

Doreen Binder Named Executive Director of Transition Projects

Transition Projects, Inc. (TPI) a non-profit agency which has provided solution oriented assistance to Portland's homeless and very low income people since 1971 has announced that Doreen Binder has been named Executive Director.

Ms. Binder moved to Portland after serving for nine years as the Executive Director of the Coos County Women's Crisis Service. Her experience includes public service as Task Force Chair of the National Coalition against Domestic Violence, Board Representative for the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, and committee co-chair for the State Domestic Violence Council. Ms. Binder at-

tended school at Wright College in Chicago, Southwestern Oregon Community College and Haifa University in Israel. She plans on continuing her education at Linfield College.

Ms. Binder's extensive experience in Transitional Housing is timely since TPI will soon open Jean's Place, Portland's first Transitional Housing Facility for homeless women. Jean's Place will provide a stable living environment for forty-four homeless women while offering a comprehensive program which focuses on assisting women recovering from homelessness, abuse, poverty and chemical dependency. The new women's facility

will celebrate it's opening on April 10th.

Martin Soloway, TPI's Board Chair, said, "We are very enthusiastic about Ms. Binder's leadership. She has the right expertise to manage our current programs, Glisan Street Shelter, and the Community Service Center as well as with the bold new direction TPI is taking in it's programs with the opening of Jean's Place, as well as working on the upcoming Eastside Shelter. In a fiscal environment of shrinking government funding and increasing needs to earn private donations, it is especially important to have an experienced leader with a clear vision at the helm."

Portland Attorney elected to high seat

Chicago, March 27, 1997-- Chrys A. Martin has been elected to the Board of Directors of the 20,000-member Defense Research Institute (DRI), the nation's largest association of civil litigation defense lawyers. A shareholder with the law firm of Bullivant Houser Bailey Pendergrass & Hoffman, P.C., Portland, OR, she specializes--and heads the firm's practice groups--in employment law as well as employee benefits/life, health, and disability insurance.



Chrys A. Martin

Martin, 43, is also chair of DRI's Employment Law Committee; secretary-treasurer of the Oregon Association of Defense Counsel; a member and former committee chair of the American Bar Association and the Oregon State Bar Association; and a member of the Multnomah County Bar Association. In addition, she writes and lectures extensively unemploy-

ment law and employee benefits issues ranging from sexual harassment to compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as other legal topics.

Her civic activities include involvement in the American Lung

Association of Oregon (former board secretary) and Good Samaritan Hospital Associates (1992-1993 chair).

Martin earned her bachelor of arts degree with honors from Oregon State University and her Juris Doctor degree from the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College, where she was inducted into the Cornelius Honor Society.

She lives in Portland with her husband, Jack Pessia.

Most of DRI's 20,000 members are attorneys in private practice who defend corporations, associations, insurance companies, government bodies and individuals in damage suits and other civil litigation.

The organization also has some 400 corporate members, including insurance companies and manufacturers. Founded in 1960, DRI is headquartered in Chicago.

1996 Newsmaker Honorees Salute Black Press for its Support



Congresswoman Maxine Waters, comedian Dick Gregory and talk show host Joe Madison saluted the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) for its support, after receiving the organization's 1996 Newsmakers of the Year award in a gala dinner, Thursday, March 20, 1997, in Washington D.C.

The three were selected by NNPA's 200-plus member publishers for their "courage and commitment in exposing the horrors of the CIA/Contra/Crack cocaine scandal," said NNPA President Dorothy Leavell. "We must honor those who lift us up...on the road to freedom. These three people had truly led with the torch."

In accepting her award, Rep. Waters, who has pushed for legislative hearing as well as federal investigations into the matter, said she had become involved with the CIA/ crack issue because "we are sick and tired of having people play with us."

"I wanna thank you for carrying the story," said Rep. Waters, whose Los Angeles district has been severely affected by the crack epidemic.

Co-awardee Mr. Gregory, who has been on a fast for over four months to force the government to declassify material relating to the CIA's involvement in the deadly proliferation of crack in urban America, was also grateful for the role the Black Press has played in keeping the issue in the public eye.

"What a beautiful feeling to be

among peers, to be validated by your peers," he said. "We have come here to tell you thanks...God made you the keeper of the flame," Mr. Gregory told audience members.

