



Family

NE Portland residents parade down MLK during 'Good in the Hood'



Representin' & stridin' in pride as Portland Observer Newspaper walks to the beat at Portland's Annual "Good in the Hood" Parade on Saturday June 24, 2000. (Trina Barber, Anthony Huff, Maggie Gibson, Cynthia Washington) Parade steppers feeling good in the hood. (Precious Lawson, Adora Butcher, Felicia Brown, Kayla Davis, Good in the Hood Chairman: Paul Knowles, Toni Taylor, Shay Washington, Trina Barber)



City moves to acquire three new park sites

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Neighborhood leaders from Parkrose were present today as the Portland City Council took the first step in acquiring three new park sites - two in park deficient NE Portland and one site near the Pittock Mansion in NW. Combined size of the three sites is 1.56 acres. The properties are all on a list of tax foreclosed properties which the City

will now request from the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners. Transfer of the properties is expected sometime after June 30, 2000. The Parkrose site (1.08) acres is the former Senn's Dairy at NE 112th and Prescott. It will eventually be developed as a small local neighborhood park - after it is cleaned of reported contaminations and is released by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

A 5,000 square foot corner lot at NE 14th and Summer in the Vernon neighborhood will be maintained as an open field with tall grass mowing until funding is secured for community garden development and maintenance. The Pittock property will be included within the Pittock Acres Park. "We are very grateful to get this additional acreage for parks," said Jim Francesconi, Park Commissioner. "Parkrose, in particular, needs more

parkland to address the needs of a growing population. Parks do not have any money to buy land, so we're willing to try creative ways to acquire it before it's all gone," he stated. The tax foreclosed property list is one way for parks to acquire land without having to buy it. Now they will have to find money for one-time fix-ups, which total \$19,600 for all three properties and money for ongoing annual maintenance, which comes to \$13,700.

Grant awarded to Oregon Dept. of Community College & Workforce Development Inc.

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The U.S. Department of Labor awarded a \$1,691,682 grant to the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development in Salem to help Oregon

workers upgrade skills. The grant is one of six totaling \$9,214,051 awarded for demonstration projects in six states to upgrade the skills of workers employed in low-skill jobs, who have obsolete job skills or have been dislocated by a company layoff. These grants also are designed to

recruit and retrain workers in high-tech, high-skill occupations. "The dislocated or incumbent workers who will be assisted by these efforts include groups such as agricultural workers, low skilled workers and those needing assistance in overcoming barriers for

employment," Secretary Hermans said. "The focus of these grants will be on skills training in occupations in new and growing high-tech industries." Specific barriers to employment include living in rural communities, having limited options for transportation to work, having inadequate skills in declining occupations.

The grant awarded to the Oregon Dept. of Community Colleges and Workforce Development includes five local projects to train approximately 250 workers in English as a Second Language (ESL) and seven projects to train another 350 workers in skills needed for occupations in which small and medium-sized employers have identified skills shortages. Industry-specific training varies by region, with dental hygienists. In addition, workers will receive foundational skills such as communications, interpersonal, and problem-solving. These skills are intended to particularly help minorities, limited-English speakers, and women that remain comparative in their jobs or advance to higher-level jobs with their current employers.

These grants will support projects that further retention; provide career development for employed workers, especially those most vulnerable to job loss; help companies increase their ability to access and retain skilled worker; and increase employers' understanding of incumbent worker training.

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Sisters in Action rally



Over 100 people rallied in front of the Tri-Met's downtown office to lobby for free transit to and from school for students. Tri-Met's general manager proposed Sisters in Action plan to allow the free transportation of students.



If you're looking for a doctor, your search is over

Legacy Clinic Northeast welcomes two new primary care physicians, Lisa Alberts, M.D. (left), and Robina Wong, M.D. Both doctors, trained internists, are accepting new patients and join Sharadan Lisk, M.D., and Bernie Sperley, D.O., at the clinic. They welcome your call.

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Happy Birthday Cynthia Washington, from your loving husband

Happy 13th Birthday to Shay from Dad and Mom