

# RELIGION

## Omega's leadership calls for dialogue on race relations

In the wake of recent church bombings of predominantly black churches in the South, and the rise of racial tensions throughout the country, Omega Psi Phi is calling on the leaders of the nation's Greek letter organizations to initiate a dialogue on race relations in America.

The Fraternity has also issued a resolution condemning the church bombings and calling for racial healing in the nation.

Dr. Dorsey C. Miller, Omega's Grand Basileus (national president), said the nation's Greek letter organizations should take the leadership in developing the national dialogue on race relations.

"There has been an absence of leadership from the White House on down to the court house. Racial tensions won't go away simply because we wish them to," Miller said.

He said the recent attacks on affirmative action in employment and education, immigration policies and voting rights have helped fuel the rise in racial tensions.

Miller said he will call in the leaders of the member organizations of the National Pan-Hellenic Council to initiate a series of discussion on race relations.

"We must come together for a frank dialogue about the race prob-

lem in America and devise a plan to resolve this problem," Miller said. "Omega Psi Phi has long been in the forefront of the struggle for equality and equal rights for all Americans. The rights and gains earned during the Civil Rights Movement are now being threatened," said Miller.

"We cannot stand idly by while our people suffer setbacks and our nation faces an internal threat of racial divisiveness and enmity. We must not let this problem fester and grow. We must come together and seek solutions for the betterment of all Americans," Miller said.

The Fraternity also recently adopted resolutions calling for the Texaco Oil Corp. and the Avis Auto Rental Co. to develop affirmative action plans.

Omega Psi Phi will ask the leadership of the organizations of the National Pan-Hellenic Council to also join its member in boycotting those companies if affirmative action plans are not developed by January 31, 1997. Texaco recently implemented a plan that deemed acceptable by civil rights leaders.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is an international civic and social fraternity with more than 130,000 members throughout the U.S., Europe, Asia, Africa and the Caribbean.

## "Borscht Belt to Broadway"

The Mittleman Jewish Community Center Theater will present "Borscht Belt to Broadway", a cabaret-style Broadway revue, from February 22-March 6, 1997. The show will be a tribute to Jewish artists' contributions to the American Musical Theater. Performance dates and times are: Saturdays, February 22 and March 1 at 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.; and Thursdays, February 27 and March 6 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 general admission and \$10 for seniors and students. Optional food and libations will be offered. Group rates are available.

The musical smorgasbord of "Borscht Belt to Broadway" includes

a "bissel" of Yiddish music hall favorites, a generous portion of Broadway hits, a handful of lesser known Broadway tunes with Jewish content and a dash of movie music for spice.

"Borscht Belt to Broadway" is created and directed by Mark Steering. The talented cast includes Ariel Aver, Costa Columbus, Bryna Davis, Jan Matthews, James Montgomery, Jeff Olenick, Jan Rosenthal, Amy Shapiro, Camberley Torres, Sandra Willis, Glen York and many more.

The Mittleman Jewish Community Center is located at 6651 SW Capitol Hwy. in Portland. Call 244-0111 for ticket sales and information.

## Homecoming Celebration

**Muslim Name -- James X Muhammad, Yoruba Name -- Osaze Babatu (Peacemaker) Known at Birth As -- James Jahar Perez**

James (Osaze) was born in Temple, Texas on April 7, 1942.

He was preceded in death by his mother Lovie Tupper, and leaves to mourn him

### Ten children

(Philip Perez, Ricky Perez, Bobby Perez, Samayah Torregano, Talibah Perez, Aysha Perez, James

Jahar Perez Jr., Asad Perez of Alaskaka, Jameelah Perez and Aqueelah Perez).

### Seven Siblings

(Lovie Perez, Paul (Poncho) Lindsey, Vietta Lowe, Brad Lindsey, Mark Lindsey, Terez Lindsey and Angelo Tupper).

### Cousins

(Darlene Beck, Vernon Brazzle, and Charlene Williams) He also leaves a host of family and friends to mourn him.

## In Loving Memory of Erma Cohen

**Sunrise: June 20, 1918 - Sunset: January 16, 1997**

Erma Cohen, born from the union of Clifford Releford and Lena Bratton in Paris, Texas on June 20th, 1918 passed away January 16th, 1997 in Portland, Oregon.

