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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Dinner To Help Snow-Cap

An all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner to benefit the Snow-cap public service agency will be held Saturday, Dec. 3, from noon to 8 p.m. at the Rivercrest Community Church, 3201 N.E. 148th. The dinner is sponsored by Multnomah County Sheriff Bob Skipper, the sheriff's command staff and members of the Multnomah County Sheriff's office.

PCC Theatre Season Opens

"She Loves Me," a musical love story, opens the 1994-95 season for the Portland Community College Theatre Arts Department. The production will be staged at the new Performing Arts Center, on the PCC Sylvania Campus, 12000 S.W. 49th Ave. Show dates are Dec. 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10 at 8 p.m. and a 2 p.m. matinee on Dec. 10. Tickets are \$5 general admission and \$4 for seniors and students.

Elder Care Investigators

A six-week training program for volunteer advocates for residents of adult foster care homes will begin Nov. 30. The state office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman sponsors the sessions which cover the aging process, communication and problem-solving skills and investigations. Certified ombudsmen investigate complaints and concerns of nursing home residents and then work with the facilities to make changes. For more information contact Jean Mitchell, 292-9545 or Kathy Walter at 1-800-522-2602.

Thanksgiving Meal Offer

Families and individuals can enjoy a delicious, free meal and spend some special moments with others during the St. Andrew's Catholic Church Thanksgiving Day Feast from noon to 3 p.m. at the St. Andrew's Community Center, 4940 N.E. 8th.

Life Of Muhammad Studied

The public is invited to a free seminar on the life and teachings of the holy prophet of Islam, Muhammad. Participants will learn about the person who established a religion dedicated to one God, revolutionized the life of millions, raised the status of women and preached general social justice. The event will take place at the Portland Rizwan Mosque, 9925 S.W. 35th Ave., Saturday Dec. 3 at noon.

Library Thanksgiving Closure

Multnomah County libraries will close Thursday for Thanksgiving. The Central Library downtown, closes Saturday so that crews can begin moving the library's books and materials to temporary quarters at 1400 S.W. Fourth Ave.

Ebony And Ivory Dance Set

The Association of Oregon Black Lawyers will host the 13th Annual Ebony and Ivory Scholarship Dance on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Ballroom, 615 S.E. Alder. Music will be performed by Ron Steen. Tickets are available for a \$30 donation in advance or at the door. For more information contact Cedric Brown at 692-0625 or Lee Coleman at 591-1041.

Please Send All Community Calendar Information Two Weeks In Advance Of Event's Starting Date



Donna Knight Crowned Miss Black Oregon

Beautiful Donna Knight of Portland, a 21-year-old barber college student, was crowned 2nd Miss Black Oregon Scholarship Pageant winner Saturday.

Shedding tears of joy, Knight could only mutter "thank you" to an ecstatic crowd, as she accepted the crown. She succeeds Michelle Soles, a student at Portland State University.

The Miss Black Oregon Scholarship Pageant brings honor, gifts and scholarship opportunities to area women.

See more on page B6.

New Corrections Chief Hired

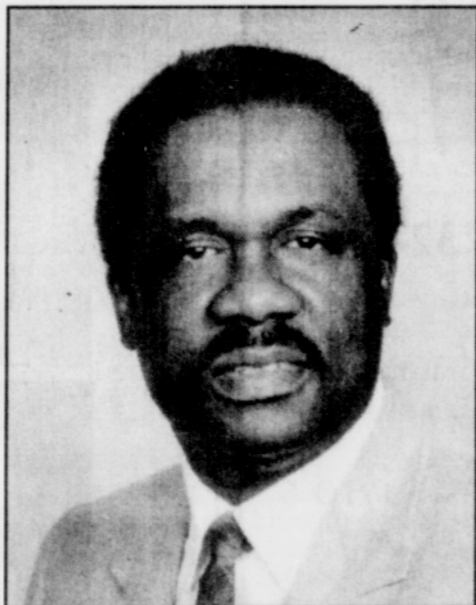
Frank Thompson, a 10-year corrections official from Arkansas, has been hired as the new superintendent of the Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem. He replaces Manfred Maass who retired in June.

Oregon Department of Corrections Director Frank A. Hall said Thompson was "a great choice" to run the state's largest prison.

"I was looking for a top-calibre corrections professional with a track record of motivating the people around him," Hall said.

Thompson has experience as a warden, personnel administrator and director of job corps and economic development.

Thompson, 51, rose through the management ranks of the Arkansas Department of Correction from personnel warden of an 800-inmate prison and boot camp. He has extensive experience in



S. Frank Thompson

higher education, serving as an associate dean of students, an assistant dean of minority affairs, supervisor of resident

assistants and as a black history instructor. He is a Vietnam-era Army veteran in the military police.

Thompson will be responsible for implementing Ballot Measure 17 at the penitentiary. The initiative approved by voters requires all inmates to work 40 hours a week.

Thompson has been an advocate against inmate idleness.

