

Family Housing Funding in Southeast Portland

Salem, Oregon (April 6, 1999) The Oregon Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS) committed a \$350,000 predevelopment loan to the Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) for acquisition and predevelopment in southeast Portland. The State Housing Council approved the award at their March 19, 1999 meeting in Salem.

HAP proposes to develop a 62 unit multi-family housing development on SE 160th Avenue in the Hazelwood neighborhood of southeast Portland. The project will be affordable to families at 30 to 60 percent of the area median income.

The development will feature 380 two-bedroom, 10 three-bedroom, 4 four-bedroom and 10 single occupancy units that will be used as group homes for special needs populations.

According to John Wahrgren, Housing Finance Manager at OHCS, "this affordable multi-family mixed-income development address a priority housing need in this outer southeast neighborhood."

HAP currently owns nearly 5,300 units of rental housing. Over half, or 2,820 units, are subsidized as affordable housing and managed by HAP. Private property development firms or non-profit service providers man-

age the remainders of the development. Oregon Housing and Community Services Department is the state housing finance agency, providing financial and program support to create and preserve opportunities for quality, affordable housing for lower income Oregonians. The department also administers federal and state anti-poverty, homeless and energy assistance community service programs.

For information on the program offered by the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department, visit our website at www.hes.state.or.us.

Community Energy Project, Inc.

Water Conservation Workshop - Sponsored by the Portland Water Bureau and the Community Energy Project.

Is your toilet stealing \$50 from you? Are your faucets dripping money down the drain? Learn how to fix these problems and start saving money now! The Community Energy Project will be holding a FREE water conservation work-

shop. Learn how to detect leaks around your home, control your water-sewer bill and repair leaky faucets and toilets. We will also share ways all of us can live comfortably while reducing water use. Everyone will receive a kit worth \$25 ...for FREE. These materials can help you save \$80 or more per year! Call the Community Energy Project at 284-6827 with any ques-

tions or to register.

Saturday, April 24
Community Energy Project Office
10:30 a.m. - Noon
422 NE Alberta

Wednesday, April 28
St. Johns YWCA
6:30 - 7:45 p.m.
8010 N. Charleston

America Deserves a Refund; Return the Tax Overcharge

STATEMENT BY OREGON CSE
DIRECTOR CATHY EPLEY

"April 15. Taxpayers see this date on the calendar and emotions range from fear to anger. Why does an otherwise typical spring day cause Americans to feel immediate frustration? One word Taxes.

"Our tax code is too complex

and we pay too much. Today there is a budget surplus in Washington, D.C. What this really means is that taxpayers have been overcharged, but Washington is trying to keep this surplus even though they've got more of your money than they need. This is wrong.

"America deserves a refund and

the Congress has proposed just the remedy - \$800 billion in much-needed tax cuts. If this tax cut is passed, Oregon taxpayers could receive \$17.5 billion in tax relief over the next ten years.

"Congress and the President should return tax overcharge to the American people."

Cascade Campus Job Fair Brings 80 Employers To Job Seekers

The Portland Community College Cascade Campus and today's Careers are joining forces to bring as many as 80 of Oregon's finest companies into the North/Northeast community for the Cascade Campus Spring 1999 Career and Job Information Fair on Tuesday, May 4 on the Cascade Campus.

The fair, slated for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., will provide networking opportunities for students, people seeking new career options, and others

wanting to see first-hand the myriad of employment choices they have right here in the Portland metro area.

Some of the high-profile companies scheduled to meet with students and the community include: American Red Cross, Fred Meyer, Hanna Andersson, LSI Logic, Legacy Health Systems, Mt. Hood Beverage Company, Oregon Lottery, Oregon State Police, Tektronix, and many more.

These employers and others are looking for both full- and part-time

employees, as well as people seeking summer jobs. Also slated during the event will be employment-related workshops for fair attendees. Job seekers are encouraged to bring resumes.

Parking is free during the fair, which will be held on the Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth. To learn more about the career fair, or for a detailed list of the companies that will be represented there, contact Kay Coryell at 978-5290.