She was employed at Emanuel Hospital for thirty-eight years. She was a member of Adah Chapter #6 Order of Eastern Star since 1954. Erma was preceded in death by her husband James Cohen, retired

Union Pacific Railroad employee and her grandson J. Anthony Howard.

Survivors include: brother, Charles Releford of Los Angeles, Cal; sister, Naomi Dawkins of Dallas, Texas; son, Arthur Palmer; daughter, Betty Stitt; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one grand godchild; three great godchildren; several nieces and nephews; and many loving friends

## In Loving Memory of Annette Williams Baker

Born on November 4, 1939; Returned to the Lord on January 16, 1997

Ms. Baker was a long time resident of Portland and a member of the Ark of Safety God and Christ.

Ms. Baker is survived by five living brothers and sisters and six

children: Joseph Burbridge, Donald, Donnell, Damanon, Larry and Elizabeth Baker with a host of grandchildren.

She will be missed greatly by her foster mother Peaches Hunter, personal friend Mr. Jimmie Smith and many others.

Call (503) 288-0033 to advertise in The Portland Observer

# BIDS

## Supplemental Informational Advertisement Department of Transportation Call For Bids

Sealed bids will be received until 9 a.m. on February 13, 1997 for the projects listed below:

**Hood:** MP 94.0 Section of the Mt. Hood Highway in Hood River County. A.C. Pavement & Oiling. This project is to be constructed under the 1996 Standard Specifications for Highway Construction.

**Multnomah:** Troutdale Interchange Frontage Roads Section of the Columbia River Highway (I-84) in Multnomah County. 8% DBE goal. DBE subject to Commercially Useful Function (CUF) requirements. Traffic Signals. This project is to be constructed under the 1996 Standard Specifications for Highway Construction.

**Clackamas:** MP 53.7--Frog Lake Section of the Mt. Hood & Warm Springs Highway in Clackamas County in the vicinity of Mt. Hood. A.C. Pavement & Oiling. This project is to be constructed under the 1996 Standard Specifications for Highway Construction.

Plans, specifications and bid documents may be obtained in Room 1, Transportation Building, Salem, Oregon 97310. Plans may be ordered by phone at (503) 986-3720, or facsimile at (503) 9863224. **There is a \$20.00 non-refundable charge for plans and specifications per project.** Prime contractors must be prequalified ten days prior to the bid opening day. For additional information regarding prequalification, please contact Fran Neavoll, Program Section, at (503) 986-3877.

If your business is not certified as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) or Women Business Enterprise (WBE), please contact the Office of Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business at 155 Cottage, Salem, OR 97310, phone (503) 378-5651.

## Metro Request for Proposals

Metro, located at 600 NE Grand Avenue, hereby requests written proposals for the following services.

1) **Temporary Services for a Full-Time Landfill Specialist, RFP #97R-2-REM.** Specialist will be assigned at the St. Johns Landfill. **Contact:** Regional Environmental Management, (503) 797-1650. **Proposal Due Date: 3:00PM, Wednesday, February 5, 1997**

Bids and/or proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes which clearly identify the services as stated in the RFB/P. That RFB/P represents the most definitive statement Metro will make and is available at the above address from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday-Friday or by calling the number identified with the project.

All bids and/or proposals must conform to the RFB/P format, answer all questions and be complete including the use of any required forms. Metro may reject any bid and/or proposal not in compliance with the prescribed RFB/P requirements and any or all bids and/or proposals if such action is deemed in the public interest.

Metro and its contractors will not discriminate against any person or firm based on race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, religion, physical handicap, political affiliation or marital status.

Metro extends equal opportunity to all persons and specifically encourages minority and women-owned businesses to access and participate in this and all Metro projects, programs and services.

## Advertisement For Bids Columbia Villa Door Locks Replacement Job No. M6-0101

Sealed bids will be received at the Housing Authority of Portland (HAP), 8910 N. Woolesey Avenue, Portland Oregon 97203, until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 20, 1997 for labor and materials for 472 units. Shortly thereafter, bids will be opened and publicly read. No bidder may withdraw their bid after the hour set for opening until after the lapse of sixty (60) days from the bid opening.

The basic work consists of removal and replacement of existing front and rear entry door locks and storage locks at all dwelling units in Columbia Villa.

Bid Documents are available at the HAP Office noted above. A \$20 (twenty) deposit for one set and \$10 (ten) for each additional set is refundable when documents are returned within 10 days after bid opening.

