

## Portlanders Rally To Aid Of 2 Year Old

The YWCA of Portland in conjunction with the African-American Chamber of Commerce has started a special fund for the benefit of two year old Sayid "Sonny" Panek, the son of 21 year old Yolanda Panek, who is missing and appears to be the victim of foul play last week.

Sayid was found by Portland Police locked in Panek's car adjacent to the Greyhound bus depot.

Panek is assumed to be a victim of foul play after police discovered a bloody southeast Portland motel room where she had checked in late one evening with her child.

Roy Jay, President of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Oregon said that his organization along with the YWCA's northeast center, where Panek was employed directing "OPERATION

S.M.A.R.T." program, has already started collecting contributions for the benefit of the youngster, who is in the care of his maternal grandmother.

Individuals, organizations and businesses that are interested in donating to the fund should contact the YWCA's Northeast Office at 721-1746 or make donations at any branch of U.S. National Bank.

## State Report Puts Face On Poverty

The typical poor person in Oregon is young, white, and married, and is just as likely to live in a rural county as the inner city, according to a report released by the state Employment Department.

Entitled "Poverty and Income: Issues Concerning Working Families in Oregon", the new publication draws on economic data for state, federal, and other surveys, most of it previously unpublished.

"We pulled together data from many different sources in order to put a face on poverty in Oregon today," said Linda Burgin, a research analyst with the state Employment Department who coordinated the report.

Poverty in Oregon increased during the 10-year period ending in 1989, growing more than twice as fast as the national rate, and rising in every Oregon county except Sherman. Oregon's poverty rate grew from 10.7 percent in 1979 to 12.4 percent in 1989, an increase of 1.7 percent, compared to a national increase of 0.7 percent for the same period.

A family of four that earned less than \$12,200 annually in 1989 is considered poor under federal guidelines. According to 1990 U.S. Census data, the most recent available, 12.4 percent of Oregonians, about 345,000 people, lived in poverty in 1989, compared to 281,750 in 1979.

"Most of the poor are very young," said Burgin. "In fact, our data shows a clear generation gap." According to the state statistics, 48.7 percent of impoverished Oregonians are less than 25 years old, while only 11.1 percent are age 65 or older.

"Children are especially hit hard," noted Burgin. "Almost one out of four poor persons in Oregon is a child under the age of 12."

Blacks, Native Americans, and other minorities have a disproportionately high incidence of poverty in Oregon as in the U.S., according to the report. For instance, these groups make up 6.9 percent of the state's population, account for 84.9 percent of all of Oregon's poor.

Married couples, not single mothers, account for the largest group of poor persons. More than one out

of three of all impoverished persons are married couples, according to the state report. Single female heads of households make up the second largest group.

Overall poverty rates for rural and urban areas are almost the same. However, persons living in a central urban area have a higher poverty rate than those in the urban fringe.

Rural areas with a population of less than 2,500 have higher poverty rates than persons living on rural farms.

"There is disturbing news about income trends in Oregon," said Burgin. "We lost ground during a recent three-year period." According to the report, real median income declined by 4.5 percent in Oregon between 1988 and 1990, falling from \$30,656 to \$29,281. U.S. real median income also went down during the same period, but just by 0.6 percent, declining from \$35,565 to \$35,353.

Income varies widely across Oregon. Clackamas County has the highest per capita income, \$16,360, followed by Washington and Multnomah Counties.

## Employment Predicted To Grow By Leaps, Bounds

Employment in Oregon is expected to grow faster than the national rate in the next decade as the state adds more than 300,000 new jobs.

"We expect good consistent employment growth in the next 10 years in almost every industry and in every part of the state," said Graham Slater, an economist with the Oregon Employment Department.

Slater and a team of economists recently completed a biennial study of employment trends statewide.

According to the projections, total wage and salary employment in Oregon will grow by 313,400, expanding from 1.4 million to 1.7 million jobs in 2005.

"That's a 22 percent increase, far more than the expected 15 percent rise in employment expected nationally during the same period," Slater said.

The services industry will account for half of Oregon's new jobs. "We expect every one of this

diverse sector's components, from hotels to health services to engineering and computer software to add jobs," Slater said.

