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Elder Care Program Expands at Glendoveer Villa

More frail elderly will be able to participate in Providence ElderPlace as the program expands at its Glendoveer site.

Providence has purchased Glendoveer Retirement Villa at 13007 NE Glisan in Portland. Providence ElderPlace has occupied a portion of the facility since September of 1996, providing health care and a home to the community's frail elderly.

Local projections show about 3,000 frail elderly in the eastern area of Multnomah County could ben-

efit from long-term care. The recent census shows that 35 million Americans are 65 years and older, with the baby boomers (born between 1946 and 1964) comprising 76 million Americans.

Providence ElderPlace provides a complete package of residential, medical and social long-term care. Services include on-site medical appointments with physicians, recreational activities, and transportation to and from facilities for about 500 frail elderly ages 55 to over 100 years old.

Currently, 87 people live at Glendoveer, of which 50 are Providence ElderPlace participants. The current residents who are not in the Providence ElderPlace program will be offered an opportunity to enroll in ElderPlace or can continue to stay at Glendoveer under their own coverage, Keister said. "Some people have lived there for 10 or 15 years. We know it's their home and we respect that," he added.

Renovation work will create living space for 120 people and will upgrade the structure and its apartment units

to provide optimum care for the people who live at Providence ElderPlace in Glendoveer. Providence will retain its special Alzheimer's licensure for 16 of the units.

Providence signed an agreement May 1 with owner Richard Hayden to purchase the facility and property, and closed on the deal May 31. Renovation work began last month in July.

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Schools Reach Out to Diverse Populations

Officials with the Portland School District are posting message boards across the city in an attempt to reach the city's diverse populations.

The messages, written in 8 languages, including Arabic, Chinese, Spanish and Russian, ask residents who are new to the city if they have children who will be attending Portland public schools.

The district wants children and families who speak a language other than English to visit an official wel-

come center to find out what services are available to help their children succeed in school. The welcome cen-

ters are located at Kelly Elementary, 9030 S.E. Cooper; Kenton Elementary, 7528 N. Fenwick; and the Child

Services Center at 531 S.E. 14th Ave. For more information, call 503-916-5840.

Gift Makes College Possible For Hundreds

A former Oregon resident has committed \$10 million to fund 100 need-based scholarships each year at the University of Oregon and \$2 million to fund 20 scholarships each year at Lane Community College in Eugene.

The gifts are from the Robert W. and Bernice Ingalls Staton Foundation. Bernice Staton, who now lives in Idaho Falls, and her late husband, both grew up in Eugene and attended the University of Oregon. "The Staton family's generosity will change the lives of hundreds of Oregon students and their families," says UO President Dave Frohnmayer. "These are students who would not be able to even attend college without significant financial aid. This is an extraordinary gift and we are most grateful."

Infant Screening Program Legalized

First-Borns Tested For Medical, Social Risks

SALEM (AP) — Oregon parents could have their first-born children screened for medical and social problems under a program signed into law by Gov. John Kitzhaber.

The \$60 million Children's Plan was a high priority for Kitzhaber during the legislative session that ended July 7.

Kitzhaber, a former emergency room physician, says more screening of children for possible developmental risks, such as a parent's drug or alcohol abuse, can help reduce juvenile crime and other social problems.

The program is voluntary, but the goal is to screen 18,000 first-born infants each year.

Nurses and other professionals would visit the homes of new parents, and families who want help with problems such as substance abuse they would be put in touch with local assistance agencies.

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