

Business and INDUSTRY

Fred Meyer acquire Fox Jewelry

Fred Meyer, Inc. and Fox Jewelry Company announced today that an agreement has been signed for Fred Meyer to acquire the assets of all 44 Fox Jewelry stores located in malls in six states, strengthening Fred Meyer's position as the fourth largest fine jewelry chain in the country.

The acquisition is expected to be completed by the end of August 1997 and will be done through a wholly owned jewelry subsidiary of Fred Meyer, Inc. called Fred Meyer Jewelers, Inc.

More than half of the Fox stores are located in Michigan and Wisconsin malls. The others are located in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and Ohio. Fox Jewelry began in 1917 with a store in Grand Rapids, Mich.

"Fred Meyer and Fox buy from many of the same vendors, offer similar broad selections, and have great employees with the same commitment to giving customers excellent service and value," Ed Dayoob, president of the Fred Meyer Jewelers subsidiary, said. "We can take advantage of common strengths and eliminate duplications as we combine operations to make us more productive." Thomas Fox, chairman of Fox Jewelry, and Jack Bowen, president and chief executive officer, both intend to remain active to help make the merged company vital and successful. "The combined buying power we gain from this merger will help us give our customers even better products at lower prices," Bowen said.

Portland Development Commission hires Trader as Executive Director

The Portland Development Commission hired Felicia Trader, Director of the City of Portland Office of Transportation as PDC's new Executive Director.

PDC Chairman, Carl Talton announced the decision after the unanimous recommendation of the five-member Commission at a special Commission meeting. Trader replaces Jan Bureson who resigned on July 15.

"We believe Felicia has exactly the right combination of skills to manage PDC at this stage in its history," said Talton. "She has demonstrated experience in managing large, very visible public agencies and has excellent relationships with the city's elected officials."

Trader has a wealth of experience in the public sector at the city, county and state level in Oregon and California. For the past 10 years, she has served as Portland's Director of Transportation. Prior to joining the City, she served as Oregon's Deputy Secretary of State; and as Multnomah County's Director of the Department of General Services and Budget Director.



Felicia Trader, PDC Executive Director

In Santa Clara County, California, Trader served as Director of the Analysis Division in the County Executive's Office and as Assistant Director of the Environmental Management Agency.

Trader holds an M.A. in Public Administration from San Jose State University; a B.S. in Economics from the University of Kentucky and has completed the State and Local Gov-

ernment Executive Program at Harvard Kennedy School. She is a member of the Multnomah County Library Commission; the President's Council for Sustainable Development, Energy and Transportation Task Force; and a Fellow of the Oregon Chapter of the American Leadership Forum.

"PDC has a big job ahead of it," said Talton. "We have stable funding and clear direction from Council on focus areas and Felicia is a leader who can really hit the ground running as we move forward on our programs and projects to reach the city's goals." Trader was selected from a group of City Bureau Executives.

"Felicia has the unanimous support of every member of City Council," said Mayor Katz. She will bring strong leadership during uncertain times and strengthen PDC's relationships with the business community, housing advocates, the neighborhoods and with her fellow bureau managers. Felicia is recognized as not only a national leader, but also is one of the finest bureau managers in the City."

Crowder Construction back wages available

The Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) Wage and Hour Division could be looking for you!

BOLI recently collected \$70,000 in back wages for 43 employees of Crowder Construction, and has been able to distribute all but

\$9,500.

The bureau is looking for six former employees of the Beaverton construction company who worked on the Washington County Justice Center project in Hillsboro from June through December 1996.

The average check totals \$1,600. Those who have not already received money from the bureau for working on this project should call David Gerstenfeld in BOLI's Portland office, 503-731-4074 ext. 227.

Private employment agency licensing requirement repealed

Legislation eliminating the licensing requirement for private employment agencies became effective Monday, June 30. The Bureau of Labor and Industries is the state agency responsible for the licensing and regulation of the industry.

