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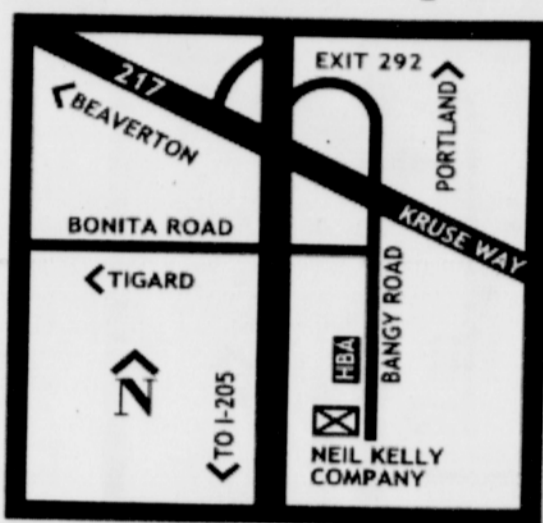
New Neil Kelly showroom to open with a splash

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This Old House star, Steve Thomas, headlines a weekend long series of events June 2-4 celebrating the opening of Neil Kelly Company's new westside showroom. The showroom is located at 15573 SW Bangy Road, Suite 100, in Lake Oswego (exit 292 off I-5).

The events get underway Friday, June 2, when Governor Kitzhaber will perform a ribbon cutting to dedicate the new building, which has been constructed as a model of sustainable building practices and exemplifies the Governor's recently announced sustainability initiative. Throughout the weekend, visitors can enjoy cooking demonstrations by professional chefs and 15-minute info breaks on a variety of home-related topics ranging from planning media centers to choosing cabinets to financing home improvement projects.

All weekend long there will be free refreshments, special activities for the kids and door prize drawings, as well as the opportunity to help choose a new name for the sustainably-constructed building that houses the new showroom. Anyone attending the event is invited to submit name suggestions, which capture the essence of the building's architecture and environmental sensibility. After the weekend celebration, the names will be reviewed



and the person submits the name selected will receive a free night, with dinner for two included, at Salishan Lodge on Oregon's coast, courtesy of the building owners, Neil Kelly company, Blazer Development and CES NW. With more than 50 years in business, Neil Kelly is the largest and one of the oldest design/build remodeling contractors in the Northwest. Recently the company became the exclusive Portland-area supplier of Renewal by Andersen, an innovative, full service replacement window product.

Not everyone is working less and making more

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Based on data from the Oregon Employment Department, most people who earn more money also work more. "It seems reasonable to expect that, in general, those individuals who work more also earn more money," said Ted Helvoigt an economist with the Employment Department "What is surprising is the extent to which this is true." Helvoigt said 64% of Oregonians covered by unemployment insurance worked in each of the four calendar quarters in 1998. The remaining 36 percent were evenly divided between working one, two, or three calendar quarters. Only the median income of those Oregonians who worked four calendar quarters was above the 1998 poverty guidelines for a family of four

(\$16,600). The difference in median annual wage between those Oregonians who worked one quarter in 1998 and those who worked four is substantial (\$940 versus \$25,056). Part of the sizable difference can be explained by the difference in median hourly wages. Those who worked one calendar quarter in 1998 had a median hourly wage of \$8.00, while those who worked four quarters earned a median hourly wage of \$13.94, a 75 percent difference. Differences in median hourly wage, however, account for a relatively small portion of the difference in median annual wage between Oregonians who work one of four quarters. According to Helvoigt, "The median number of hours worked during 1998 appears to be much more important factor in explaining the difference between the annual median wage of

those who worked one calendar quarter and those who worked four." Oregonians who were employed all four calendar quarters in 1998 worked a median of 1,842 hours. In comparison, those Oregonians who worked one calendar quarter in 1998 worked a median of 112 hours. "Although no information is available regarding the demographic characteristics of the workers, many of those Oregonians who worked only one quarter were probably students and older retirees. Still, lack of year-round employment opportunities, especially in Oregon's rural areas is likely to be a reason why many Oregonians work only part of the year," Helvoigt said. "Family obligations and a lack of necessary work skills may also be factors keeping some Oregonians from maintaining year-round employment."

Library's Summer Reading Program Starts June 1

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Beginning June 1, kids and young adults can visit any Multnomah County library to sign up for Summer Reading 2000. This year's Ticket to Tomorrow! game encourages players to read with galaxies of awesome activities, amazing books and stellar prizes. The program ends Aug. 31, and all prizes must be claimed by Sept. 1, 2000. All Tickets to Tomorrow! Participants are encouraged to attend the free performances and workshops at the

library this summer. Arts and crafts, music, live animals, book club, puppets and storytelling will entertain children of all ages.

Attractions include OMSI's mobile planetarium, Harry Potter parties and the out-of-this-world artwork of David Wiesner.

Another main attraction is the free Oaks Park Summer Reading Kick Off Party on Friday, June 16, from noon-8 p.m. Kids and young adults can sign up for summer Reading at the party, where all Ticket to Tomorrow! Players will receive a free 10-ride bracelet to Oaks Parks attractions.

(Go carts, golf and games not included; all height requirement enforced.)

Readers play Tickets to Tomorrow! In one of three ways. "Read To Me" is for children to whom books are being read, and "Read on my Own" challenges readers entering grade 6 and under. The "Young Adults" game is for young people mark off rockets on their game boards, progressing through "space stations" and earning prizes.

Readers earn prizes as they complete each of the four required levels of reading.

