

POIC's 3rd Annual High School Graduation

The Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc. (Portland O.I.C.) Alternative Learning Center will hold its 3rd Annual High School Graduation June 17, 1995 at 2:00 p.m. at Portland Community College Cascade Campus Auditorium, 705 North Killingsworth Street, Portland, OR. A record number of students (27) will receive high school diplomas. Six students will graduate with honors. These students have several career choices which include higher education or vocational-technical or other skills training. Mrs. Rosemary Anderson, Executive Director of Portland O.I.C. will be the featured speaker.

Portland O.I.C. Alternative Education Program, under the direction of Rosemary E. Anderson, Executive Director, and Dr. Samuel E. Kelly, Director of Education, serves middle school and high school at-risk and dropout students referred from the Portland Public Schools, Youth Service Centers, Juvenile Court, other juvenile diversion agencies, and the community.

Portland O.I.C. is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges (NASC), registered by the State of Oregon as a private school, and approved by the Oregon Department of Education to serve handicapped children. The school received a NASC Accredited With Merit Award for 1994-1995.

Spaces In Free PAL Summer Programs Still Available

While civic leaders in Washington D.C. haggle over budget and finance issues, staff and volunteers of the Police Activities League (PAL) are busy answering phones and visiting schools to spread the message that no and low cost summer programs are available for low-income kids through PAL, the Portland Parks Bureau and other community-based groups.

As a tool in providing a safe and livable community, as well as preventing youth from heading toward gang involvement and other negative behavior, local police officers, college interns, volunteers and PAL staff join together to ensure youth have an active, positive summer.

"When the doors close behind kids on the last day of school, we want to be there to open windows of opportunities through sports, culture and education," said Maura K. White, PAL Executive Director. "For many kids we serve, these programs are the only place they will eat or interact with positive role models on a daily basis this summer."

Some programs include:

6th Annual PAL Summer Sports Camp, June 19-22, 1995 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Madison High School, for youth 10-13, with a range of sports including martial arts, basketball and fishing, Gang Resistance

Education and Training (Great), and two meals. No cost.

The New PAL Guard Computer Camp, three week sessions starting June 19th at Portland Police Bureau Northeast Precinct (449 N. E. Emerson) for youth 8-12, features rocket building, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), and hands-on computer fun. No cost.

2nd Annual Summer of Safety, June 26-August 26, 1995, Monday-Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., at PAL Bud Monnes Youth Center, 424 N. E. 172nd, for youth 8-16, features recreation, computers, reading, weightlifting, arts & crafts, community service, USDA lunch, SMART van visits, Cultural Theatre Week, Get A Clue group (Eastwind), fishing, and youth dances. Cost is \$10 per child for one year membership.

3rd Annual PAL Tennis in the Parks, June 19-August 3, 1995, 1-3:00 p.m., for youth 8-16, at Alberta, Sellwood and Rose City Parks (M/W); Mt. Scott and Fernhill Parks (Tu/Th); Peninsula and Columbia Parks (M-Th), is a fun introduction to tennis fundamentals and sportmanship to help youth improve tennis skills and strokes. Cost is \$10, or \$5 on free or reduced lunch.

National Youth Sports program, July 10-August 11, 1995, Monday-Friday, 7:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., at

Portland State University, for low-income youth 10-16, is a comprehensive program funded by the NCAA and Department of Health and Human Services providing sports instruction, educational enrichment, Drug Education For Youth (DEFY), Great, meals, free medical exams, and more to expose youth to higher education in a structured environment. No cost.

Important Note about NYSP: local doctors and nurse practitioners have donated their time to provide free medical exams for kids who want to attend the National Youth Sports Program. The next free medical exam night is June 7th, at PCC. Contact NYSP Community Liaison Heather Latimer, 823-0018 for application materials or more information. Some quick national facts for the 1994 NYSP program Year include: Participants = 65,854, institutions = 169, # of states and DC = 47, cities = 150, medical exams administered = 68,535 # of participants receiving some medical referral = 12, 652, jobs created = 4,834, and # of volunteers = 933+.

Note all volunteers must complete a criminal history check prior to participation in PAL programs. Application are available at the PAL Office. For more information, contact the PAL Office, 823-0250.

Portlander Assumes Presidency Of Nation Convention Group In October

Roy Jay, President and Chief Executive Officer of Oregon Convention and Visitor Services Network will be officially recognized for position as the new president of African-American Convention and Tourism (A.C.T.), a national organization, at the Black Convention Forum '95 to be held October 26-29, in Washington, D.C. at the Omni Shoreham Hotel.

Jay, who was recognized in Black Convention Magazine (November 1994) as one of American's most influential African Americans in the travel and tourism industry, was previously elected national vice president of the African American Travel and Tourism Association. The 48 year old native of Portland is the first African American from the West Coast to ever hold top position in the Black Convention and Travel Industry.