Bureau officials point out that although the licensing requirement is eliminated, the bureau still retains the authority to enforce other regulations pertaining to private employment agencies whose fees are paid by applicants for employment, including:

- Bonding requirements
 - Written contracts with specific provisions requirements
 - Job order and job referral document requirements
 - Fee collection and refund requirements
 - Posting and advertising requirements
 - Private employment agencies whose fees are paid by anyone other than the applicant are no longer regulated by the bureau.
- Questions about the law should be directed to the bureau's licensing unit at 503-731-4074 in Portland.

Robert Larry new Portland-King Blvd. Liquor Agent

the Oregon Liquor Control Commission recently appointed Robert Larry as the new liquor agent at the Portland-King store at 3532 N.E. Martin Luther King Blvd. in Portland, effective Aug. 1.

Larry, who currently owns and operates Northwest Mortgage Funding in Portland, will succeed Nathan Reddit, who has resigned as agent.

Former Nike Executive to head Boys & Girls Clubs

Virginia G. Hensen has been selected as the new Executive Director of Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland Metropolitan Area, Oregon's leading youth development agency.

Hensen is the first woman ever hired as Executive Director of the Portland organization, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Hensen will be responsible for directing the operations of the four metro-area Clubs, which provides athletics and youth development programs to nearly 17,000 kids between the ages of 6 and 18 each year.

Hensen is an 18-year veteran of NIKE, Inc., where she served in a variety of positions, including Director of Public Affairs, Executive Director of the NIKE P.L.A.Y. Foundation, and Assistant Corporate Counsel. Hensen has also served as a Director on the Boards of several Portland-area non-profit



Virginia G. Hensen

agencies, including Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland, the Portland House of Umoja, Raphael House of Portland and Oregon Public Broadcasting. She has a law degree from Northwestern School of Law/Lewis & Clark College and a degree in Journalism from the University of

Colorado at Boulder.

"We're really excited to have Virginia take over during this Golden Anniversary year," said Mike Holzgang, President of the Board of Directors. "She brings a great mix of business and non-profit management experience as well as a proven track record as a youth advocate. We're committed to expanding the Clubs' services to kids in the Portland metro area. I'm confident Virginia can lead us in the direction we want to go as we begin our second half-century of serving Portland's disadvantaged youth."

Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland provides youth development programs in six core areas: Personal & Educational Development, Citizenship & Leadership Development; Cultural Enrichment; Health & Physical Education; Personal Education Development; Outdoor and Environment Education; and Social Recreation.

FOCUS-a women's foursome from Inglewood, CA-will present a concert at Portland First Church on Sunday, July 20, 1997 at 6:00 pm. These four ladies have a contagious spirit about them and they lead worship in their own "high octane" style. The name of the groups, alone, is a powerful message in a world full of distractions. Join us as we welcome FOCUS on their first trip to the Northwest. Portland First Church, on the Sunset, Sylvan Exit, Sunday July 20th at 6pm. Call 297-6100.

PDC PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING

Date: July 24, 1997
Place: PDC
1900 SW Fourth, Suite 100
Portland, OR
Time: 3:00 p.m.

Commission meetings are open to the public. A complete agenda is available at PDC or by calling 823-3200. Citizens with disabilities may call 823-3232 or TDD 823-6868 for assistance at least 48 hours in advance.

PDC is the City of Portland's urban renewal, housing and economic development agency.

An Open Letter To All Our Friends:

We would not want to overlook any of our friends in saying, "Thank you." The family of Dannella Bletson wish to take this time to thank you for all your prayers, support, and kindness you bestowed upon us during the loss of our mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and aunt. Your kindness meant far more to us than words can ever tell. We ask that you continue to pray for us.

-The Dannella Bletson Family

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We the Brotherhood and other organization of Portland would like you to join us in a March against drugs & violence. NOW is the time we take our communities back!!!!

