

## Earthquake Preparedness Could Reap Safety Benefits...And An Award

Being prepared for the next earthquake would reap you or your company two important benefits; reducing loss of life and property, and winning an award that recognizes your commitment to disaster preparedness.

Metro is sponsoring the newly initiated "Metro Regional Hazard Mitigation Awards Program" and invites individuals and business not apply or to nominate someone else. The non-monetary awards will be announced and presented at the "1994 Disaster Preparedness Conference: Tools for Public Policy."

The two-day conference, June 16-17, is sponsored by Metro and the Department of State Police, Oregon Emergency Management. The conference program will focus on what policy makers in Oregon can do to prepare the state and the Portland region for an earthquake or other

natural disaster. The conference will be held at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas, near Clackamas Town Center.

The Metro Council established the awards program in February to recognize outstanding earthquake preparedness in three categories:

- the design and construction of buildings to reduce seismic hazards
- the reduction of seismic hazards by means other than building design and construction (e.g., non-structural measures, such as bolting down bookcases, heavy equipment and hot water heaters);
- the demonstrated commitment of individuals who have improved the community's emergency preparedness capability.

A committee consisting of emergency management representatives from state, local and regional govern-

ments and from private industry will review the award applications make a recommendation to Metro's Governmental Affairs Committee for final selection.

"This awards program is something the Metro Council plans to do annually," said Metro Councilor Mike Gates, who is active in the agency's emergency preparedness program and is chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee. "The program is part of our commitment to increase awareness about regional disaster preparedness and to recognize those who deserve a pat on the back for their efforts."

The application deadline for a disaster preparedness award is 5pm, April 22. For an application or additional information, contact Michael McGuire, Metro's emergency management analyst, at 797-1823.

## Health Screening For Seniors

Legacy Visiting Nurse Association is offering during April Health Screenings for adults 55 and older. The free screenings may include general physical assessment, nutrition testing, blood pressure check, foot care evaluation, dental check, medication review, pulmonary functions, cancer education, and vision, glaucoma, and hearing tests. Blood tests are optional at a \$5 fee. Appointments are necessary and may be made by calling the following screening sites:

Senior Center; 7688 SW Capital Hwy; 244-5204; 9am - noon

April 15; Volunteers of America; 537 SE Alder; 232-2233; 9am - noon

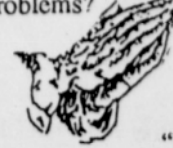
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## Portland Teachers, Building And Construction Unions Endorse Burton

Area labor groups join growing list of candidate's supporters

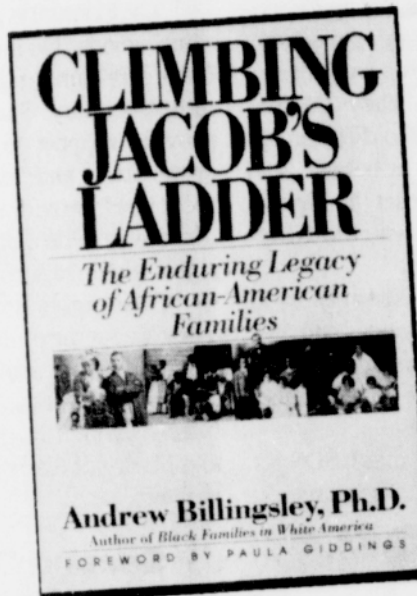
Metro region construction trades and Portland area teachers have joined a growing number of labor groups, law enforcement leaders and political party organizations with their support of Mike Burton in his bid for the Metro executive officer's seat.

The Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO, cited Burton's support against repeal of the Oregon Prevailing Wage Law as an important factor in their decision. The labor organization's affiliates include Bricklayers Local 1, Carpenters, electricians Local 48, Ironworkers Local 29, Laborers, Operator Local 701 and Plumbers and Fitters Local 290. The Portland Association of Teachers also added their endorsement of Burton's candidacy this week.

The Burton for Metro Executive Officer Campaign holds endorsements from six labor groups, three local law enforcement professionals and two political party affiliates. The list includes:

1. Northwest Oregon Labor Council/AFL-CIO
2. Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades/AFL-CIO
3. AFSCME Local 3580 (representing Metro employees)
4. International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 701
5. Communication Workers of America, Local 7901
6. Portland Association of Teachers
7. Mike Schunk, Multnomah County District Attorney
8. Bob skipper, Multnomah county Sheriff
9. Ris Bradshaw, Clackamas County Sheriff
10. Multnomah County Democratic Central committee
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## Dislocated Timber Worker Receive US Grant

The U.S. Department of Labor is providing a \$5,030,275 grant to Oregon to assist 840 dislocated timber and timber-related workers, Secretary of Labor Robert B. Reich announced today.

"Our nation's environmental and employment priorities should not be in conflict," Reich said. "Workers adversely affected by sound actions, such as those taken to protect the environment, should receive assistance in making the transition from old jobs to new jobs. We are committed to providing these workers with the training, retraining and other adjustment services they need to remain competitive in the workplace."

The award will be used to assist workers laid off due to the government's decision to limit timber harvests in the Pacific Northwest and is in response to President Clinton's Northwest Timber program announced last July.

The award was made to the Oregon Economic Development Department. The project will be operated by the following four substate areas: the Southern Willamette Private Industry Council, Eugene; The Job Council, Medford; The Oregon Consortium, Albany; and the Mid-Willamette Jobs Council, Salem.

The grant, authorized under the Title III of the Job Training Partnership Act, will provide a number of services including assessment, job search assistance, remedial education, vocational classroom training and supportive services such as day care and transportation assistance and emergency health care.

The dislocated worker program is a comprehensive retraining approach to assist workers who have been, or are about to be, laid off for reasons such as technological change, foreign competition or government actions. Generally such workers are eligible if they are unlikely to return to their previous industry or occupation.

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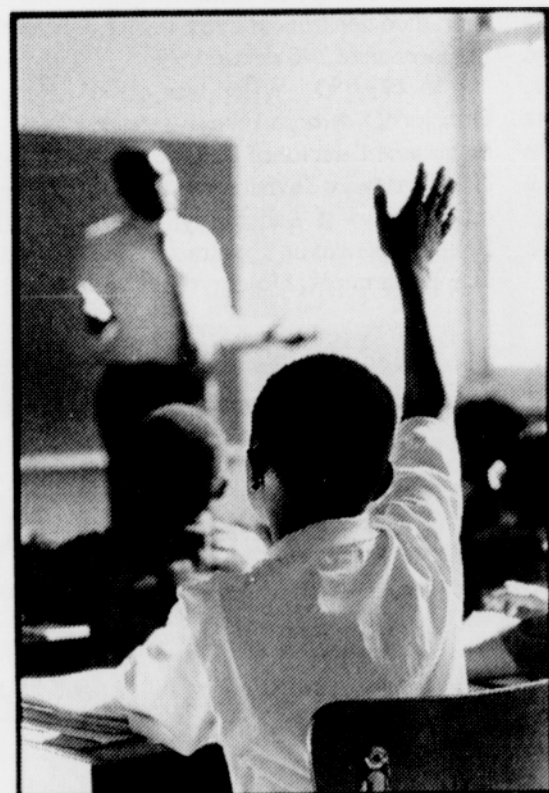
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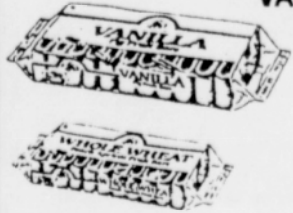


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