

Portland Utilities Review Board vacancies

Mayor Vera Katz is seeking representatives to fill the following vacancies on the City of Portland's Utilities Review Board (PURB).

- one neighborhood representative from each of the following areas: North, Northeast, Southeast, and West Portland;
- two public interest advocacy representatives;
- one large commercial/industrial business representative;
- one local business representative and
- one at-large representative.

Established in August, 1994, the PURB is a 15-member citizen oversight committee, appointed by the Mayor, to provide independent and

representative customer review of water, sewer, and solid waste financial plans and rates. The PURB operates in an advisory capacity to City Council.

To be eligible to serve on PURB, individuals must reside or work predominantly in the City of Portland and demonstrate a strong interest in sewer, water and solid waste issues. City code also states that "no individual with any direct financial interest in a city utility or solid waste franchise, whether by ownership, employment, contract or otherwise, shall be appointed to or serve on the Board."

All members will be appointed for three-year terms ending November

1999, with the exception of the Northeast neighborhood representative who would fill a recently vacated position that expires in November 1997. PURB meetings are monthly, with each Board member also serving on one of three standing committees: Water, Sewer or Solid Waste. Standing committees also meet monthly.

Deadline for application is October 14, 1996. All interested citizens are encouraged to apply and may pick up a Board and Commissions application form at the Mayor's Office or the Office of Neighborhood Associations in City Hall, 1400 SW Fifth Avenue.

Oregon women for Clinton/Gore

A talented and distinguished group of women will announce their support for President Clinton and Vice-President Gore by agreeing to serve as co-chairs on the Oregon Women for Clinton/Gore Advisory Committee today.

Led by Representatives Elizabeth Furse, who serves on the National Women for Clinton/Gore Steering Committee, several of the prominent co-chairs will gather today at Hanna Andersson, an Oregon-based children's clothing business at an event highlighting the President's accomplishments on behalf of women and working families.

Portland Mayor Vera Katz, State Representative Gail Shibley and Margaret Carter, Multnomah County Chair Bev Stein, Multnomah County Commissioner Tanya Collier, Or-

gon First Lady Sharon Kitzhaber and Kelly Bruggere, wife of Senate candidate Tom Bruggere are among the Honorary Co-Chairs of Oregon Women for Clinton/Gore. Mary Botkin, Chair of the Democratic National Committee's Women's Caucus, has agreed to serve as Co-Chair.

"In 1992, the women of Oregon helped elect Bill Clinton President. In 1994, women stayed home from the polls and we watched as Newt and company led an extremist Congress. Today, women in Oregon have the power to make the winning margin for President Clinton, Tom Bruggere and all Democrats. When women vote, women and children win," said Botkin.

The Oregon Women for Clinton/Gore Advisory Committee will sup-

port the President and Congressional candidates in November's election. A major portion of their work will be advising the Oregon campaign on strategy and helping to turn out women voters in record numbers on November 5.

"In this election, the issues that matter most to women -- health care, the right to choose, education, crime and the environment -- will be at the forefront throughout the campaign. Many critical choices will be made by voter at the ballot box -- and what voters decide will affect women and families. It is the responsibility of Oregon Women for Clinton/Gore to articulate the President's accomplishments on behalf of women across this state and help them to understand what's at stake," said Collier.

Magazine goes down under

BETHoldings, Inc. announced last week that it will discontinue publication of YSB Magazine, the magazine for Young Sisters and Brothers.

The magazine has been operating at a loss--\$1.9 million--for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1996, and has been in existence for five years. BET Holding, Inc.'s subsidiary, Paige Publications, Inc., will cease publication of YSB with the magazine's October 1996 issue.

One of YSB's main goals was to provide relevant and concise information to young, African-American adults. Black Entertainment Television (BET) will continue to meet the goals of providing young people with vehicles for discussing their opinions and concerns through programs such as Teen Summit, UnREAL and Rap City.

Although Paige Publications is providing a severance package to YSB's employees, the cost of discontinuing the publication will not be material to the consolidated financial results of BET Holdings, Inc. BET Holding, Inc. will continue its publication of Emerge magazine and BET Weekend magazine.

BET is the nation's first and only national television network providing a platform for quality programming targeted toward and African-American audience.

BET represents the best in entertainment, music videos, news, public affairs, jazz, specials, off-network sitcoms, gospel, and college sports. BET is owned by BET Holdings, Inc., a publicly traded company on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE-BTV), and is currently available in 46.4 million households, as reported by Nielsen Media Research.

