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The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods' Youth Gang Outreach program Comes to End

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The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods' Youth Gang Outreach program, once considered a national model, has come to at least a temporary end, out of money and forced to lay off its staff.

Manager Halim Rahtsaan was laid off on June 26th, and the rest of the six-person staff on June 30th. The only remain link to the program is program manager John Canda, whose duties also include supervision of the NECN's

Rider Advocate program and whose salary comes in part from a contract with Tri-Met.

NECN executive director Ben Priestley says the coalition hopes to secure new funding for the program shortly, possibly through a private foundation grant or through the city of Portland. However, he says, "We can't make payments based on funding that we hope we'll get."

Canda says that he hopes that at least some of the staff can be rehired if new

funding can be obtained.

The program was created by the coalition in 1988. It provides outreach workers who provide counseling to African-American, Asian, Hispanic and white youth gangs, gang members and at risk youth. They work with the Portland Police Bureau and Portland Public Schools to defuse potential gang violence. They also provide information about youth gangs to civic and community groups.

For most of its existence the program was funded by a \$280,000 contract with

Multnomah County. In 1996 the county awarded the contract instead to the House of Umoja in cooperation with two other agencies, saying it wanted a more "broad-based" approach to the problem.

The NECN board decided to seek other funding to keep their own program going. Last May they secured a \$200,000 grant from the Fred Meyer Memorial Trust. Those funds have now been exhausted.

Sharon McCormack, director of the

city's Neighborhood Crime Prevention Program, says of the Youth Gangs Program, "I certainly hope they can find some money because there's a real need for this kind of outreach, especially in the summer when school's out. This program has the most diverse approach of people doing this sort of thing. They have people with good contacts in the African-American community, the Asian community, the Latino community, all the most vulnerable populations."

Chief Moose Receives The William French Smith Award



Charles A. Moose, Chief of Police

Chief Moose recently received the Attorney General's 46th Annual Award called the William French Smith Award for Outstanding Contributions to Cooperative Law Enforcement. The awards ceremony was held at the Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

Chief Moose was nominated for this award by the United States Attorney, for the District of Oregon, Kris Olson. This award is for effectiveness and efficiency of law enforcement through cooperative policing, citing Chief Moose's dynamic leadership in community policing.

Wyden and Smith Introduce to Crack Down on Guns in School

Responding to concerns raised by Springfield residents in the wake of the Thurston High School tragedy, U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (D-Or.) and Gordon Smith (R-Or.) introduced legislation today calling for students who bring guns to school to be held for 72 hours to undergo psychological evaluation.

"These tragic school incidents have taught us that we must proceed on two tracks," said Wyden. "Government's first responsibility is to protect our citizens, particularly our young people, from violence. That means that when a kid brings a gun to school we need to get them out of the classroom, off of the streets, and in front of a professional who can determine what steps to take next. On a parallel track, we have to make sure that we are providing prevention and intervention assistance to our schools, police, and par-

ents to help kids long before they become a threat to their community."

Smith said: "This legislation is just one step toward giving schools more resources and better options for keeping children safe—from their peers and from themselves. While there are no simple answers to a problem so complex, we must have the courage and the dedication to discuss the multiple causes that lead our youth to believe violence can solve their problems. Our children's lives and the future of our society are depending on it."

Over 100 Oregon students were caught bringing guns to school last year. Alleged Thurston High assailant Kipland Kinkel was apprehended the day before the shootings for bringing a gun to school, but was not held by the police.

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Some MAX ticket Machines Now Accept Credit Cards



Max ticket machines takes credit cards for fare payment

MAX riders can now use their bank cards to buy monthly passes and 10-ticket books at certain stations. New ticket vending machines, recognizable by their silver color, can take Visa, Master Card or Discover cards. The new machines, part of the Westside MAX program, are at all downtown Portland stations, Civic Stadium and Salmon stations on the westside, and selected eastside stations - including Rose Quarter, Convention Center, Lloyd Center, Hollywood, Gateway, 122nd, Rockwood, Gresham City Hall, Gresham Central, and Cleveland.

Credit cards cannot be used to purchase only one or two tickets.

All Westside MAX fare machines will have the bank card feature when the new line opens for service September 12.

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Roy Rogers Dies

Roy Rogers, for 12 years the No. 1 Western star at the box office, died recently. Rogers was 86 years old when he had passed away. He suffered from congestive heart failure. The star was in 87 modest-budget movies in the 1930's, 40's and 50's and had a popular television show from 1951 to 1957.

Weekend Crash

During the Fourth of July holiday, several traffic accidents claimed six lives in Oregon. Last year, five people died in car wrecks on the July Fourth weekend. The year before, the number was eight. The

dead include two young siblings from La Grande, men from the metro and Dayton areas, and a Molalla man.

Summer Courses

More students are attending summer school to help prepare for tougher local and state academic benchmarks. Those benchmarks are measured by tests given in grades three, five and eight. School districts throughout Oregon are focusing their efforts on getting students to achieve higher education standards.

Medicare Awareness

Citing a consumer group's study show-

ing few low-income elderly and disabled Americans take advantage of new assistance in paying Medicare premiums, President Clinton launched a campaign to make people more aware of the aid and simplify enrollment. He is proposing to improve enrollment and simplify the application process to make eligibility information available via the Internet.

Russian Summit

President Clinton has agreed to travel to Russia in early September to meet with President Boris Yeltsin. The U.S. President hopes to discuss further arms reductions. The precise dates for their meeting

have not been finalized yet. Clinton is also eager to visit Ireland and Northern Ireland to celebrate the recently approved peace agreement.

Meyer Memorial Trust

The Meyer Memorial Trust awarded a \$1 million challenge grant that will be used to put more computers and computer-aided learning in Oregon classrooms. The grant will match money raised by Oregon high school students to pay for computer parts and teacher training in computer-aided instruction. The Meyer Memorial Trust awards about \$20 million annually in grants of all types.