"Inmates need to be taught how to contribute to society whether they are inside the walls for life or preparing for discharge," he said. "By practicing respect for the law and an ordered society within the walls, I am confident that the inmates of Oregon State Penitentiary will leave the system as good citizens rather than proficient criminals."

Thompson's appointment is effective Dec. 1. The position pays \$65,688 annually. The penitentiary has 424 employees, over 2,000 inmates and a budget of \$44.5 million.

Blazers Present New Proposal On Alcohol Sales

A new detailed proposal to sell alcoholic beverages in seating areas of the Memorial Coliseum and the new Rose Garden arena has been prepared by the Oregon Arena Corp.

It calls for a set of controls, restrictions and procedures to insure that the consumption of beer, mixed drinks and wine does not create any alcohol-related problems.

The management would not permit hawking of alcoholic beverages in the seating areas, the drinks would be sold in clearly identifiable containers, and there would be a two drink limit for any one transaction.

Alcohol serving would stop prior to the end of event. For hockey the sales would end at the beginning of the third period, for basketball at the beginning of the fourth period and for other events after intermission.

Arena officials would not allow consumption of alcohol in the seating area at any event where the seating area is darkened and would not allow alcohol in the seating area at events for minors or "family-oriented" shows.

A special team of alcohol monitors would be hired to identify and respond to any alcohol related incidents or problems.

The monitors would be have special

training, including the completion of Oregon Alcohol Services Education and continuing education courses in alcohol management.

The team would respond to ushers or patrons regarding alcohol consumption complaints and monitor for violations of alcohol policies. They would also assist intoxicated patrons in arranging safe transportation home.

The number of team members on duty would vary from four to 16, depending on the anticipated size of the crowd.

Unlike most assembly facilities in Oregon, the current liquor license for the coliseum does not allow consumption of alcohol in the seating bowl area.

The corporation, part of the Portland Trail Blazers organization owned by computer software multi-millionaire Paul Allen, assumed management of the coliseum over a year ago as part of an agreement with the City of Portland. At that time, it also applied for a liquor license for the coliseum and new arena and the seating bowl areas of both facilities.

City police and licensing bureaus and the city council approved the request and sent it to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission for consideration.

But after reviewing the application, the

OLCC administrator expressed concerns about the request for consumption in the seating areas and arena officials voluntarily withdrew the request pending development of a plan that would address all of the concerns raised.

The Blazers point to their record of supporting responsible alcohol consumption by bringing a Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management (TEAM) program to Portland.

The corporation also helped establish the Regional Drug Initiative, underwrote the "Drugs Don't Work Here" campaign, helped promote and fund a variety of public service campaigns co-sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Celebration Prom Graduation and other community organizations.

Arena officials said their request is to allow patrons to enjoy the same privilege and convenience of alcohol consumption in seating areas that patrons of other public facilities and other National Basketball Association arenas enjoy.

The proposed policies are designed to prevent potential alcohol-related problems and not diminish the enjoyment of non-drinking patrons.

The Salvation Army Sends Out Call For Kids' Coats

As Cold Weather Hits Portland

What: With cold weather already hitting Portland -- and a harsh winter predicted this year -- The Salvation Army is stepping up its call for donations to its annual "Coats for Kids" drive.

Who: The Salvation Army and 50 members of the Oregon Dry Cleaners Association have teamed up to collect, clean and distribute coats to thousands of needy children in the Portland tri-county area.

Where: The public can look for "Coats for Kids" posters at participating dry cleaners, or call The Salvation Army at 234-0825 for the collection location nearest you.

MAX Construction Stops For Holidays

Contractors building the westside extension of Tri-Met's MAX light rail line in downtown Portland and Beaverton are buttoning up their work sites on streets and sidewalks to make way for holiday shoppers.

In Portland, Kajima Engineering and Construction, is restoring sidewalks to preconstruction widths, covering utility trenches and laying pavement to reopen southwest Morrison and Yamhill streets between 11th and 13th avenues. Two lanes of traffic will carry traffic through each intersection, narrowing to one lane on the intervening blocks. Shoppers and other pedestrians will walk unimpeded past the construction sites.

Construction activity will be confined to fenced-in areas where light rail tracks are being installed. All equipment and contractor vehicles will stay inside the fences.

In Beaverton, Morrison Knudsen, will pull its crews out of Cedar Hills Boulevard, where they are relocating storm drains.

Normal construction will resume after the new year.

Tri-Met Snow Route Information

Tri-Met, the Portland area's mass transit system, is geared-up to meet the demands of customers in the event of snow.

A Tri-Met Snow Line at 231-3197, will provide 24-hour recorded information on snow routes and other information during the event of bad weather. Regular transit schedule information is available by calling 238-RIDE between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. After hours schedule information is available by calling 231-3199.

When snow accumulates, Tri-Met suggests customers dress warmly and expect some waiting.

Like other vehicles, Tri-Met buses travel more slowly and cautiously on icy roads. Tri-Met welcomes new customers on snowy days. But with about one-third more passengers on icy days, boarding may take longer.

Passengers should allow extra time to get to their destinations. Tri-Met officials said MAX, which operates beautifully in the snow, usually remains on schedule.