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The Portland chapter of Links Incorporated honors Mariah Taylor



Mariah Taylor, R.N., MSN, a long-time community activist & Nurse Practitioner, with a hearty thank you and a check to help support the work undertaken by Mariah & her clinic staff to provide medical services & supplies to those less fortunate who need the services the most and are least able to pay for them. Barbara Leonard, far right, President is accompanied by Lydia Roy, second from right, and other Link members in the presentation of the award & check to Mariah Taylor whose clinic is located at 5311 N. Vancouver Ave. Portland, Oregon.

Training helps landlords keep rentals safe and free of illegal activity

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The City of Portland's Office of Planning and Development Review (formerly the Bureau of Buildings), in partnership with the Portland Police Bureau will offer an eight-hour training to help landlords keep rental properties safe and free of illegal activity.

The first of the Spring 2000 Landlord Training Programs will be held on Tuesday, April 25th at the Portland Building, located in downtown Portland at 1120 SW fifth Avenue. Sign-in begins at 8:00 am and ending at approximately 5:00 PM.

Landlords, property managers, and others interested in attending may call the City's Landlord Training Programs information line at 823-7955 for registration information. Advance registration requested. Although the seminar is offered free of charge, there is a \$15 charge for the ninth edition of Portland's Landlord Training program manual, which has been updated to include

changes made during the 1999 Oregon legislative session.

The Landlord Training Program was originally developed in 1989 under the lead sponsorship of the Portland Police Bureau and has now been thoroughly updated and revised for issues facing landlords in 2000 by Portland's Office of Planning and Development Review.

To date, Over 8,000 landlords and property managers representing over 120,000 rental units have attend. The program, which began in Portland with funding from the US Department of Justice, has become a national community policing model, winning for the City recognition as an innovation in state and local government by Harvard's Kennedy School, of Government and being replicated, in various formats, by over 400 state and local jurisdictions nationwide and in Canada.

The training will be presented by program's original creator and now national Landlord Training Program Director John Campbell of Campbell Delong Resources, Inc of Portland. In addition to the training on April 25th, four other training dates for

program are also being offered: Friday, April 28th at Providence Portland Medical Amphitheater, located at 4805 NE Glisan; Saturday, April 29th at Portland Community Cascade Campus, located at 705 N. Killingsworth; Friday, May 19th at Portland Community College Southeast Center, located at 2850 SE 82nd; and on Saturday April 20th again at PCC's Cascade Campus. Reactions from landlords who have completed the course are consistently strong and positive:

surveyed landlords and managers overwhelmingly agree that the training increases their confidence in screening rental applicants and their ability to recognize warning signs of illegal activity or chronic nuisance activity Under the Planning and Development Review's sponsorship and guidance. Landlords new to the program will gain important insights, while landlords who have attended in the past can expect plenty of additional information.

Oregon's average pay per worker lags behind in nation

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The average annual pay of all workers in Oregon rose somewhat more slowly than that of the nation in 1998. The slower wage growth was particularly noticeable in the construction and wholesale trade industries, but affected all major industry sectors. These findings summarize the Oregon Employment Department's analysis of Bureau of Labor Statistics state-level average annual pay data for all employees covered by unemployment insurance. "One likely suspect for causing the slow average pay growth in 1998 is the onset in Oregon of the impacts of the Asian economic crisis.

As economists have known for a couple of years, Oregon was more strongly affected by the Asian economic crisis than were most other states, simply because such a large share of Oregon's export value went to Asian countries," said Art Ayre, economist with the Employment Department.

Oregon's average payroll per working grew from \$28,411 in 1997 to \$29,542 in 1998, a gain of \$1,131 (+4.0%). The 1998 statewide average pay level was 22nd highest among the 50 states. In comparison, the national average annual pay per worker was \$30,353 in 1997 and \$31,908 in 1998. The national average gained \$1,555 per worker (+5.1%) in 1998. "If this slower-than average wage

growth keeps up, Oregon would move toward the bottom of the pack. That isn't expected to happen, however," Ayre said. "The state's economic forecast includes a more rapid increase in per capita personal income in Oregon than in the U.S. as a whole, and the largest single piece of per capita income is payroll income." Among neighboring states, Washington, California and Nevada outperformed Oregon in 1998, while Idaho's average pay grew more slowly.

California's 1998 average annual pay per worker was \$35,349, ranking 5th highest in the nation, Washington's was 11th with \$33,076, and Nevada was 20th with an average annual pay per covered worker of \$30,201.

Idaho's 1998 average annual pay per worker was \$24,866, for a national ranking of 44th.

Oregon's metro areas ranked in the lower half of the nation's 321 metropolitan statistical areas for percentage gain in average pay per worker between 1997 and 1998.

The Portland-Vancouver area's average pay per worker grew from \$31,560 in 1997 to \$32,846 in 1998. Its 4.0 percent increase was 192nd fastest among all metro areas and 29th fastest among the 41 western metro areas. Other Oregon metro areas' average pay grew at rates similar to Portland's. Salem-metro average pay ranked 207th among the nation's metro areas and the Eugene-Springfield metro area's average pay was 193rd.

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access to breast cancer screening and treatment.

Waited on announcement Katz said she also knew word would get around that she was getting daily radiation treatments at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital in Northwest Portland. And she said she wanted to wait until after last Thursday, when her treatment regimen was certain, before making the announcement. Standard treatment guidelines for Katz's type of cancer include three options: simple mastectomy or breast removal; a lumpectomy with radiation therapy, as Katz chose; or a lumpectomy without radiation. Breast cancer specialists generally do not recommend the last option, and Katz said she and her doctor concluded a mastectomy wasn't

necessary. The recurrence rate given Katz's cancer and treatment regimen is 2 percent, "if that," Johnson said. The radiation treatment scheduled for Katz will be kept to the area where cancer is discovered, and is "easily tolerated," Johnson said. Katz should have no hair loss, nausea, changing blood counts or difficulty eating. The first day of treatment is long, but after that the treatment will last 10 minutes a day, five days a week.

The mayor said she expects to feel tired because of the treatments. She said she'll knock a few hours off her notoriously busy schedule.

Katz, a former three-term speaker of the Oregon House, faces 16 political newcomers in the May 16 primary. She is expected to cruise to re-

election.

Pollster Adam Davis said Monday that Katz's public announcement would likely reinforce her "one of us" image in the public mind. Given the favorable diagnosis, he said he didn't think it would give voters second thoughts about the mayor's health. "I think it would be a mistake to make too much out of this" as a political issue, Davis said.

During the months of waiting for a clear prognosis, Katz said she thought about all the other women "not necessarily as lucky as I was."

"I thought about friends of mine who have gone through far worse situations, who were very upbeat," Katz said. "There is a family of women who have conquered this, and I never realized how strong that family is."

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prices. The study says the company could have charged \$49 for an upgrade to Windows 98 operating system from Windows 95 but instead charged \$89 because it was the "revenue-maximizing price," Jackson had written.

U.S. law allows for plaintiffs to sue for treble damages, which in this instance would mean three times \$40, the perceived overcharge, or \$120 per litigant.

But the formula would be much more complicated for the bulk of computer buyers, for whom the cost of the Microsoft operating system is far less clear.

"It's not a slam dunk for private plaintiffs," Litan said.

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