

Albina Rotarians Sponsor Annual Rose Festival Picnic

Albina Rotary Club is sponsoring its 13th Annual Peninsula Park Rose Festival and Family Fun Day noon-4 p.m. June 5 at Peninsula Park.

The newly crowned queen and her court of ambassadors will acknowledge three individuals from the community for their service by planting roses in their honor in the historic rose garden. This is the only Rose Festival-sanctioned event in Northeast Portland.

Festivities will begin with a free hot dog picnic followed by intro-

duction of the Rose Festival Court at 12:30 p.m. In addition to the community leaders being honored, the top three finishers of Albina Rotary Club's annual speech contest will be announced.

Entertainment planned includes former State Rep. Margaret Carter singing the national anthem and Jay Shawn Allen of Tubman Middle School singing the Black National Anthem. In addition, performances will include the Tribe Called Judah during the rose

planting ceremony as well as Primary Color's, Becky Underhill of Boise Elementary, Fire Foxes, Jamilla Taylor of King Elementary, Grace McKenzie Group of Whitaker Elementary, Chargettes and Audrey Green of Humboldt Elementary.

The event also will feature face painting, hay rides, bingo, dancing and a fire engine for youngsters to explore. Peninsula Park is located at Portland Boulevard and Albina Street.

AT&T to Provide Local Business Services and Expanded Telecommunications Services to State of Oregon

AT&T today announced that it reached a five-year agreement with the state of Oregon to provide local services and a future network migration plan that are Year 2000 compliant. The company will expand its local network in Oregon and provide enhanced services for local telephone business customers.

Under a contract signed last December, AT&T will install, operate and maintain three new switching complexes in Portland, Salem and Eugene to service the needs of the state of Oregon. It currently provides local service to Portland's Central Business District as well as Tigard and Beaverton.

"AT&T is eager to provide a choice to business customers in Oregon," said Terri Paysinger, client business manager of AT&T Business Services. "By implementing AT&T's services, Oregon will greatly expand and enhance telecommunications services for all public and private concerns throughout the state. As AT&T expands its network, we will bring integrated end-

to-end solutions to our customers."

"This investment into an advanced, local network is critical to serving the needs of our educational and scientific communities, as well as our business and rural communities," said Don Mazzotti, State of Oregon chief information officer. "AT&T has stepped up to the challenge by providing us with integrated solutions that not only meet voice, video, and data needs but also prepare us for the future."

AT&T will provide the state with ATM switches to consolidate onsite voice and the opportunity to consolidate data traffic. These switches can provide true dynamic bandwidth allocation among voice, data, and video services, allowing more traffic to be carried on fewer high-speed access lines.

In addition, AT&T is extending the Local Service Area Network for Oregon to Bend, Roseburg, Medford, Grants Pass, and Corvallis by installing switching vehicle devices (PBX equipment) in selected rural areas.

AT&T's current infrastructure in Oregon includes nine AT&T Central Offices in Portland, Salem, Eugene, Beaverton, Bend, Coos Bay, Corvallis, Medford, and Pendleton, and a local service office and switch in Tigard. AT&T's Wide Area Network infrastructure connects all points of presence and includes a SONET Ring for the Pacific Northwest, as well as a fiberring throughout the Portland metropolitan area.

AT&T (www.att.com) is the world's premier provider of voice and data communications, with more than 80 million customers, including businesses, government and consumers. AT&T runs the world's largest, most powerful long-distance network and the largest wireless network in North America. The company is a leading supplier of data and Internet services for businesses and the nation's largest direct Internet service provider to consumers. AT&T also provides local telephone service to a growing number of businesses.

Employers Expect to Hire 68,000 Teens

Nineteen days and counting...

School's almost out and many of the state's young people are starting to look for summer jobs. Based on the projection of business that has applied to the Bureau of Labor and Industries to hire minors, more than 68,000 teens will join the workforce this year.


"Now's the time for employers, teens and their parents to make sure they are informed about child labor regulations," said the state's Labor

Commissioner Jack Roberts. "Teenagers are a great resource for employers, but there are special rules governing their hire and employment."

Any employer who wants to hire minors must first apply for an Employment Certificate from the Bureau of Labor and Industries. The application asks the employer to list the types of jobs and hours the teens will work. Bureau officials check the applications for compliance before issuing the Certificate. The Employment Certi-

cate is good for one year from the date of issue and covers all the minors employed at all the business's locations.


Currently 5,818 employers in Oregon have valid Employment Certificates. These employers expect to collectively hire over 68,000 teenagers this year. Restaurants employ the most-nearly 30 percent. Retail and department stores employ another 10 percent. But a host of other businesses looks to teens to fill in during the summer months.



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the report focused on the sexual abuse of women prisoners. This is particularly significant when one considers that many of the women in our jails and prisons have been victims of sexual abuse before they enter prison. Amnesty International found that women all too often become victims of sexual abuse while they are in prison.

Contrary to International standards, prisons in the U.S. employ men to guard women and place few restrictions on the duties of male staff. For example, 70% of the federal prison guards are men. Women in prisons are often victims of sexually offensive language, groping during searches, male staff watching inmates while they shower and undress. In the worst cases, these women are raped. Or, in the words of a New York inmate, "That was not a part of my sentence, to... perform oral sex with the officers."

Take the case of a Washington state inmate who gave birth in prison after years of imprisonment. She charged that she had been raped by a guard, who did prove to be the baby's father in DNA testing, but who was never prosecuted because he claimed it was consensual sex. Washington, like many states, has no laws criminalizing sex between inmates and guards.

Amnesty International also found that women inmates receive inadequate health care. Gynecological examinations are not routine in some systems, for example. There is little in the way of alcohol or substance abuse treatment and few mental health services provided. In addition, U.S. prisons commonly shackle women to hospital beds, even when they are in labor or are dying of cancer or other diseases.