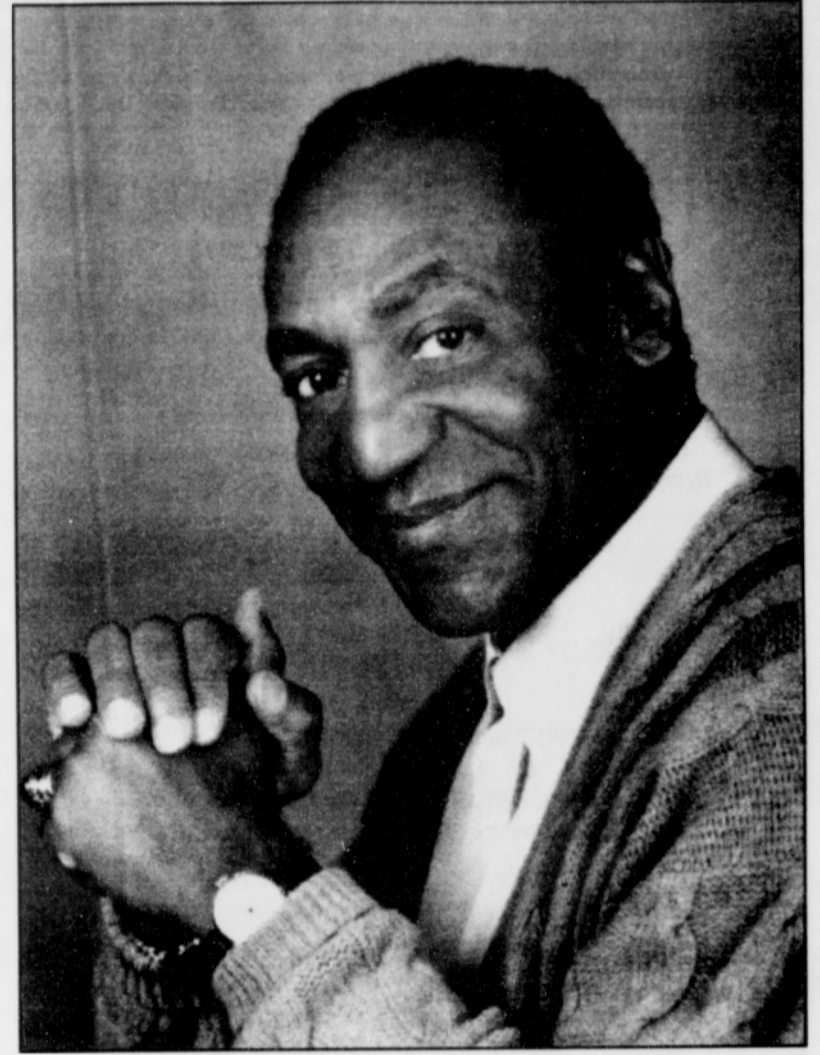
Bill Cosby to Keynote National Business Hall of Fame Conference

Colorado Springs, CO - Entertainer Bill Cosby will present the Luncheon Keynote Address at the 25th Anniversary Junior Achievement National Business Hall of Fame. The event will also feature an evening induction ceremony, which will be Emceed by journalist and A&E host Bill Kurtis.



Bill Kurtis

Wendy's Founder Dave Thomas and retired Illinois Tool Works Inc. Chairman John D. Nichols are among six legendary Hall of Famers. A 25th Anniversary induction ceremony, which is being hosted by title sponsor BP Amoco p.i.c. will take place on April 29, 1999, at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers in Chicago. WGN-TV children's event. Comdisco, Ameritech, Motorola and PricewaterhouseCoopers are associated sponsors.



Bill Cosby

Signals to Begin Operation on Morrison Bridge Freeway Ramps

Relief is finally in sight for motorists who find it difficult to safely merge onto Interstate 5 northbound and Interstate 84 eastbound from the Morrison Bridge - freeway ramp meter signals.

According to Oregon Department of Transportation officials, the recently installed signals are scheduled to begin operation Monday (April 19) during the morning and afternoon commutes.

"The bridge ramps feeding onto Interstate 5 northbound will operate 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and 2:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.," said ODOT traffic signal manager Jeff Bell. The ramp from the Morrison Bridge eastbound will operate only during the evening, have proven there worth in wiring more efficiency out of an already existing freeway system. They have been shown to relieve congestion and improve safety here in Portland and elsewhere in the United States.

When traffic is heavy on the

freeway, large groups of vehicles (also known as "platoons") on the on-ramp can severely disrupt as many vehicles try to merge onto the freeway all at once. Ramp meters break up these platoons to improve conditions at the merge point by allowing only one vehicle at a time to enter the freeway.

Besides the local benefits, ramp metering has a system wide benefit. The ramp meters are often used many

miles upstream from where the freeway bottlenecks normally occur. By smoothing the traffic flow well in advance of the congestion, the meters actually increase the freeway capacity. This helps move more vehicles at times when the traffic is heaviest, resulting in smaller backups and shorter periods of congestion.

Tice Electric Company, of Portland Ore., was the state's contractor on the \$590,650 project.

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earned by African Americans nationwide. These figures increase each year.

NECDC is a sixth year sponsor for local students' participating in the HBCU tour. Each year we continue to find students who need our help as they evaluate their post high school options for continuing their education. They earn our support by demonstrating their com-

mitment and motivation through academic achievement and community involvement. We are requesting sponsorship through your Harold Hayden Memorial Scholarship Fund, of an identified student whom resides within N/NE Portland. Sponsorship is \$1,000 per student and expenses include round-trip air travel, nine days of hotel accommodations and meals.

Helping Our Schools



As the needs of Oregon have changed, Lottery dollars have shifted to go where Oregon needs them. In 1995, Oregonians voted to allow Lottery profits to help fund K-12 public education, while continuing to fund the economy and create jobs. Just last year, the people voted to direct a portion of Lottery funds to help parks and salmon.

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