Occupational skills and compensation vary widely in service industries.

Slater said many of the new service jobs will require high skills and pay well.

"This sector employs cooks and dishwashers, but it also includes surgeons and software engineers," he said.

Other expected changes in the service industry sector during the next 10 years include the arrival of 40,000 new jobs in business services, with two out of five of the positions in employment services companies, often known as "temporary help" or "employee leasing" agencies.

During the period, almost 24,000 new jobs are expected in health care and overall employment in govern-

ment with grow, but at a much slower rate than the private sector.

Slater said several other industries also will experience strong growth.

"The arrival of newcomers and demand for new manufacturing will continue to create construction jobs at a healthy rate," he said. "And in spite of losses in the timber industry, Oregon will add more than 14,000 jobs in manufacturing, mostly in high-tech machinery and electronics, even as the national manufacturing employment continues to shrink," he said.

Clackamas County is expected to create new jobs faster than anywhere else, followed closely by other parts of the Willamette Valley and Central Oregon.

"The southwest, from Roseburg to Grants Pass to Coos Bay, will grow the slowest, largely because of losses in the lumber industry," Slater said.

## Hope For The Black Family

Many in this country have given up hope on the African-American family unit. It seems that more of our young men are in prisons than in loving homes. Young mothers struggle as single parents and depend on welfare and the government to provide for them. Our children grow up without self-esteem and positive role models, and when they have children, the cycle begins again. As the generations continue, the state of the Black family steadily worsens.

Don Walker is one young man who has decided that the family is not a hopeless cause. He grew up in the inner-city without much influence from his own father. He, however, had the determination to break the pattern. Through his years of work in ministry and at various community centers, he has formulated a program that promises hope to husbands and wives struggling to stay together. Even better, the program can help young couples learn to communicate so that they can prevent many of the problems from occurring in the first place.

Success in Marriage is a small booklet, but the techniques a couple learns within it make a big impact. The first six sessions teach interactive listening skills. The seventh session explores what Walker considers the most important part of building a strong marriage: putting God first.

Building a strong family unit is the first step to reclaiming the Black community. Building strong relationships between husbands and wives is the first step toward building that strong family unit.

## Area Begins Plastic Bottle Recycling



Plastics can go into the recycling bin if they have a neck with a screw-on top.

Plastic bottle recycling is here for Portland area residents.

"This is the most exciting improvement to the area's recycling programs since curbside recycling began," said Portland Commissioner Mike Lindberg.

"It's a big step toward answering the question we hear most: When

can we recycle plastics? The answer is now!" Lindberg said.

The new plastics recycling procedures went into effect this month and covers most plastic bottles with necks and screw-on tops.

The recyclable materials include ketchup and cooking oil bottles; shampoo and liquid detergent; win-

dow cleaners and dish detergent bottles. These types of bottles make up about 80 percent of all plastic containers on the market in Oregon.

"The easy thing to remember is simply: check the neck," said Lindberg. "If the neck supports a screw-on top, the plastic bottle is recyclable at curbside."

## Convention Center To Celebrate Birthday

The Oregon Convention Center is five years old, and it's throwing neighborhood party to celebrate. "Picnic By The Points," will take place Sept. 9th & 10th, at the Convention Center.

"The convention Center's success is proof that dedication and

hard work can reap benefits for the whole community," said Jeff Blosser, Oregon Convention Center Director.

The two-day party will include live music, local neighborhood food vendors and special fun activities for children.

Music will feature area rhythm and blues and gospel groups, highlighted by Paul deLay, Curtis Salgado, Linda Hornbuckle and the Jefferson High School Gospel Choir on Saturday, Sept. 9 and the Golden Eagles, Portland Mass Choir and Tracy Harris on Sunday, Sept. 10.

For more information, contact Nancy Goss Duran at 235-7709.

## Workforce Wants Public Service Project

A large community service program, to include 500 employee volunteers, has been launched by AT & T Corp. and McCaw Cellular Communications.

It means that company officials are now looking for "dream projects" from non-profit organizations to utilize the volunteer resource.

