

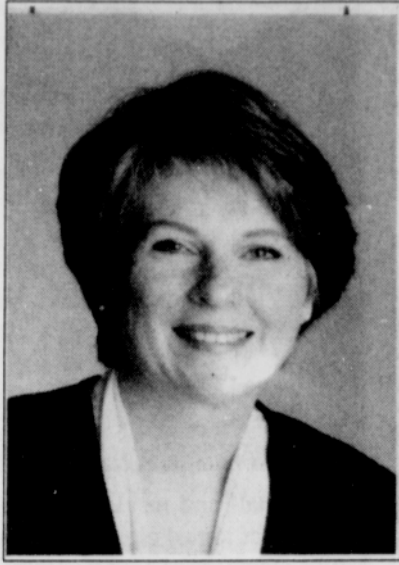
Alexis Dow, Certified Public Accountant, Throws Hat In Ring For New Metro Position

Alexis Dow, CPA, Announced Today That she is running for the new Metro auditor position and intends to file for the primary election to be held in May 1994. This position was created by the reorganization of Metro approved by the voters in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties in November 1992.

Metro is primarily responsible for solid waste management, the Washington Park Zoo, transportation and land use planning, urban growth issues and management of Memorial Coliseum, the Oregon Convention Center, Civic Stadium and the Portland Center for the Performing Arts through the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission. Metro also works with local governments regarding areas of mutual interest.

Dow spent 13 years auditing corporations and government entities primarily for Price Waterhouse, a large, international public accounting firm. She is a licensed municipal auditor and a certified public accountant. She worked in the corporate arena as chief financial officer for Copeland Lumber Yards, Inc.

Currently, Dow has a private accounting practice and is affiliated with the Oregon Society of CPA's as



Alexis Dow, CPA

a technical reviewer for the quality review program.

Dow sits on the board of directors of Longview Fibre Company and chairs its audit committee. She is also a member of the board of directors of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry where she serves as treasurer. She recently completed a term as chair of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the American Red Cross board of directors, including chairing the Red Cross Pacific Northwest Regional Blood Services board. Dow is active

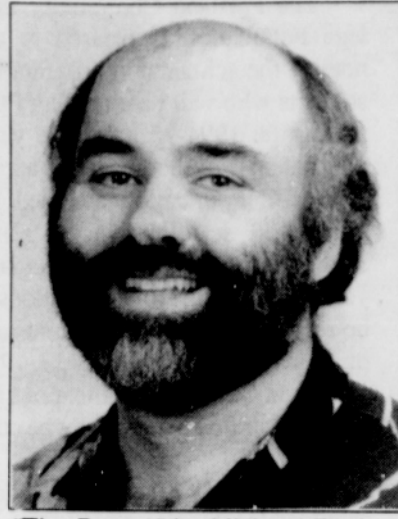
in the Portland City Club where she was a member of the board of governors.

Dow graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 1971 with a bachelor of science degree in accounting. Her professional affiliations include Financial Executives Institute, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Women's Society of Certified Public Accountants.

"Metro will play a very important role in managing growth and preserving the quality of life in the Metro area," says Dow. "My extensive business experience will allow me to identify ways in which Metro can streamline operations and reduce costs without compromising important services."

Dow's supporters include Jewel Lansing, former City of Portland and Multnomah County auditor, Barbara Clark, Portland's current auditor and Alan Percell, Washington County auditor.

Dow was born in New Jersey in 1949 and has been a resident of Portland since 1974. She resides in northwest Portland with her husband and their two children.



"The Dream" by Michael Florin Dente

A grassroots supported project is growing in Oregon! "The Dream" is the title of the Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial sculpture to be erected at the Oregon Convention Center. The creation of this ethnically diverse and humanly touching monument will announce to the world that the people

of Oregon remember and believe in the sacrifices of Dr. King and the ongoing march for justice and truth.