Mr. Gregory also announced that protesters would again be targeting the CIA headquarters in a Good Friday demonstration. He and others were arrested outside the Langley, VA facility last year while attempting to deliver a copy of articles from the California-based San Jose Mercury News. According to the newspaper CIA-backed operatives pumped \$1 billion worth of crack cocaine into Black neighborhoods, in Watts, Compton and South-Central Los Angeles during the 1980's. The profits from the sales were used to buy arms for Nicaraguan Contra rebels, the investigative articles allege.

In addition, Mr. Gregory described a long-term plan which would include the commercial boycott of Thanksgiving and Christmas, if documents relating to the CIA's role in the matter are not released by July 4.

Mr. Madison, who has used his Washington, D.C.-based talk show to publicize the issue, encouraged the Black Press to "Stay on the story and editorialize about the issue....We have to rattle these cages," he said.

The second annual Newsmaker of the Year Dinner attracted some of the nation's top officials, including Rep. Shelia Jackson-Lee (D-TX);

Rep. Donna M. Christian (D-Virgin Islands); Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry; Dr. Henry J. Lyons, president to the 8.5 million member National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; Patrick Ayendi from the Nigerian Embassy; Washington, D.C. Council members Sandy Allen, (D-Ward 8) and Hilda Mason (S-At-large); D.C. Shadow Representative Sabrina Sojourner; D.C. Shadow Senator Paul Strauss; C. Delores Tucker, national chair of the National Political Congress of Black Women and Archbishop George Stallings, head of The African-American Catholic Congregation.

NNPA President Dorothy Leavell reminded attendees that the Black Press is just as relevant today as when John Russwurm and Sam Cornish established the nation's first African-American newspaper, The Freedom's Journal in 1827.

"There is still a need for the Black Press in America. We've got the power, and we've got to use it," she said.

The NNPA Newsmaker of the Year, which is in its second year, recognizes African Americans who have most influenced issues of concern to Black America and who have made significant strides in bringing about positive change. Last year, Nation of Islam's Minister Louis Farrakhan was named 1995 Newsmaker of the Year for his spearheading of the Million Man March in October, 1995.

Showing "Economic Strength"

The economy of the Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA PMSA has been given a grade of "A+" as a result of an economic study which measures thirteen economic elements over a twenty-five year period. The metropolitan area is ranked 12th among the 313 defined metropolitan areas in the United States for "economic strength".

The area places just behind the Nashville, TN MSA and ahead of the Fort Collins-Loveland, CO MSA in the national rankings.

The most important primary industry in the Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA PMSA is the manufacturing

sector which contributes 45.2% of the primary earnings for the area. Primary industries are those which import money into an area and cause subsequent economic churning and consumption. Primary or "contributory" industries are responsible for the growth of employment and earnings for most other sectors.

The Portland-Vancouver, OR-WA PMSA includes Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill Counties in Oregon and Clark County in Washington.

The metropolitan area is ranked 27th out of the 313 areas in terms of population size.

Pressured to Give False Testimony

Attorneys for Mumia Abu-Jamal filed new legal papers recently centered on testimony from former Philadelphia police informant Pamela Jenkins. Attorneys say the information gives further proof that police manipulated and pressured witnesses to give false testimony against Abu-Jamal.

Jenkins was the central government informant and witness in the federal investigation which recently led to the conviction of six 39th District officers for gross police corruption.

In a signed statement to Jamal's attorneys in January, Jenkins testified that police Officer Tom Ryan, one of the convicted officers, had

pressured her to give false testimony against Jamal in the shooting of police officer Daniel Faulkner.

"It was clear to me that Tom Ryan and Richard Ryan wanted me to perjure myself and say that I had seen Jamal shoot the police officer," wrote Jenkins.

Jenkins' affidavit further testifies that Cynthia White, the star witness for the prosecution in Jamal's 1982 trial, and the only one to claim to have seen Jamal with a gun in his hand, was also subjected to police coercion.

The legal brief filed with the Pennsylvania Supreme Court reads, "In the days after the shooting, (White) was arrested at least

twice for prostitution. Her picture was posted in the Sixth District with instructions for arresting officers to 'Contact Homicide.' Each time police picked White up and took her statement, she revised her story about Faulkner's shooting. Without explanation, bench warrants against her were also not prosecuted.

"We know we can bring this down to a nutshell if you just come forward. We've all lost a lot by coming forward. I've lost somebody I love dearly--just do this one time, one favor, that's not asking a lot. Then maybe you can clean up your past, like the rest of us are doing," Jones said.

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