

Women's Group Honors Clariner Boston

Clariner Boston is being recognized by the Oregon Commission for Women for her work at Better People, a program in northeast Portland that assists people with prior criminal records become productive members of society.

She is one of three women to be honored at the commission's 17th Annual Women of Achievement Awards Dinner, to be held on Oct. 13 at the Lloyd DoubleTree Hotel.

The keynote speaker for the awards dinner will be Elizabeth Harchenko, Director of the Oregon Department of Revenue.

Boston is a recruitment specialist with Better People, a program that assists people with prior criminal records to gain and retain permanent living wage employment.

The commission is presenting the award based on her leadership, success in an area of expertise, promotion of the status of women, and commitment to equity and diversity.

Boston is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in Administration of Justice in Mark Hatfield School of Government.

She is particularly aware of the issues affecting women in the criminal justice system, and works with them to rely on their positive skills and relationships to transition offenders back into the community.

Boston's community involvement is extensive. She is a member of St. Andrew Nativity School,

bringing Catholic school back to the minority community; the Portland Chief of Police African American Advisory Board and the Multnomah County Sheriff's Advisory Board.

She is also very active in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a historically African American sorority that among other things, provides scholarships for young African American women.

Clariner is married to Lou Boston, and together they are the parents of four adult children.

This year's dinner, themed "Financial Wellness, Today and Tomorrow," serves as a kick-off event for our upcoming series on women and finance.

"When women have control of their finances, they have the ability to control their futures," says Roslyn Hill, 2000 Women of Achievement awardee, and owner and operator of Roslyn's Coffee Garden and Shades of Color Gallery and Gifts on Northeast Alberta Street.

Since 1964 the Oregon Commission for Women has worked on behalf of the state to advance the status of women in Oregon. The work includes advocacy, outreach, education and information and referrals.

Tickets to the Women of Achievement Dinner are available for \$50 by calling 503-725-5889.



Clariner Boston is a leader in a northeast Portland program that helps people break a cycle of criminal behavior, and gain meaningful employment.

Wyatt Named Port Director

(AP) - Bill Wyatt, chief of staff for Gov. John Kitzhaber, was selected last week as the Port of Portland's new executive director following a unanimous vote from port commissioners.

Wyatt, 51, was one of two finalists for the position and will replace Mike Thorne. Thorne resigned May 9 to run for governor, but later dropped out of the race. He had been port director since 1991.

Commissioners said they were looking for someone with political experience and an environmental bent. They also said they wanted someone with an open management style.

Discrimination Suit Charges Qwest

(AP) — The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed a discrimination lawsuit against Qwest Communications International, alleging that two Hispanic employees were denied promotions and faced retaliation for complaining.

If the court rules in the commission's favor, the phone service provider might have to pay up to \$300,000 per employee

in compensatory and punitive damages under the Civil Rights Act of 1991.

The employees, Barbara Gamez and Ofelia Cortinas, continue to work in Qwest's office in downtown Portland. Gamez has worked for Qwest and US West in Oregon since 1981. Cortinas has worked at the company since 1976, when it was Pacific Northwest Bell.

They filed a complaint with the

commission in October 1999.

"For both Barbara and Ofelia, they were continuously passed over for promotions, despite their long tenure with the company and qualifications, and they believe lesser-qualified non-Latinos were promoted," said Wes Katahira, senior trial attorney for the commission's Seattle office, which filed the suit July 24.

Steven Hammack, a Denver-

based Qwest spokesman, said: "The charges are absolutely without merit, and we're sure the court will agree."

Although the women originally filed the commission complaint against US West, they say Qwest has continued to discriminate against them and other Hispanics in the Portland office, said Richard Yugler, one of their attorneys.

Community Energy Project Open House: Get Ready for Winter

Community Energy Project, a local nonprofit, will be holding an Open House on Saturday, Sept. 15, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The open house serves as a kick-off event to the senior weatherization program, water conservation workshops, and poisoning prevention workshops.

The self-help weatherization workshop will begin on the last week of September. All services are provided free to the public.

Portland residents are encouraged to register, especially with the weatherization workshops, so they can get their homes ready before winter.

Other activities at the Open House

will include a free blood lead screening, free food and drinks, a Jeopardy game with door prizes, and a water conservation workshop.

The free blood lead screening is provided by the Physicians for Social Responsibility and the Oregon Health Division and will be available from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to detect

blood lead levels.

The Jeopardy game will test participants' knowledge in energy and water conservation, and also lead poisoning prevention.

For more information, please contact Joanne Lau at 503-284-6827 or by e-mail at cepinfo@communityenergyproject.org.

Deer Virus Similar to Mad Cow Appears in Oregon

(AP) - Seven cases of a deadly deer virus closely related to mad cow disease have been detected by Oregon State University scientists in recent months, and hunters are being warned about sick or dying animals they may come across.

The adenovirus, known as chronic wasting disease, is deadly to deer and elk but has not been proven to be transmittable to humans, said Rob Bildfell, a pathologist at OSU's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

Still, Bildfell said he would "be against eating a deer that appears to be sick. ... If a cow was running a fever when it was killed at the slaughterhouse, they don't use it."

The disease attacks cells that line blood vessels, causing internal bleeding and death. Symptoms of the disease are a fluid buildup in the lungs, making it difficult for animals to breathe, mouth lesions, and bloody diarrhea. Chronic wasting disease has been detected in Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska and Canada.

Jack Mortenson, wildlife veterinarian for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife said deer suffering from the adenovirus may appear lethargic, walk in circles, stumble and have balance problems.

"The animals will appear weak looking and may have a blood-stained area around their rear," Bildwell said.

Mortenson encouraged anyone who sees deer or elk exhibiting symptoms of adenovirus to call the ODFW.

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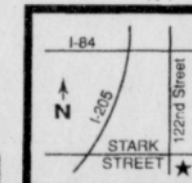
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