The eight-foot high, bronze sculpture, created by monumental sculptor Michael Florin Dente, depicts Dr. King stepping forward to deliver the universal message of love, equality and freedom. To Dr. King's right is a young man of the working class, rolling up his sleeves, announcing his desire to work for the realization of "The Dream." To Dr. King's left is a little girl, shown at the instant of releasing Dr. King's coat. This represents a sense of "letting go," when one or more members of a family is called away to contribute their energy and time to a concept and struggle of greatest importance to all people of the world. A fourth figure, a young woman, is also depicted in the sculpture, representing the immigrant of our society, warily advancing on the waves of hope to a land of great promise.

This nonprofit organization is chaired by Oregon State Senator Bill

McCoy. The Board of Directors also consists of Matthew Prophet, past superintendent of the Portland Public Schools, Cheryl Perrin, Vice President of Fred Meyer, Betsy Brumm, and John Jenkins. Legal services are provided by the Ater Wynne law firm and accounting services by Deloitte & Touche.

Michael Florin Dente is an internationally exhibited and collected artist. He was chosen as the sculptor for this project because of his ethnically diverse themes and his remarkable ability to capture the passion of humanity in portraiture. His use of symbolism and his powerful expressionist/classical style will enable the understanding, participation and enrichment of the viewers.

This grassroots supported project will become a reality with your support. Every donation helps us towards our goal of \$175,000. For more information on how you can help, please call 283-1638 or write to Martin Luther King, Jr. Statue Fund, Inc., P.O. Box 1809, Portland, Oregon 97207.

"Black Families Can & Must Help Selves"

Black Family Seen as "Strongest and Most Vital Institution In Black Community" During Pepsi-Cola Co-sponsored Talks

"The family is the basic social unit ... the organism that transmits the culture and the values that shape and inspire future generations."

John E. Jacob
"Project a vision of the future in which our children will become the most skilled, most competent, best educated people on the face of the earth."

This was the advice of John E. Jacob, President of the National Urban League to the overflow participants at the recent 8th Annual National Black Family Summit held here to discuss "Violence in the Black Family."

"This is something all can do together -- as parents and as organizations rooted in the community," Jacob said.

A spirited session that attracted more than 900 participants from 38 states, the three-day meeting at this city's Marriott Hotel was the largest gathering in the organization's ten-year history and directly reflected the growing concerns of African Americans, and the nation-at-large, about the problems of violence in the U.S.

The sessions brought together a variety of participants, including Rev. Calvin O. Butts III, Pastor of Harlem's Abyssinian Baptist Church; Chuck D, the rap artist; and Richard W. Riley, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

While a number of participants

spoke on a wide variety of issues faced by Blacks and non-Blacks nationwide, the most common theme centered around an urgent need to rebuild the system of "family values" that has historically helped Blacks to survive and to prosper.

Jacob said: "We already have all the power, all the resources, and all the laws -- right now -- to create an America that can produce twenty-first century children."

"We will have to become involved in mentoring, in neighborhood anti-crime patrols, in our local community organizations. We will need to do whatever is necessary to make our voices heard and our presence felt."

The summit's honorary chair, Lawrence V. Jackson, Vice President/General Manager, Pepsi-Cola Company, added a similar thought, noting that despite the "horrifying" statistics, "the African American culture has tremendous strengths that can inspire positive change."

Jackson said: "At the top of the list is the Black Family, which is the strongest and most vital institution in our community. Our churches and educational institutions can only complement, not substitute for the Black Family."

Rev. Butts told the group it was not possible to talk about violence in the Black community without considering it in the context of slavery and

the general violence that has become "the fabric of America."

He said: "While I want us to grapple with violence in our own community, I don't want us to become the scapegoat for this nation."

"We must literally save our children to help them grow into educated citizens committed to the future," said Education Secretary Riley. He said that too many young American are giving up on their country and settling for poverty and "spiritual numbness."

Dr. Augustus Rodgers, Director of the Black Family Summit, said the national response to this session had been phenomenal and that summit officials are planning to contact individuals and groups around the U.S. to strengthen this national effort to promote family values.

Based at the College of Social Work, at the University of South Carolina, S.C., the summit grew out of an NAACP/Urban League Black Family Summit in 1984. The Columbia Urban League joined with the College in 1986 to host the first South Carolina Black Family Summit under the directorship of League President James T. McLawhorn. The summit subsequently evolved into a national event. The recent meeting was sponsored by the Columbia Urban League, the College of Social Work, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Pepsi-Cola Company.

