

County Commissioners Accept Initial Check In Anticipation Of 1998 Convention



Marion County Chair Randy Franke and Marion County Chair Beverly Stein receive a \$10,000 check from U.S. West Communications Public Policy Manager Dennis Tooley ©.

Officials for U.S. West Direct presented a \$10,000 check to commissioners Randy Franke (Marion County), Judie Hammerstad (Clackamas County), Bonnie Hays (Washington County) and Beverley Stein (Multnomah County) to initiate fundraising for the 1998 convention of the National Association of Counties (NACo) at the Oregon Convention Center.

NACo's recent announcement to convene at the Oregon Convention Center is a triumph for the Portland/Oregon Visitors Association (POVA) and the city, according to POVA

Convention Sales Manager Cara Lee Tobias.

"This convention attracts a great deal of attention from the White House," said Tobias.

"It will put Portland and local county issues in the national spotlight."

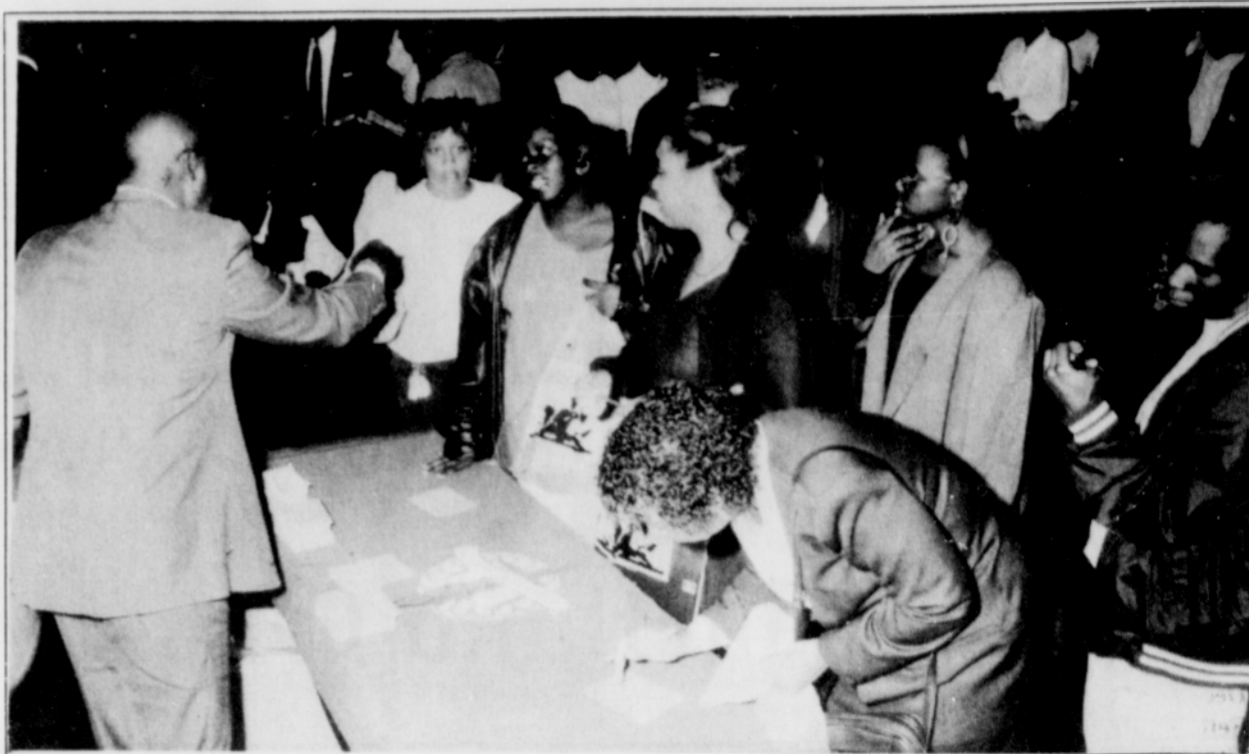
"We are delighted to share Oregon with our county colleagues from throughout the country," said Marion County Commissioner Randy Franke. Franke is also president-elect of NACo. "A strong effort will be made to encourage the thousands of people attending this meeting to bring their

families and extend their visit to include an Oregon vacation."

Approximately 5,000 delegates representing counties across the nation will occupy 3,200 hotel rooms on peak nights and will pump an estimated \$3,115,000 into the city during the July 16-24, 1998, convention.

The Portland/Oregon Visitors Association develops, markets and promotes the Portland/Oregon area as a site for meetings, conventions and pleasure travel in a way that enhances broad economic benefits and optimizes livability while assuring a desirable level of guest services.