Proposal packets are available by calling 1-800-355-3999. Applications must be post-marked no later than Aug. 2.

Officials said the community service work will be performed between Oct. 16 and Oct. 19.

"There is a strong tradition in the Pacific Northwest of helping your neighbor," said Will McAllister, Portland vice president of the Cellular Division.

"In our 10 years of operation in the area, we've supported many, many community-based programs. Being so close to the communities we serve has bade us realize the need for larger, full-force employee volunteer work projects which we hope will have long-lasting effects," McAllister said.

## Mother, Son Team Up For Lottery Win

Bessie Yancey proved that teamwork is successful when she and her son, Elmer, combined efforts and became \$5,000 winners in the Oregon Lottery's "High Roller" Scratch-it game.

Yancey and her son, who always split anything they win playing Lottery games, matched the number 4 on three like dice to win the top prize in the game.

"High Roller" with a total prize payout of about \$1.8 million still has two \$5,000 top prizes to be discovered. Yancey's winning ticket was purchased July 8 at Gateway Bingomania, 10510A N.E. Halsey St.

Yancey was enjoying her regular Saturday night at the Gateway bingo hall with her son when she decided to purchase a variety of Instant Scratch-it tickets. When one ticket revealed a \$1 win, Yancey exchanged it for the "High Roller"

game. Without her glasses, Yancey had a little trouble reading the amount in the game box and asked the clerk if she was a winner.

"You sure are," was the response she received. Yancey was so happy, she cried for joy. She immediately signed the back of her ticket for protection, game Elmer the good news and called her other son to share the excitement.

Yancey enjoys all the Oregon Lottery games and says she will continue to play and share with her son. They each received a check in the amount of \$2,500 when they claimed their prize at Lottery headquarters in Salem. Yancey says the money will help take care of some personal expenses.

Since 1985, \$2 billion in prizes have been paid to Oregon Lottery players and nearly \$900 million has been earned for economic development and job creation in Oregon.

## Nutcracker Tickets Go On Sale

The Oregon Ballet Theater is trumpeting the return of its yuletide classic, the Nutcracker.

The play depicts the charm of a Russia country estate. A rollicking young Marie and her holiday Prince escape on a magical journey to the shimmering land

of snow, exquisite valley of flowers and lavish Czars' palace.

Since Oregon Ballet Artistic director James Canfield opened his \$1.2 million 19th century version of the Nutcrackers in 1993, this holiday classic has enchanted an audience of nearly

## Come On, Let's Jam!

**Sure Jell & The Oregon State Fair Offer Free Jam And Jelly-Making Demonstration At Fair**

**What:** Sure Jell fruit pectin, the leading jam and jelly-making demonstration at the Oregon State Fair.

Learn how to create a mouth-watering strawberry jam or luscious raspberry-pear jam. Homemade jam and jelly is a great way to capture the sweet taste of fresh summer fruit for year-round enjoyment. Plus, it's fun and easy to do! Demonstrators will be distributing free jam and jelly-making booklets.

**When:** August 27, 1995 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Jackman-Long Building on the Demonstration Stage at the fairgrounds in Salem.

**Why:** Sure Jell has been sponsoring jam and jelly-making competitions at state fairs across the country for years. Now, they're taking it one step further by offering those who never before made jam or jelly the chance to share in this wonderful and delicious experience.

## For The Young At Heart

Attention all adventuresome single seniors! The Oregon State Fair invites you to be a participant in the Dating Game for the Young at Heart. The event will take place at the Fair Tuesday, August 29, from 2 to 3 p.m. on the Fountain Plaza Stage.

Based on the popular television show of years past called The Dating Game, this fun event will feature two separate panels of contestants. Each panel will consist of one lucky bachelor presenting fascinating questions to three different bachelorettes, who will be concealed from his view.

The two winning couples will receive wine and hors d'oeuvres, compliments of Willamette Valley Vineyards, State Fair chair lift tickets, flowers designed and contributed by Stayton Flowers and Gifts, Limousine Service provided by James Limousine, and dinner at the Inn at Orchard Heights.

Interested, fun loving daters may get more information by calling the Oregon State Fair Office at (503) 378-3247, extension 230 before July



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