

Observing Vancouver

New 9-1-1 Dispatch Opens In Vancouver

A new emergency dispatch and emergency services center has been opened in Vancouver for Clark County residents.

Construction funds for the \$2.5 million center at 710 W. 13th St. were made possible by a county 9-1-1 telephone tax approved by voters in 1988. The department had been headquartered in two cramped locations for a number of years.

To commemorate the new home, a 18,250-square foot building, a day of special events was held last week.

Safety exhibits, tours and special awards to people who helped make the new building possible were presented. Clark County Commissioner John Magnano and 9-1-1 Director Thera Bradshaw were on hand to answer questions about the new

center. Magnano and Vancouver Mayor Bruce Hagensen presided over the official ribbon cutting and dedication.

A public safety olympics was held pitting fire, police and medical personal against one another in athletic events. American Medical Response hosted a barbecue for participants in a fun run and walk.

A Historic Assignment

C-Tran coach operator Larry Moore, Vancouver, Washington, stands in front of a Curtiss P-40 Warhawk marked with the classic "shark's mouth" of the famed World War II "Flying Tigers" at Vancouver's historic Pearson Airfield on Saturday, September 2, 1995. Moore, a five-year veteran of C-Tran, drove a C-Tran coach that served as a shuttle between the Pearson AirPark Museum and the downtown Portland Hilton Hotel, bringing AVG members and their families to the museum. The open house at Pearson, 50 years to the day after the end of World War II, was the only public event during the Flying Tigers' first reunion in the Pacific Northwest and drew some 700 visitors to the museum. The Flying Tigers, officially the



Larry Moore

Photo by Thomas Wm. McGarry

American Volunteer Group, served in China prior to the official American entry into World War II, flying P-40s like the one shown, provided by Ron Paul's Warhawk Museum in

Boise, Idaho, and made an indelible stamp on American popular culture and history with their distinctively marked aircraft and their success in combat.

City Seeks Ghostly Volunteers

Volunteers with a spooky sense of humor are being sought by the city's Office of Heritage Services to portray ghosts and tell stories of past Officers Row residents. The "Ghost Stories of Officers Row" event is Monday, Oct. 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Storytellers of all shapes, sizes

and ages are needed to tell stories of generals, soldiers, governesses, mothers-in-law, murder victims and other former residents of Officers Row.

"Not all the stories include guts and gore; some are tearful, others are charming," says Jane Morrison, city heritage coordinator.

Volunteers will need time to practice the stories and attend a few rehearsals. Guides, behind-the-scenes help and costume makers are also needed.

For a roster of available characters and more information, call the city's Office of Heritage Services at 360/699-2588.

Lawrence Dark To Attend National Urban League Conference

Urban League of Portland President Lawrence J. Dark was among more than 4,000 conferees attending the National Urban League National Conference in Miami, July 23-26, 1995. National Urban League president Hugh B. Price joined top government officials and lawmakers, policy analysts and national luminaries to debate solutions to issues such as crime, politics, education and the media and to issue a historic call to action to the 113 National Urban League affiliates. Mr. Dark was

joined by Urban League of Portland board chair Michael Lewellen, chair-elect James Boehlke, board member Faye Burch and employment director Brenda Sherman-Sanders.

Mr. Dark said this year's conference provided an opportunity to learn first-hand about such legislative issues as affirmative action and redistricting; experience one of the most comprehensive displays of corporate and small business products; and receive critical answers to the issues facing America's youth.

Among the keynote speakers were Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Newt Gingrich, NAACP Chairwoman Myrlie Evers-Williams, and Oprah Winfrey.

"It is important to take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about what's happening in Washington and about the issues that positively or negatively impact African-Americans and other ethnic groups," Mr. Dark said.

This year's conference theme was "Our Children = Our Destiny."

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Urban League Street Academy Reopen For New School Year

The Urban League's Portland Street Academy and Whitney Young tutorial center welcomed back students on Tuesday, September 5 at 10 N. Russell Street. Students and their parents or guardians are encouraged to enroll for either educational program at the Urban League during service hours, 9 am to 8 pm Monday through Thursday, and 9 am to 5 pm on Friday.

The Portland Street Academy is an alternative school for junior and high school age students who have left a school in the Portland Public Schools district.

Students learn at their own pace as they work toward their G.E.D. or high school diploma. Instruction in Spanish and an enhanced arts program are being offered this year, as well as a special focus on science and math. The program is open to a maximum of 50 students.

The Whitney M. Young Jr. Ed-

ucation & Cultural Center offers free tutorial assistance and educational resources to students in grades 6 through sophomore in college and to other residents of North and Northeast Portland.

One-on-one tutorial assistance is provided by professional and volunteer tutors in all subject categories. The facility is named for Whitney M. Young, Jr., who was executive director of the National Urban League from 1961-71.

The Street Academy and Whitney Young Center share the same two-story facility at the Urban League. Facilities and activities include a multicultural reference library, computers, a student newsletter, guest speakers, and films. The programs are housed in the Urban League's main building, providing students with easy access to other League programs, such as counseling and employment services.

Students in grades 6-12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on their first visit to either program. Parents also are encouraged to register for a parent enrichment program which will explore ways parents can become more involved in their children's education.

Both programs seek adult volunteers with educational experience to serve as tutorial assistants. Interested individuals should contact Josephine Hayes at the Urban League of Portland, 280-2635.



The Urban League of Portland is a non-profit, community-based human service, economic and social justice agency serving youth and families, students, job seekers, and seniors in the metro area. In 1995 the League celebrates its 50th year of serving the community.

The League is one of 113 local affiliates of the National Urban League.

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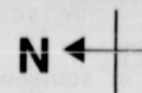



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