Attendance of bidders is requested at a pre-bid tour of the project commencing at the HAP Maintenance office, address above, at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 6, 1997. Questions posed during the tour, not addressed in the documents, will be answered by addendum.

Execution of an Affidavit of MBE participation (HAP form 42.1) is required of each bidder in order to qualify as a qualified bidder for this work.

The Housing Authority of Portland may reject any bid not in compliance with the prescribed bidding procedures and requirements and may reject any or all bids and waive all informalities if, in the judgement of HAP, it is in the public interest to do so. Questions regarding this project should be directed to H. David Walter at 735-4210

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PORTLAND**  
H. David Walter  
Assistant Director of Housing Operations

## City of Gresham, Oregon DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES Request For Proposal--RFP No. 5108 for Bridge Widening Design and Engineering Services February 12, 1997

**RE: Request for Consulting Engineering Services**  
The City of Gresham invites proposals from qualified consultants for Bridge Widening Design Engineering for the City of Gresham.

Proposals will be received until, but not after, **10:00 a.m. (local time), Wednesday, February 12, 1997**, at the City of Gresham, Department of Environmental Services, Attention: Jay McCoy, Transportation Engineer, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham, Oregon 97030. One original and six (6) copies of the proposal shall be submitted in a seal envelope entitled "Proposal for consulting services for bridge widening design and engineering for the City of Gresham, RFP No. 5108." Submit one original and six (6) copies of fee information in a separate sealed envelope entitled "Fees for consulting services for bridge widening design and engineering for the City of Gresham, RFP No. 5108."

**Any objections to or comments upon the RFP specifications must be submitted in writing. They must be received no later than seven (7) working days before the RFP closing date.**

Proposals that are received after the time and date set for the RFP closing will not be accepted for any reason. Proposals that are delivered to an office other than the identified above will not be accepted. It is the sole responsibility of the party submitting the RFP response to ensure that the response is received at the designated location on or before the deadline.

The proposals received will be held confidential until award or recommendation for award has been approved by the City Manager. Thereafter, all proposals will be available for public inspection, unless specifically requested to be kept confidential (names of firms and total cost figures may not be held confidential).

The City will be the sole judge in determining award of contract and reserves the right to reject all proposals. The City of Gresham is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

Questions regarding the proposal should be directed to Jay McCoy, P.E., Transportation Engineer, (503) 618-2686 or Jeff Shelley, Project Coordinator, (503) 618-2550/Fax: (503) 665-6825, City of Gresham, Department of Environmental Services, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham, Oregon 97030.

Gregory E. DiLoreto, Director  
Department of Environmental Services

## Metro Informal Bid/Proposals

Metro, located at 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, Oregon solicits informal bids/proposals for the following goods, services, and projects by the deadline(s) specified below or no later than one (1) week following this publication.

- Deconstruction & Salvage (Demolition).** Two residences in Clackamas county, including removal of materials. **Contact:** Pam Novitzky, Regional Parks & Greenspaces Dept. (503) 797-1916 **Bid Due Date: 5:00pm, Tuesday, February 11, 1997 (DATE EXTENDED) Note: Arrangements can be made to visit properties prior to bidding.**
- Design of Replacement Fire Sprinkler System for Metro South Station.** Work will involve designing the system, participation in the procurement of an installation contractor, assistance with quality assurance during construction and compilation of final as-built drawings. **Contact:** Pete Hillmann, Regional Environmental Services, (503) 797-1650 **Proposal Due Date: 3:00PM, Wednesday, February 19, 1997.**

All interested parties must contact the project manager(s) listed, secure all information and documentation necessary, and comply with all requirements of the informal, competitive process.

Any conflicts or disputes shall be resolved pursuant to Chapter 2.04 of the Metro Code and the decision of the Procurement Officer shall be final and bind all participants.

This is the public announcement to be made regarding this informal process.

Metro may reject any/all submittals which are noncompliant, noncompetitive or not in the public interest.

Metro extends equal opportunity to all; will not discriminate against any person/ firm based on race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, religion, physical handicap, political affiliation or marital status; and encourages minority and women-owned businesses to participate in all Metro procurements, projects, or programs.

## Sub-Bids Requested

Alberta Park Improvements  
Portland, Oregon

**Bid Date: January 30, 1997 2:00 p.m.**

Scope of work includes: construction and installation of playground improvements, restroom construction, asphalt paving, concrete curbs and pads, soil preparation and seeding.

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