The impact of the imprisonment of women on their families cannot be underestimated. In 1997-98, the report found that there were 1,300 babies born in U.S. prison. In 40 states these babies are taken from their mothers almost immediately after birth. In a few, mothers are allowed keep their infants from 30 days to 24 months. In California, women eligible for a special program can keep their babies with them throughout their incarceration.

And what about older children? The incarceration of single mothers is completely disruptive to the

whole family, but all families suffer. Parents of incarcerated women sometimes are unwillingly thrown into the role of caretaker. Marriages suffer and often are dissolved. Children are denied visits to their mothers, who have been deemed "unfit." Children are put into the foster care system. All of these sow seeds for future problems in our communities and for social service agencies.

In one respect women and men are treated similarly by the criminal justice system. The rate of imprisonment of women of color is much higher than for European American women. African American women are eight times more likely to be incarcerated and Latinos are more than four times more likely to be incarcerated than white women.

Clearly, the treatment of women in U.S. prisons is an abuse of human rights. It is one more indication that the U.S. stands on shaky moral ground when it calls into account other nations of the world for their abuse of human rights.

Note

For information on what you can do, write Amnesty International, USA, 322 Eighth Avenue, New York, NY 10001.

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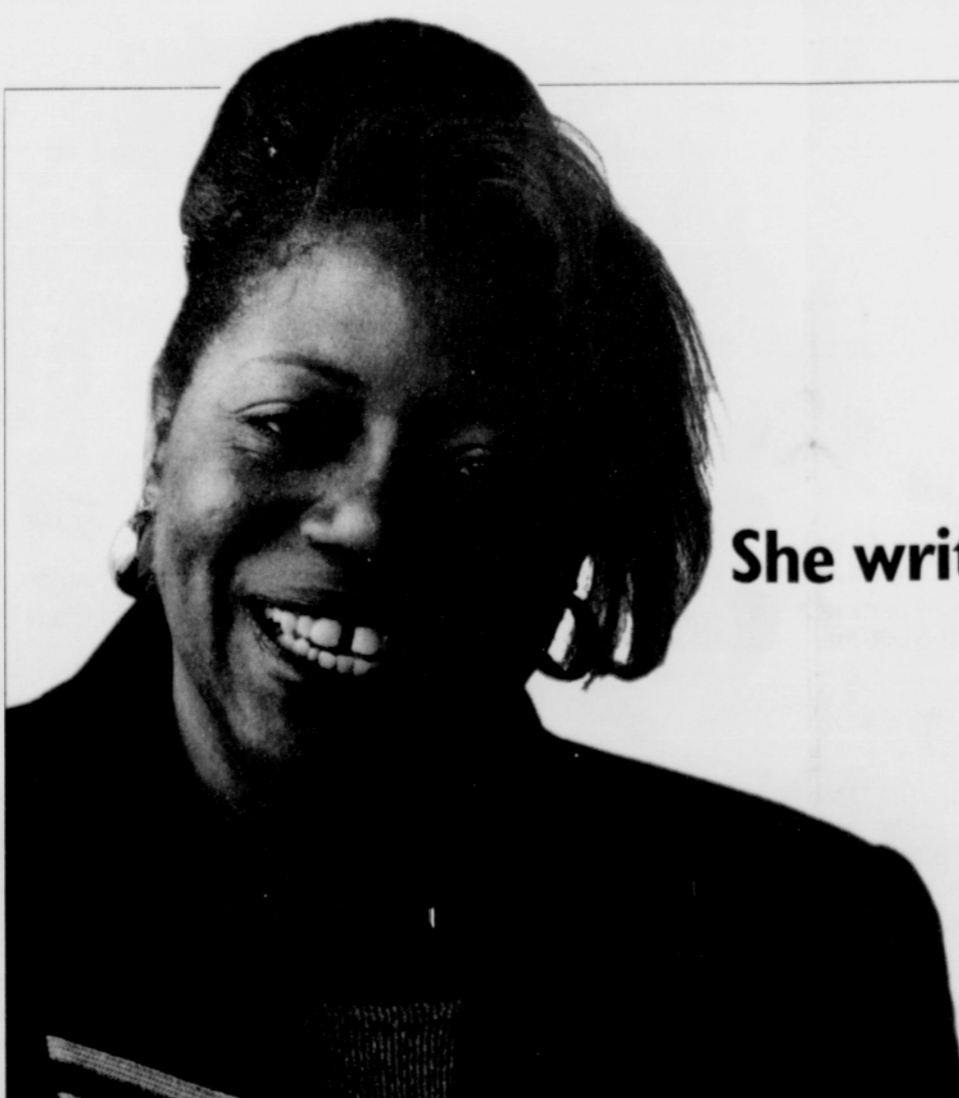


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She writes a mean job description.

Della Frazier is a staffing administrator for Pacific Power; she matches job applicants to job openings. The days are plenty full - but when Della leaves the office, she's not through. The job description she's written for herself means she then goes on to mentor at-risk kids, helping with their studies or preparing them for job interviews.

And the office isn't always her first stop at the start of the day, either. One morning a week, Della goes to King School and volunteers with project SMART - the Start Making a Reader Today program. She's worked with the same first-grader and kindergartner throughout the '98-99 academic year. They've come to know and trust and even depend upon one another.

Though Della is modest about it, there's more. Like helping graduating college students prepare for real-world job interviews. And going to bat to help save the Jefferson High School program which trains and places students not bound for college, into trades professions. Raising funds for scholarships. And helping students find summer internships.

Della Frazier. Teacher, mentor, volunteer, and, for 23 years, part of the team at Pacific Power. In the community.

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