

Metropolitan Human Rights Commission Recognizes Distinguished Service And Commitment

The Metropolitan Human Rights Commission will hold its annual Award Dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1994, at 7 p.m. at the Portland Hilton Hotel.

The winner of the Russell A. Peyton Award is the Rev. Dr. Rodney I. Page, Executive Director of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. The Russell A. Peyton Award is given for "outstanding service and commitment to protecting the human rights of all persons within the city of Portland and Multnomah county." He is currently the Chair of the Oregon Civil Rights Council, and has been the Director of the Center for Urban Education. He co-founded the Oregon Interreligious Committee for Peace in the Middle East. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, under Reverend Page, opened the first HIV Day center in Oregon in 1990.

The Mayor's Award for Human Rights will go to LeRoy R. Patton, former Vice Principal of Vocational Village High School. Mr. Patton was involved in the Model Cities planning process and pioneered the development of Portland's neigh-

borhood associations. He is the president of the Fair Housing Council, and president of the United Nations Association, Portland Chapter. Mr. Patton serves as Vice President of the American Cancer Society and on the Youth Coordinating Council.



Dr. Rodney I. Page

The Reverend Ann. C. Duffy will receive the Multnomah County Chair Award for Human Rights. The Rev. Duffy is the pastor of the Zion United Church of Christ in Gresham. She is a Fairview City Councilor, and serves on the board of Human Solutions, Inc. an agency concerned with providing affordable housing. She is the chair of Citizens Against Discrimination of East Multnomah County, which brought the Anne Frank Exhibit to Gresham. She is also on the steering committee dealing with issues of housing and education for youth of migrant farm worker families.

Donna Redwing, National Field Director for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) will be the keynote speaker at the dinner. Ms. Redwing is the former director of the Lesbian Community Project and has been a long-time citizen activist and community organizer.

The Community Harmony Recognition, a booklet to recognize the efforts of caring people who cross racial and cultural lines, will be published for distribution at the Award Dinner.

Tickets for the dinner are \$25.00 and can be ordered from the Metropolitan Human Rights Commission, (503) 823-5136.

Teacher, Principal Win \$25,000

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and in particular black parents.

Jordan has served as either a teacher or school administrator for 24 years.

His first teaching job was in 1966 at Sunnyside in inner-Southeast Portland. A four-year tour of duty in the Vietnam War interrupted his career. He returned to teach at Martin Luther King Elementary, then Highland, the same school he attended while growing up in Portland.

Jordan plans to reinvest his winnings for retirement and said he will throw an end-of-the-year party for his staff.

Lindsley and Jordan were among five teachers in Oregon recognized this year by the Milken foundation.

They will be honored at a luncheon Oct. 26 at the Benson Hotel in Portland and receive their checks in May at a national conference of the foundation in Los Angeles.

The foundation rewards educators who make exemplary contributions to excellence in education.

"This award intends to make a powerful statement," said Lowell Milken, president of the foundation. "It tells educators that their contribution to our national security is crucial; it tells students that education is a noble and rewarding profession, and it tells society that educators, as the architects of our future, merit the highest respect."

This is Oregon's fifth year in the awards program, now in 30 states. The awards rotate annu-

ally between elementary and secondary educators. Recipients were selected by a committee representing teachers, administrators, parents, school board members and previous recipients.

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NIKE employees turned out in force Saturday and Sunday to assemble the equipment, lay the cushioned play surface and landscape.

Children from area schools, center representatives and the Portland Parks and Recreation Bureau, joined Katz and Griffey for the official opening.

"Spending time with my dad around major league locker rooms, I've always been exposed to sports; a lot of children are not that lucky," Griffey said.

Katz thanked NIKE for its efforts in the community and for the latest gift to Portland's kids.

"Today's children are growing up in difficult times; we all need to do our part, and like NIKE, lead by example," Katz said.

NIKE has participated in Portland community affairs before. The NIKE Factory Store on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., just blocks away from the new playground, donates \$50,000 annually to help community organizations in North and Northeast Portland.

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