A.C.T. is recognized as one of the fastest growing national minority convention and tourism association in the country, garnering support and participation from over 1,000 professionals, hotels, convention and visitors bureaus, government agencies and others in the convention and tourism industry.

In addition to his new national title, Jay has also recently appointed to a two year term on the national advisory board of Black Traveler.

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Portland Leaves "B.I.G." Impression At Convention

The 13th Annual Blacks In Government Regional Conference, held at the Tacoma Sheraton Hotel, was an event to remember.

Portland businessman, Harold Williams, was the talk of the town, giving autographs, handshakes and hugs to a majority of the 800 plus African American delegates that attended Williams' workshops and opening session, which drew a lengthy standing ovation.

The 52 year old business owner of CH2A & Associates also serves on the Board of Portland Community College and is the appointed chair of the Advisory Board of Roy Jay's

Oregon Convention and Visitor services Network and Oregon's new Black Chamber of Commerce. Williams topic entitled "Success Is The Norm...Not The Exception", drew tears and laughter from standing room only crowds for three workshops...more than any other presenter ever in the history of the conference.

Keynote speakers, Les Brown (significant other of singer Gladys Knight) was also quick to acknowledge the fiery, yet sensitive, delivery of Williams' presentation.

Roy Jay, who handles most of Williams' personal appearances, said

that one of the sessions was so crowded that hotel management had to bring in chairs from the lobby to accommodate the overflow capacity...leaving the main doors open for others to hear, even though they couldn't see the Portlander.

"Harold is truly gifted and talented, and continually prove my claim that we (Portland) have many African American men and women that can 'talk the talk and walk the walk' on both sides of the fence", said Jay.

As a result of Jay's efforts, Blacks In Government have tentatively selected Portland, Oregon as the site for their 1996 conference.

Mayor Katz, White House Announce Details Of Presidential Conference

Mayor Vera Katz and White House officials today announced that the city of Portland will be the site of President Clinton's economic conference later this month.

On Tuesday, June 27, President Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, and various cabinet members will meet with some 200 business and community leaders for the Pacific Rim Regional Economic Conference. Delegates will come from Oregon, Washington, California, Hawaii, and Alaska to discuss how we and the nation can meet the challenge of staying

competitive in the global marketplace and how to make the economy work better for working families.

"It is a tremendous honor for Portland to be selected for this five-state economic conference," said Katz. "This is an opportunity for us to increase our national and international profile as a great city in a region that has many great cities."

The Economic Conference comes on the heels of two other national conferences held in Portland over the past two years: President Clinton's Timber Conference and the

U.S. Conference of Mayors.

The day-long conference will be held at Portland State University's Smith Memorial Center. It will consist of three roundtable panel discussions on: the regional economy; trade and high technology; and strains on working families, with special emphasis on education.

This will be the second in a series of Regional Economic Conferences held by President Clinton. The first was held at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia in April.

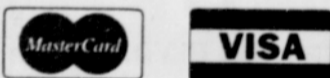
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BY ROBERT TAYLOR

Did You Know... that the rate at which teenagers and young people are killing themselves has skyrocketed since 1980. The largest increases in suicide have taken place among white girls between 10 and 14 and among young black males in their early twenties. The report from the Centers for Disease Control did not specify any reasons for these trends.

Did You Know... that the state of Alabama recently re-instituted the chain gang as a way to deter crime. The problem is that there is absolutely no evidence that being forced to work on a chain gang makes a person less likely to commit a crime when he gets out of prison.

Did You Know... that new evidence discovered by a team of George Washington University researchers suggests that the type of sophisticated thinking associated with the development of modern society actually began in Africa and not Europe as is widely believed. The researchers conclude that complex thinking began in Africa about 75,000 years ago and not 40,000 years ago in Europe and Asia.

Did You Know... that if you are black and you want to avoid poverty the key things to do include getting a good education, getting married and both husband and wife having jobs. New government studie; show that college educated, married blacks who both work are earning nearly as much as their white counterparts.

Did You Know... that motivational experts strongly suggest that you not speak negatives over your life. In other words, if you are tired, you should not constantly say it. If you do not feel good about yourself, do not say it. They argue that merely repeating negatives constantly can only have the effect of making the situation worse. They suggest that if you are tired constantly, you should instead ask yourself "What constructive action can I take to rid myself of this feeling?"

Did You Know... that according to the latest government reports, the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer in America. Labor Secretary Robert Reich reported last week that "virtually all" of the increase in average family income since 1978 has gone to the top 20% of the population while the bottom 20% has actually lost 15% of its average family income.

Did You Know... that if you want a guide on how best to repair negative credit, you can order (\$9.95) a good one - Credit Repair Made Easy - from the Better Life Club, P.O. Box 28422, Washington, D.C. 20038.

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