

## Commission Looks to Restrict Minor Entertainers in Bars

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission is working on tightening the state's minor entertainer rules to keep underage performers safe and out of drinking areas when not on stage.

The rules affect underage musicians, comedians, nude dancers and other entertainers who work in nightclubs, bars and taverns, in areas where minors are otherwise prohibited. State law and OLCC rules allow minor performers, repair people such as plumbers, and others into the drinking environment, but only as long as needed to perform essential duties.

In recent years, though, some entertainment practices have changed, bringing underage per-

formers in closer contact with adult patrons in prohibited drinking areas. An OLCC advisory committee met recently to look into these practices — and many members suggested restricting this mingling with customers when not performing.

Many committee members suggested getting rid of a rule exception: allowing performers to go to a minor "table" in the bar after their performance instead of to a more secluded dressing room. The underage table is supervised and no alcohol is allowed, but committee members agreed it doesn't keep minors out of the drinking environment.

The commission meets Dec. 3-4.

## Labor Chief Honors Oregon Tradeswomen Among Four Organizations Nationwide to Receive Award

U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao has honored Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc., of Portland, for their leadership in creating equal opportunity programs to ensure a productive workforce with the Exemplary Public Interest Contribution Award.

Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc., focuses on the non-traditional trades for women and girls in Oregon and provides a critical support system for women who are currently in the trades

through education, leadership and mentoring.

OTI helps women enter trades such as welding and material handling and provides resources to help women enter apprenticeship programs. The group introduces non-traditional construction trades as an option for middle- and high school-aged girls, using tradeswomen as role models. The 11 year-old organization is dedicated to promoting the success of women in the trades.

## Albina Community Bank Awarded \$913,000



Albina Community Bank opened in 1995 on 2002 NE. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd. to provide financial services for the distressed communities of north and northeast Portland.

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Albina Community Bank announced receipt of a \$913,526 Bank Enterprise Award from the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund of the U.S. Treasury. The award was in recognition of Albina's community development and support work in the first 6 months of 2001, and follows a \$171,217 award received the prior year. The CDFI Fund rated Albina Community Bank's performance to be among the top 3 banks nationally in this year's Bank Enterprise Award competition.

The CDFI Fund provides cash award incentives to encourage community development banks to expand their lending programs in disadvantaged communities, and to support other community development organizations. The Bank Enterprise Award program is also designed to develop capacity among community development banks.

Albina has used the award to provide lower rates and fees to clients within qualifying neighborhoods in north and northeast Portland, and to bolster its loan loss reserves.

## PGE Customers Buy Record Number of Energy Saving Light Bulbs

Portland General Electric (PGE) announced a major milestone in its campaign to place energy-saving light bulbs in every home it serves. PGE customers have purchased more than 750,000 compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) with the company's \$6 discount coupons.

Customers who used the cou-

pons could save an estimated \$4 million per year on their combined electric bills, compared to the cost of using conventional light bulbs. Redeeming the coupons reduced the purchase price of the bulbs by an additional \$4.5 million.

This month, PGE will mail \$27 worth of CFL coupons to residen-

tial customers: a \$15 torchiere lamp coupon, plus two \$6 coupons good toward the purchase of any Energy Star label CFL of 13 watts or higher. Additional \$6 coupons will arrive in Nov. and Dec. PGE residential bills.

CFLs typically use 70 to 75 percent less power than conventional bulbs, and can last 10 times

longer, based on manufacturer's data.

The \$6-off coupons are honored at a wide variety of stores. All participating retailers are listed at [www.lightsite.net](http://www.lightsite.net), and at 1-888-376-8008. For more on CFLs and other energy-saving measures, call 1-800-722-9287 or go online to [www.PortlandGeneral.com](http://www.PortlandGeneral.com).

**Get in the savings game.**  
Follow these steps to take control of your energy bill.

**Start here for savings**

Go directly to [PortlandGeneral.com](http://PortlandGeneral.com) for terrific energy-saving tips.

Ask the PGE Energy Experts for free advice by phone: 503-612-3500 or 1-800-722-9287.

Turn back a few degrees on your thermostat. A good rule of thumb: 68 degrees during the day and 55 at night.

Play the weatherization card. Insulate, caulk, add weatherstripping and install high-efficiency windows or plastic storm window kits.

Get a free home energy evaluation from PGE if you have electric heat. Call 1-800-542-8818.

Try a wise water strategy. Lower the water heater thermostat to 120 degrees. Install water-saving showerheads.

Install energy-saving compact fluorescent lights. Watch for coupons from PGE in your mail.

Play it cool—keep your refrigerator running efficiently. Defrost the freezer. Set to 37-40 degrees (5 degrees for the freezer).

Everyone wins with lower energy use!

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## Contacts to Contracts

The City of Portland is hosting two Contacts to Contracts Construction Forums. Contractors, suppliers, manufacturing services providers, sheltered market contractors, certified and non-certified M/W/ESB contractors will learn about Westside CSO projects that will be constructed by December 2006.

### CSO Project Forum

Tuesday, November 6, 2001  
5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

An overview of the Westside CSO projects. Details will be available on the Westside CSO tunnel, tunnel shafts, pump station and pipelines. Come hear the details of this large capital improvement project for the City of Portland.

### Contracting Information Forum

Tuesday, November 13, 2001  
5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Competing contractors will discuss their proposals for an M/W/ESB construction services plan, technical assistance on bonding and financing, and the City Workforce Hiring and Training Program. It's an opportunity for contractors interested in participating in the construction of the CSO projects to hear from the potential prime contractors.

### Meeting location for both forums

Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME)  
4134 N. Vancouver Avenue, Portland

Refreshments will be served.

If you plan to attend, please call Harvey Lockett, Environmental Services Business Opportunity Manager at 503-823-7892.



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