

Kaiser Permanente African American Association Awards Four Scholarships to Students Interested in Health Care

In a recent awards ceremony, the Kaiser Permanente African American Association of the Northwest gave three \$500 scholarship to college-bound high school seniors interested in health care majors, and one \$1,000 scholarship to a college junior studying science. Scholarships of \$500 were awarded to Terressa Anderson, a senior at Jefferson High School who interested in nursing; Shonte Bradford, a senior at Roosevelt High School, who is planning to study child psychology. The \$1,000 went to college junior Onyeka nduaguba, who is

studying general science and pre-medicine at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Ore. This is the first year the Kaiser Permanente African American Association has given a scholarship to support African-American students pursuing careers in health care. The Kaiser Permanente African American Association provides a forum to encourage professional and personal growth, career development, opportunity, and enhancements in the work environment for African Americans within Kaiser Permanente and to facilitate diversity initiatives within the organization.

NW Residents Approve Parking Permit Program

Residents and business owners in a portion of Northwest Portland overwhelmingly approved creation of the neighborhood's first permit parking program late last week. The program, which will take effects August, prevents commuter parking there daily. The program is the latest success of the efforts of consultant Doug Capps, hired last year by the City at the request of City Commissioner Charlie Hales, to solve the neighborhood parking issues.

The affected area stretches from West Burnside Street north to Northup and from Northwest 16 to 18 avenues. The City identified the area because as many as 300 to 350 downtown commuters park there daily. The program is the latest success of the efforts of consultant Doug Capps, hired late year by the city at the request of City Commissioner Charlie Hales; to solve the neighborhood's parking issues.

"This is a good step on a long journey to address issues," said Hales. "It is proof positive that we need to focus our efforts and address specific areas with small solutions that work."

Capps' efforts in the neighborhood include new, more consistent parking signage along busy Northwest 23rd Avenue; efforts to create shared parking lots and the improvement of transit services and employer participation in Tri-Mets Passport program.

"This successful vote is testament to the hard work of residents and business owners in this part of Northwest," said Capps. "They rallied behind this idea and then

Oregon County Gives Intel Job-Discouraging Break

Officials in a Portland suburb on Tuesday granted a \$200 million tax break to computer giant Intel Corp. with a novel provision that could discourage Intel job growth over the next 15 years.

The tax break provision requires Intel, the world's No. 1 computer chip maker, to pay an extra \$1,000 for all new manufacturing jobs it adds at area plants above 1,000 new jobs in the 15-year period.

Officials acknowledged the irony of the break: while most communities welcome as many new jobs as they can attract, prosperous Washington County west of Portland can be seen as penalizing job growth.

But the county has absorbed thousands of jobs in the region's high tech boom of the past decade — including thousands at Intel, which employs 11,000 people in the county — and is more interested in limiting the impact on strapped schools and other infrastructure.

"We're still pro-business," said Tom Brian, chairman of the Washington County Board of Commissioners, which unanimously approved the tax break and jobs provision Tuesday night after a three-hour public hearing.

worked hard to inform their neighbors and turn out the vote."

Approximately 450 addresses received ballots for the vote on permit parking. Voters returned nearly 250 ballots to the City, with more than 200 valid ballots were counted. The results showed 87 percent in favor, 12 percent opposed and one-percent abstaining. Both the Northwest District Association and the Nob Business Association supported the vote on the permit program.

Commissioner Hales will ask the City Council June 30th formally accept the election results and establish the parking permit program. Applications for permits, which cost \$21 the first year and \$15 a year thereafter, will be mailed to business and residents on July 2. Permit enforcement will begin a month later.

"Northwest Portland is one of the city's best neighborhoods," said Hales. "But we need to continue to work hard to strike the right balance its vibrant commercial corridors and the needs of its residents."

Capps will continue his work to establish several shared parking lots and plans to look at other sectors of the neighborhood where permit parking might work. The arrival of the Central City Streetcar in early 2001 will also offer residents and visitors to the neighborhood more transportation options, Capps said.

"This success shows that when it comes to Northwest Portland we need to think locally and act very locally," said Capps.

DHR Names New Administrator of Oregon Child Protective Services

A nationally recognized child welfare expert has been chosen to head the State Office for Services to Children and Families in the Oregon Department of Human Resources.

Ramona Foley, 54, comes to Oregon from South Carolina where for the past five years she has been director of the Division of Family Preservation and Child Welfare Services in the State's Department of Social Services.

Gary Weeks, director of DHR, said Foley's national reputation and expertise in child welfare reform made her an ideal choice to head SCF.

"We are excited to have a person of her caliber as part of the DHR team," said Weeks. "In South Carolina she has helped bring together many services to support the safety and well-being of children including mental health and alcohol and drug services. She understands how critical these services are to the success of child welfare."

Foley has 30 years of experience in public social services. Of those, 14 have been in a leadership position in the department's highly visible child welfare system. She began her career as a caseworker in 1967.

While in her current role she has been a leader in the state's child welfare reform efforts, including the complete revision of the state's statutes, policies and procedures regarding child welfare; the successful implementation, policies and procedures regarding child welfare; the successful implementation of the W.K. Kellogg Families for Kids initiative, a five-year private and public partnership resulting in the doubling of foster care children who were



Ramona Foley

adopted; and introduction of the Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System.

"For years, Oregon has been viewed nationally as a creative and progressive state in its commitment to improving services for children and their families," Foley said. "In fact, several of the 'new' child-welfare reforms being implemented across the country had their origins in Oregon's private and public initiatives. I am excited about being a part of the DHR team."

Foley is vice president of the National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators and past president of the national Association of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children. She was the 1998 recipient of the Award for Excellence in Public Welfare Administration from the National Association of Public Child Wel-

fare Administrators.

Foley has a bachelor's degree (1967) and a masters in social work (1971), both from the University of South Carolina.

Foley's office will be in the Human Resources Building in Salem, where the central SCF office is housed. SCF has a 1997-99 budget of nearly \$455 million, 42 field offices and a statewide staff of about 1,580.

"Foley joins a very capable staff

at SCF and will take that group to the next level," Weeks said. Foley begins work at SCF on Aug. 16. Her monthly salary is \$8,365.

Foley succeeds Kay Toran, who announced her retirement from state services in February after five years as the state's child protective services administrator. Toran will join the Oregon affiliate of Volunteers of America as its president and chief executive officer.



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