Kraft General Foods Helps Students Choose To Succeed



During the recent Kraft General Foods Historical Black College Fair tour, high school students received information about admissions, financial aid and curricula as they spoke with over 50 representatives from Historically Black Colleges and Universities. College fairs were recently held in St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, Newark (NJ), Washington, DC and Baltimore. Photo Credit: Monroe S. Frederick

Governor Asks Other Elected Leaders For Administrative Savings

Governor Barbara Roberts has asked Oregon's elected officials to participate in administrative cost reductions during the current budget. On Tuesday, Roberts wrote to Senate President Bill Barbury, House Speaker Larry Campbell, Secretary of State Phil

Keisling, Superintendent of Public Instruction Norma Paulus, Treasurer Jim Hill, Labor Commissioner Mary Wendy Roberts, Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace Carson and Attorney General Ted Kulongoski, asking for their participation in a state-

wide effort to cut administrative costs.

General Fund dollars saved now will provide critical services in the 1995-97 budget, when the state faces a projected \$1 billion General Fund shortfall. (Sarah Carlin Ames, 378-6496)

Cultural Recreation Band: A Symphony Of Fun

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do. In addition to helping them discover the artistry within themselves and the discipline and cooperation that comes from working as part of a group," Mr. Memory emphasizes, "We are getting kids to literally pick up a trumpet instead of a gun."

Parents support their children in the band with transportation and constant vigilance about their practice time. The band is divided into two sections: a beginning band and an intermediate band. The intermediate band performs in public and demonstrates all the discipline, musicianship and performance skills that are the main elements of the curriculum. "The parent support for this is tremendous," says volunteer parent coordinator Sallie Stevens who has three youngsters in the program. The parents sold Christmas wreaths to raise

money for the program over the holidays.

The band is supported by Portland Parks and Recreation and by grants from Black United Fund of Oregon, Metropolitan Arts Commission, Boeing Employees, and a handful of pocket size donations. The sponsoring group, World Arts Foundation, Inc. expects to launch a successful fund-raising campaign through the spring to assure a full summer program.

Persons interested in volunteering or giving support can get information by calling World Arts Foundation, Inc. (222-1457). World Arts Foundation, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) organization that will be producing the ninth consecutive "Keep Living the Dream" tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 17th at Jefferson High. It is the largest tribute in the State of Oregon.

Couto Joins Aviation Marketing Department As Cargo Manager



Oscar Couto

The Port of Portland Aviation Department has hired Oscar Couto as marketing product manager for air cargo.

Prior to joining the Port staff, Couto was chief of cargo marketing for the Houston Aviation Department. He has extensive experience in aviation cargo, including positions with Iberia Airlines, Cargolux Airlines and Challenge Air Cargo, an all-cargo carrier based in Miami.

A native of Uruguay, Couto is fluent in Spanish and French. In addition to working in Houston and Miami, he has been stationed in Mexico City and Barcelona.

"We are very pleased to have Oscar with us in Portland. His background in the cargo industry and his international contacts will benefit us greatly," said Suzanne Whitfield, Port aviation marketing manager.

Citing Portland's 28 consecutive months of cargo growth, Whitfield said, "We expect that the addition of Oscar to our staff will further boost Portland International Airport's already stellar reputation as an air cargo center."

Mayor Katz Visits Garlington

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The Connection. The program provides job related training to those with mental illness.

The Mayor spoke to various rehab personnel about their programs. When discussing The Connection, she pointed out that the term vocational was no longer being used. "The correct term is professional and technical training," said Mayor Katz. "The state statute has been changed to reflect that." Rehab program manager Carol Hanson said she had heard about the change and was discussing with her staff modifying program resource materials.

Most of Case Management was working with clients when the Mayor arrived; however, case manager Sally Gardner had just completed a session and, therefore, had an opportunity to meet the mayor.

The Mayor's journey concluded in the Medical Department where staff there briefed her on Garlington's successful record in keeping patients out of the hospital. The staff went on to explain how the Center's community-based services have saved taxpayers substantial dollars!

Outside the adult building Dr. Callen pointed to the location where Garlington Plaza was being constructed. The site, located about two blocks east of where the two were standing, upon completion would provide housing and services for those with major mental illnesses.

In the near future, Mayor Katz intends to continue building partnerships between the public, non-profit, business and citizenry, calling upon Garlington Center and others to help initiate the City's agenda for curtailing crime and enhancing economic growth.



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