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Community Calendar

Kaiser To Sell Bicycle Helmets

Kaiser holds a bicycle helmet sale, Friday, July 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the north parking lot of its medical office at 3600 N. Interstate Ave. Safety approved helmets for \$12.50 will be available in children, youth and adult sizes. The first 25 helmets purchased will come with a free T-shirt and all children will get a poster, reflective sticker and an identification sticker. Kaiser is promoting Oregon's mandatory bicycle helmet law, which goes into effect July 1. The law seeks to reduce head injuries by requiring youth under age 16 to wear approved protective headgear when riding a bicycle in any public area.

Summer School Sign-up Needed

"If you don't register today, we can't promise you any summer school." That's the message to high school students and parents from the Portland School District. Summer school starts July 5 at Lincoln High School. Students can't wait until the first day of class to sign-up. To register, students should contact their high school counselor or the summer school office at 6318 S.W. Corbett, 280-5783. The six-week program provides courses to make up grade deficiencies and get a jump on next year's classes. Offerings include foreign languages and high-level math and science courses. Tuition is \$250 for one unit of high school credit.

Deadline For School Transfers

Portland high school students wishing to attend a school this fall other than their neighborhood school must apply for a transfer by Friday, July 1. Applications are available at area schools. Transfers are granted for reasons of racial balance, hardship or to enroll in a series of classes not available in the neighborhood school. For more information, call the district's student transfer office at 280-5840, ext. 285.

Insurance Underwriter Now Travel Agent

Peggy Joseph was born and raised in Washington DC. After graduation she attended Holy Family Convent College in Manitowoc Wisconsin. Returning to DC she worked for her father, who at that time, owned two of the five hotels for "colored".

She married and had four sons and one daughter. Moving to Plattsburg NY, another daughter was born. The family was then stationed in Plattsburg NY, Trier, Germany where she organized a Day Care and taught in a private Kindergarten for dependant military children; and Las Vegas NV.

Retiring from the USAF the family moved to Portland Oregon in November



Peggy Joseph

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North/NE Exchange Outreach

BY DAN BELL

On a vacant lot on Killingsworth between Garfield and Malloy you see a non-descript white van with Multnomah County on the front door panel.

It is here that Laura Graves and Hilton Leviag research, interview and exchange syringes with intravenous drug users. According to Graves, the program is an extension of a free Outside-In needle exchange program started in November 1989.

Graves worked for Outside-In, a non-profit agency, as its syringe exchange coordinator. Hilton Leviag works as a HIV outreach coordinator for Multnomah County.

Graves insists the needle exchange program is important because intravenous drug use is a high risk behavior for transmitting the HIV virus that causes the deadly disease of AIDS.

Also, there's the risk of passing on the virus through sexual contact to people who don't do drugs.

Leviag added that the mobile project in North-Northeast, was a response to appeals from people who felt the Outside-In program was not meeting needs outside of the downtown area. Consequently Graves and Leviag collaborated to establish a mobile unit which is present in the community today.

Initially, the program was funded from the American Foundation of AIDS Research which required participants be interviewed every three months and given intervention to avoid doing things that spread the disease. At the end of initial research, it was found that intravenous drug users, if given the information, will change their behavior in order to avoid AIDS. This study has been duplicated all over the country with the same results. The mobile outreach unit has reached



Combating The Spread of HIV/AIDS:

Multnomah County HIV Outreach Coordinator Hilton Leviag (right) and an area resident meet at the county's mobile needle exchange unit, parked in the inner North/Northeast community.

hundreds of drug users with significant positive results.

Leviag said there's now a random intervention component where clients are asked if they would be interested in treatment.

Some have opted for this alternative and there are those who have gotten off drugs altogether, and even sit on the advisory board

that monitors the needle exchange outreach efforts.

Graves stresses that the needle exchange outreach is really two programs: The survey, which serves to provide research data to combat the spread of AIDS and disease and the needle exchange program.

Those who participate in the survey

are paid \$16 for submitting to a highly personal, one hour interview. Participants in the needle exchange do not receive compensation.

The head of the Multnomah County Research Project, Yolanda Alexander invites input from the community regarding the needle exchange program.

Local Athletes Organize Youth Football Camp



Mel Renfro (center) joins instructors and participants in the 1994 Oregon Greats Football Camp instructors at Whitaker Middle School.

On Saturday June 18, at Whitaker Middle School a group of former professional, collegiate and high school athletes held a free football camp for local middle school and high school boys.

The first session of the Oregon Greats Football Camp was just the beginning of a series of camp sessions planned for the summer. The sessions will stress the fundamentals of football and the improvement of overall athletic ability.

The first session was an informal session that featured a visit and talk by former National Football League great, Mel Renfro. Mr. Renfro talked to the young men and their supervisors about not only football, but life and its many lessons. The camp is the first community-based camp in Northeast Portland. The camp was developed because unlike basketball, football does not have year-round organized activities to continue developing the players. Camp director Herman L. Brame and Aleem Shabazz were assisted by camp instructors: James Miller, Coach of the Whitaker Warriors; John Tarver, former National Football League running back; and Tony Mimms, former Portland State University football player.

Also, instructing and participating in the camp were Derrick Brame, who will be a running back at Oregon State University this coming fall and Tony Mimms, Jr, who will be a running back and linebacker at Glencoe high school this coming fall. A major camp session is planned for August and will feature more local youth and high school coaches. For more information on the camp call Herman L. Brame, evenings and weekends at 287-7873.

Communities Awarded Project Funds

Nearly \$9 million in community development grant awards were announced today by the Oregon Economic Development Department.

Thirty-nine cities and counties will benefit from the grants, which will help improve housing and community-based services in rural communities throughout the state.

The Community Development Block

Grant (CDBG) program, administered by the Economic Development Department, offers federally-funded grants for projects targeted at critical needs of low and moderate income people and their communities. The Oregon Economic Development Department receives about \$14 million per year from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for this program.

"Businesses grow and prosper in Oregon when communities grow and prosper," Gov-

ernor Roberts said. "These grants help communities with the housing and services they need to maintain their quality of life and attract and keep good jobs."

"We believe that community development projects, such as those receiving grants today, are a critical factor in maintaining Oregon's livability," said Bill Scott, Oregon Economic Development Department Director.

"Without adequate housing and services such as childcare and Headstart centers, health

clinics, emergency shelters, and senior centers, Oregon families have a much harder time surviving in today's economy." Scott said the department finds that projects benefitting communities and families are a key part of economic development.

The awards announced today include 13 grants for housing rehabilitation loan programs, 12 community facility projects, five grants to assist with handicapped access improvements in city and county buildings.

Another nine grants have been awarded for "technical assistance" projects, including financial feasibility studies for senior centers and childcare facilities.

The benefiting counties are: Baker, Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Curry, Douglas, Grant, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, Umatilla, Wallowa, Wasco, and Yamhill county.