AUGUST 2, 1997

The March will begin at 12:00 PM at the NE Community Precinct and will end at Irvington Park

A Rally will conclude the March with guest speakers, food, and entertainment.

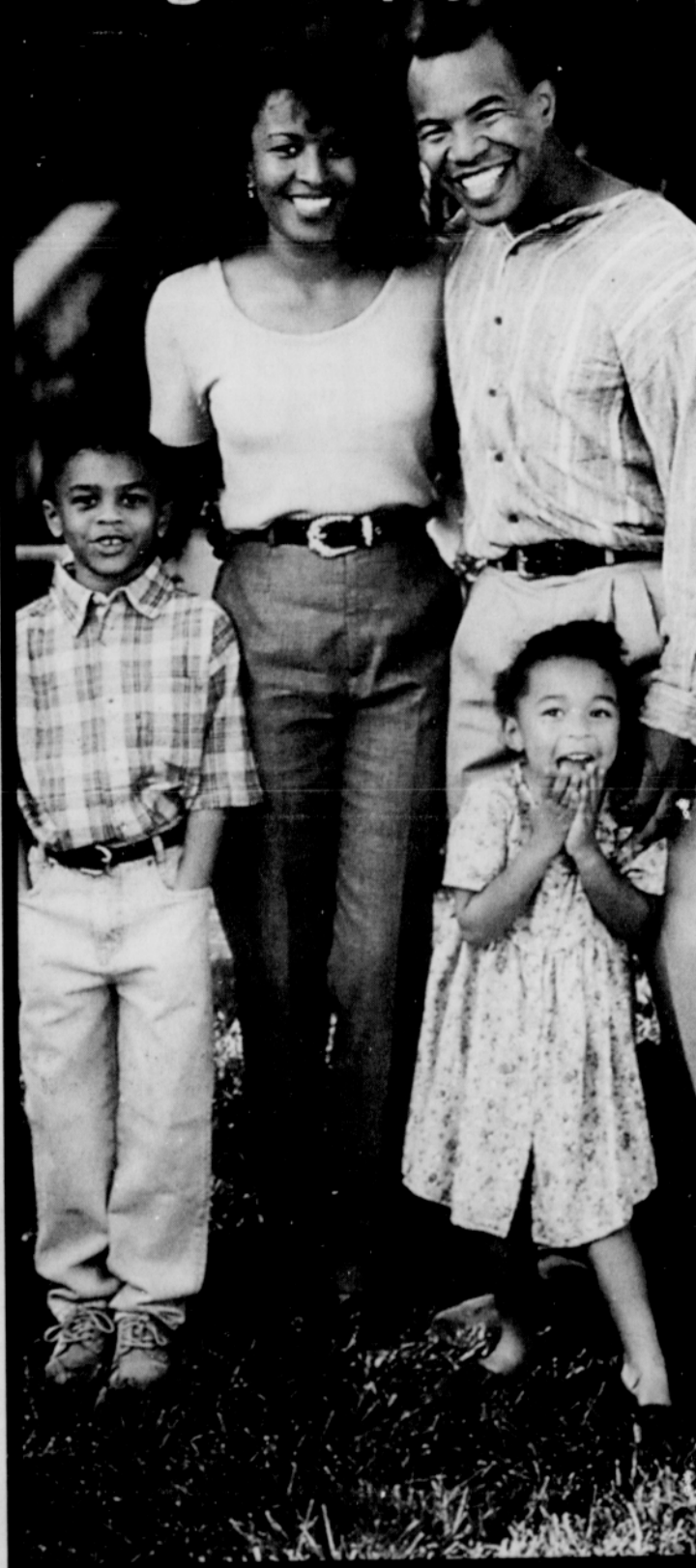
In addition to all the fun, community agencies and support groups will be available to assist those in need of services.

For more information about the planning committees or general information

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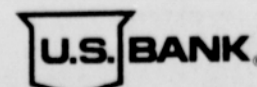
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