Oregon's teen pregnancy rate declines

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Oregon's effort to reduce teen pregnancies are paying off. A new report from the Department of Human Services' Health Division shows the state has significantly decreased the rate of teen pregnancies.

From 1994 through 1998 the Oregon teen pregnancy rate decreased 9 percent. The 1998 rate is 17.2 pregnancies per 1,000 females ages 10-17, compared with 18.9 in 1994.

"Oregon's teen pregnancy rate didn't decrease by accident. It happened because many people and organizations throughout the state have worked hard in their local communities," says DHS Director Gary Weeks.

To help state agencies and local communities continue the downward trend the Department of Human Services has released an updated statewide plan, the Oregon

Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Action Agenda 2000.

"This comprehensive approach is critical to our success. No one

approach can achieve the goal. We need all strategies and all groups to work together to achieve our goal," says Weeks.

Congratulations!



Congratulations for all of your work Heidi E. Turner, from your family

Religion

10th annual family camp planned

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Plans are underway for the tenth anniversary Parenting for Peace and Justice family camp. The camp will take place June 29 - July 2, at the Aldersgate Conference Center near Salem. The theme for this year's camp will be "a watershed experience: the wonder of creation." Water rituals are at the heart of faith life. Water runs through Sacred Scripture. Water integrates meals. Water can also leave one humbled by its power. Family camp, on this tenth anniversary, lifts up connections to water and will help participants deepen respect for creation.

The Parenting for Peace and Justice family camp nurtures and empowers families for "a little more justice and peace in our hearts and social structures." The large group sessions will be facilitated by Jim and Kathy McGinnis and by the Alejandro and Mary Aguilera-Titus family. These sessions include "a taste of our connections with water," "an experience with the council of all beings," and "in harmony with water: deepening our care for creation." These sessions will help participants become aware of the ways we nurture and care for creation and feel nurtured by creation, encourage listening to the life forms of the earth, and will take a look at the life of St. Francis of Assisi and how his harmony with creation deepened throughout his

life.

Kathy and Jim McGinnis are the founders and co-directors of the Institute for Peace and Justice. Based in St. Louis, MO, it is an interfaith not-for-profit corporation promoting peace, justice, and care for the earth through education, social action and prayer. They are also the founders and co-coordinator of the Parenting for Peace and Justice Network, with local coordinators in more than 100 U.S. and Canadian cities and in Australia, the Philippines and Brazil. Jim is the director of Organizing for Families Against Violence Advocacy Network, and co-author of the Family Pledge of Nonviolence and other family resources. The Aguilera-Titus family is returning to Oregon for this year's family camp. Alejandro and Mary live in Silver Spring, MD with their three children Renata, Daniela and Jonathan. Alejandro serves as the associate director of Hispanic Affairs with the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. He is a past director of the Archdiocese of Portland's Office for Hispanic Ministries. Mary works part time with Families Against Violence Advocacy Network.

The family camp will begin on Thursday evening, June 29. There will be time for recreation, storytelling, song, campfires and a talent show. Father Loren Kerkof, OFM, will celebrate Mass on Saturday evening, and an ecumenical prayer and worship service will take place on Sunday

morning.

The family camp is co-sponsored by several groups including the Archdiocese of Portland Offices of Justice and Peace, Family Life, Hispanic Ministries, and Office for People with Disabilities, the Black Catholic Lay Caucus, Clark Foundation, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Jesuit Volunteer Corps NW, Maybelle Clark MacDonald Fund, Metanoia Community, Mount Angel Abbey and Seminary, Peace with Justice Division: United Methodist Church, Peacemaking Unit: Presbytery of the Cascades, Oregon Fellowship of Reconciliation, Oregon Peace Institute, Our Lady of the Lake Parish (Lake Oswego), Rose E. Tucker Trust, Steps to Success - PCC, Trappist Abbey of Our Lady of Guadalupe, TRM Copy Centers, and the University of Portland.

Aldersgate Conference Center is located 15 minutes southeast of Salem.

Accommodations are cabins furnished with one double bed and bunk-style or single beds.

Childcare is provided for children under the age of three during the large group sessions.

Some scholarships are available for families with economic need. For more information and registration contact the Office of Justice and Peace, Archdiocese of Portland, 2838 E. Portland, OR 97214, 503-233-8361, mspeck@archdpdx.org. Due to a limited amount of space, early registration is recommended.

Church honors work of local sculptor with ceremony

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On Saturday, June 3rd at 5:00 St. Anthony's Church will hold a Dedication Ceremony for local sculptor, Magrath's 9' tall bronze sculpture of the Resurrected Christ which decorates their altar. St. Anthony's located at 3560 SE 79th, in Portland, is a new Church dedicated to care for the elderly. The church opened its doors in June but until this Lent their altar was bare. Father

Michael Maslowsky, of the Archdiocese of Portland, oversaw the construction of the church and the selection of the artists, but the church was in the middle of construction before he discovered Magrath. Michael Magrath, a local sculptor and supervisor for the Reed College sculpture studio, was employed part time with a painting contractor, plans for St. Anthony's and throughout the church he noticed pedestals labeled with "sculpture to be done by others". Wondering who

exactly "others" were, Magrath contacted Father Maslowsky with a proposal for pieces. The church initially offered Magrath the Stations, but based on the overwhelmingly strong reception the Stations received when the church opened in June they decided to have him do the Resurrection as well.

The church is currently negotiating with Magrath on the commission of a life-sized Madonna for their grotto. A scale miniature of the piece can be seen in the studio by appointment

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