Eighth Annual Awards Banquet/Award Winners

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II. COMMUNITY SERVICE JAKI WALKER, DIRECTOR

Northeast Community Development Corporation (NECDC), will receive the award for her determined leadership and keen insight in forming meaningful private/public partnerships. Through her efforts, NECDC has achieved a number of significant goals, including improving and expanding affordable housing; promoting economic development; stabilizing and developing neighborhoods; and improving the quality of life for residents of N/NE Portland.

III. EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT

Portland Police Bureau will receive an award for its efforts to empower business and residential organizations in the community to work

together on public safety awareness efforts. The Killingsworth St. clean-up and decoration program held in December is just one of the many successful projects the bureau has sponsored.

IV. NEIL KELLY AWARD

The Neil Kelly Award is NNEBA's most prestigious award and will be announced at the banquet. It is awarded to the individual and/or business which best exemplifies the most successful efforts in business and community development for North-Northeast Portland.

REGISTRATION

The public is invited. Cost of the banquet is \$35 per ticket or \$350 for a table of ten. Advance registration is encouraged. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. For information call 284-3093

Motor Fuel Quality A Question Mark In Oregon

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specifications. That compares to the 33% found in the ODA surveys and the 72% figure found in this week's Secretary of State's audit. (72% of the samples failed on at least one of four quality standards used by 44 states).

All this leaves the Oregon motorist vulnerable to a variety of problems. In some cases, motorists are not getting what they are paying for. An example would be receiving a lower octane fuel than the motorist thinks they are getting. In other cases, motorists are getting more than they bargain for. An example would be a fuel plagued with water or sediment. In all cases, vehicle performance suffers.

"Without a standard as to how much water can be in a fuel tank, it can accumulate on the bottom of a 10,000 gallon storage tank," says Simila. "Every time a transport pulls into that gas station and drops an additional 5,000 or so gallons into that tank, that stirs up what's on the bottom. Any vehicle that would be refueled within an hour after the transport's delivery could get a good slug of water in that gasoline. We do get a lot of complaints from people about water in gasoline. Again, unfortunately, there is no standard and no testing."

Recognizing the need for a motor fuel quality testing program may be the easy part. The biggest challenge could come in the next legislative session. It would take action by the Oregon Legislature to enact such a program once again. That, of course, would take money. The amount depends on the type of program desired.

"A complaint response program would be the minimal effort," says Simila. "A routine monitoring program, as most states operate, would be more effective than just relying on consumer complaints."

A monitoring and testing program would also be a more expensive option. Still, the Secretary of State's audit points out the cost would be a fraction of what motorists are already paying for substandard and mislabeled gasoline. Such a program would likely end up with the Oregon Department of Agriculture since it already inspects gas pumps for accuracy of quantity. No matter who has the responsibility, this week's audit reinforces the value of having somebody other than the industry watching out for the motorist.

"So that the fox isn't left guarding the hen house," says Simila.

For more information, contact Ken Simila at 378-3792 or Bruce Pokarney at 378-3773.

Insurance Commissioner Orders Halt To Investment Scheme

Insurance Commissioner Kerry Barnett announced an order prohibiting a Florida-based insurance scheme from operating in Oregon.

At least 10 Oregonians have been approached by American Family Benefits Group, Inc., to become "charter members."

Company representatives claim to offer: no-cost life insurance worth \$70,000, a \$5,000 certificate of deposit to secure a credit card with a \$2,500 limit, and payouts to members who recruit new members.

In other states, American Family Benefits Group, Inc., has indicated that Massachusetts General Life Insurance Co. and The Old Line Life Insurance Co. are insurance companies that will provide the life insurance coverage.

The two companies, however, do not endorse the program; do not participate in the program; and they have not authorized the use of their names in American Family literature.

"We're not going to allow companies to take advantage of Oregon consumers," Barnett says. "We've ordered American Family to stop this illegal activity immediately."

Oregon consumers who are contacted by American Family representatives are asked to contact Judi James or Greg Ledbetter of the Oregon Insurance Division at (503) 378-4636.

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