Observing Vancouver

Vancouver essay contest

Vancouver Parks and Recreation is launching the first "How Vancouver Parks and Recreation Enriched My Life" contest. People who feel their health, well-being, or life in general has been enhanced by participating in any parks and recreation program may enter by writing a brief essay describing their experience.

Winners will be chosen in 16 categories including youth program, teen program, adult enrichment, citizens of disability, senior enrichment, SNAP/Meals on Wheels, Retired and Senior Volunteer Pro-

gram, Foster Grandparents, Heritage Services, Fitness, Tennis, Special Events, Aquatics, Sports, Facilities and Parks and Trails.

Category winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate to apply toward registering in Parks and Recreation programs. There will also be a \$50 grand prize certificate winner.

Entry deadline in Jan. 15. Entry forms may be picked up at Bagley Center, 4100 Plomondon or Marshall Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd., or by calling Toni Syverson, 735-8801.

Fall leaves gathered soon

City crews plan to start collecting leaves in all City of Vancouver neighborhoods on a weekly basis starting the week of Oct. 14 (or later, if necessary) through Dec. 24. The City of Vancouver Public Works Department requests resident cooperation in the following ways:

- Leaves only--no pine needles, yard debris, etc.
- Leave room between leaf piles

and vehicles (about 10 ft.)

- Keep leaves one foot away from curb toward street to allow rainwater to flow along curb.
- Help keep leaves out of storm drains.

The Fall Leaf Collection is funded by the City of Vancouver's Storm Water Drainage Utility, Solid Waste Division. Call 696-8244 for more details.

City and C-Tran help 90-year-old man

The City of Vancouver's Paint Program and 19 volunteers from C-Tran have teamed up to make a difference in the life and home of a blind 90-year-old Rosemere resident.

The city's Neighborhood Self-Help Paint Program provides free paint and materials to eligible applicants for exterior painting.

The paint program is intended to improve the condition of local housing stock, increase property value, encourage pride in home ownership, help foster neighborhood pride, encourage others to

improve their homes and beautify the community.

C-Tran volunteers will be coordinated by another Rosemere resident, Gayl James. The group will spring into action this Saturday to paint the residence.

The Paint Program is funded through a Community Development Block Grant. Applications for the spring program are now begin accepted.

For more information on the city's Paint Program, call Helen Kim, 696-8005.

Contras, Crack And The CIA

The U.S. Justice Department has pledged to investigate charges that in the 1980's the CIA-funded Nicaraguan contras may have distributed crack cocaine through Los Angeles street gangs.

Heated denials of personal and CIA involvement came from Retired Marine Lt. Col. Oliver North, a former member of the National Security Council staff under the Reagan Administration.

However, Congressman Charles Rangel (D-NY) supports further investigation of the alleged CIA drug connection.

America's Black Forum, he nationally syndicated television show,

examines this controversy which has sparked rallies, meetings and news conferences all across the country.

Join host and syndicated columnist Juan Williams and weekly commentators Julian Bond and Armstrong Williams for unique perspectives on what some called "the latest conspiracy" targeting the black community.

Saying, "The Democrats are famous for this," Oliver North called the CIA/Contra crack connection allegations "...The most recent 'October Surprise' in a long series [it happens] every presidential election..."

America's Black forum is a half-

hour weekly television program seen on 67 television stations nationwide. Please check local listings for air-time and station.

Bruggere calls for family-friendly companies

Campaigning in Portland today, Democrat Tom Bruggere said he would use his position as a Senator to encourage more American companies to implement "family-friendly" policies. Bruggere specifically praised the Hanna Andersson Company and Pro-Team temporary services, commending child care programs and the example these companies set for the community in providing a family-friendly environment.

Bruggere endorsed incentives, not regulations, to encourage employers like Hanna Andersson and Pro-Team in family-friendly initiatives.

"I'm a businessman. I'm not talking about more bureaucracy and more red tape," said Bruggere. "But we can and we should reward companies that are family and worker friendly. Companies that go the extra mile for working families deserve a break."

Mentor Graphics, the company Bruggere founded, provides on-site child care for its employees. Mentor Graphics was recently named for the 4th year in a row as one of the Top 100 Companies for Working Women by Working Mother magazine, in large part due to the award-winning child development center on-site.

"We believe family-friendly work policies make good economic sense," said Bruggere. "Child care, flex time, and fitness programs helped make our workers at Mentor more productive. It's new way of doing business, and it enabled us to recruit the best workers in Oregon."

Mentor was also recently awarded the "Corporations that Make a Difference" award by the International Women's Forum. The award, given to only 9 companies worldwide this year, recognizes enlightened leadership and support for the advancement of women.

"ON NOV. 5TH, I'M VOTING FOR MY MOTHER."



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