg Kiddie of Eaelweiss Farms in Aurora.

In the early days of this century, Oregonians would visit Champeog by the thousands for a May 2 celebration. Pioneer groups referred to the park as the "Plymouth Rock" of the Northwest.

Student Writing Workshops Highlight Visit From Applegate Schools Namesake

Literary life on the Oregon Trail comes alive for students Thursday (May 13) from 8:30 to 11:30am as author Shannon Applegate shares letters and diaries of Oregon pioneers and leads students in a writing workshop at Applegate Elementary School, 7650 N. Commercial.

Fourth and fifth grade students will work with Applegate author of the award winning book, Skookum, a story about pioneers on the Oregon Trail. The author also will share her own history of the school's namesake, Jesse Applegate.

Oregon's sesquicentennial and multiculturalism in the state's history will be a focus in the writing workshops. For more information please contact: Marjorie Kerr at 249-2000, Ext. 4563.



The 10th Annual Bite-A Taste Of Portland Offers The Perfect Blend Of Food, Music & Fun August 13-15

At Tom McCall Waterfront Park This year "The Bite, A Taste of Portland," the city's premiere food and wine tasting festival and musical entertainment showcase returns for its 10th year enticing crowds to Portland's waterfront. The 10th edition of Oregon Special-Olympics annual fundraiser is set for August 13, 14, 15th at Tom McCall Waterfront Park. Admission is free.

Last year "The Bite" festival brought out the crowds, drawing more than 215,000 people. The event raised almost \$220,000 to help Oregon Special Olympics provide athletic training and competition for mentally impaired individuals throughout the state.

This year the open-air extravaganza features signature cuisine from

30 restaurants and a special Bite blend of Millstone Coffee available in the Millstone coffee Garden. The Oregon Wine Pavilion will offer samples of award-winning wines from 20 Oregon wineries.

The Bite, A Taste of Portland, will present a spectacular venue of continuous music entertainment on multiple stages with over 90 of the area's best big bands, acoustic, folk, jazz, country, rock and show bands. Past Bite Festivals have included performances ranging from The New Kids on the Block to the West coast chamber Orchestra with jazz great Tom Grant and the Dan Reed Network to The Coasters.

There's non-stop entertainment and fun on multiple stages including: The Bite main Stage featuring

jazz and rock;

The KOIN TV Tasty Licks Stage featuring blues;

The Oil Can Henry's Comedy Stage;

The 1190 KEX Singing in the Shower Stage;

The Oregonian's A&E Stage-fun and games;

The Millstone Coffee Garden Piano Stage;

The Family Stage-a children's area, presents continuous entertainment featuring dance, mime, jugglers, folk musicians and clowns.

Portland is known to have more people eat out per capita than anywhere else. Each year this hospitality tradition is celebrated by the sampling of a culinary buffet from one end of the park to the other.

See you at TL.

Joint-Venture Formed

Two local African American Contractors have formed a joint-venture to bid as subcontractors on the Westside Corridor Light Rail Project. NTI/Workhorse, a joint-venture of NTI Contractors and Workhorse Construction, provides several highway construction services. NTI specializes in traffic control safety and security services. While Workhorse provides several related services, including trucking and asphalt paving.

"We have combined forces in order to present a more attractive package to general contractors," said O.B. Hill, Owner of NTI and spokesman for the venture. "Our firms combined resources will place us in a better position to bid on light rail work," Hill said. NTI was successful on winning several large contracts on the Eastside Light Rail.

The joint-venture was put together by the National Association of Minority Contractors of Oregon (NAMCO) under its specialized construction resource services. Both firms are NAMCO members. "The idea of joint-venturing is not new," Hill said. "It is only that this form of doing business has not caught on with small businesses in general. However, it is commonly practiced by large businesses who see the advantages of working as

partners instead of competitors to achieve common goals and objectives," he said.

The first project NTI/Workhorse plans to bid is for work on the 150 million dollar Westside Light Rail Tunnel. Bids are scheduled to be opened on May 25, 1993. An information session held last October and pre-bid conference conducted in March, attracted contractors from across the United States, Canada and Japan. Three to four hundred people participated in both of these pre-bid events. Hill and Posey were in attendance and also toured the tunnel jobsites. They were able to meet first hand with some of the prime contractors.

NTI contractors and Workhorse construction are both community-based owned and operated construction companies. They are certified by the State of Oregon as disadvantaged business enterprises and are located in Portland's N/NE enterprise zone. "There is a lot of work on this project that NTI/Workhorse can perform," according to Hill. If the joint-venture is successful on the tunnel project a minimum of twenty-five new jobs will be created. NTI/Workhorse encourages other small contractors to consider joint-ventures as a viable alternative to doing business on large construction project.

SUPER MARIO BROS.

Get ready for the "Super Mario Bros." play-off tournament at the incredible Universe. Kids 18 and under play a Nintendo game for 5 minutes in their division, trying to rack up as many points as possible. Visit the incredible Universe anytime for your chance to play. The deadline for preliminary qualifications is 3:00 PM, Saturday, May 22. Those who qualify will compete in the final championship tournament on Sunday, May 23. The following

great prizes will be awarded to the champions of the tournament: a Super Nintendo Entertainment System and Game, And a Game Boy Basic System and Game. All finalists will win tickets to see "Super Mario Bros.", the new movie from Hollywood Pictures. Rated PG. Come to compete. Come to have fun.

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