

Youth Employment Buys Building

Grant supports local job training program serving high-risk youth

Location is everything and for youth interested in getting education and employment services to help them succeed, they know where to go.

For 17 years, the Youth Employment Institute has operated out of the same rented building in northeast Portland. In July, through generous grants of \$250,000 from Meyer Memorial Trust, \$250,000 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and \$25,000 from Spirit Mountain Community Fund, YEI was able to purchase the building at 1704 N.E. 26th Ave.

From this building, YEI operates all of its programs for youth. The Youth Employment Institute offers distinctive programs and services for youth 14-21 years, ranging from summer jobs to GED training and testing to childcare services.

A nearby building located at 2525 N.E. Broadway was also purchased and following major renovations, it will house the Parents in Training Program for teen parents who attend YEI's Out of School Program.

The Youth Employment Insti-

tute was established in 1985 as a non-profit youth organization that provides youth from high-risk, underserved areas with education, employment and training services.

YEI has made a mission of promoting self-sufficiency and lifelong learning by nurturing personal, educational and career development of young people throughout Multnomah County by addressing the needs of youth with barriers to education and employment.

For more information on YEI, stop by or visit the website at www.yei.org.

Youth Employment Institute Executive Director Bennie Boggan stands in the entryway of the recently purchased YEI job training building at 1704 N.E. 26th Ave. The organization will also renovate a building at 2525 N.E. Broadway to house YEI's Parents in Training Program for teen parents attending an out of school program.

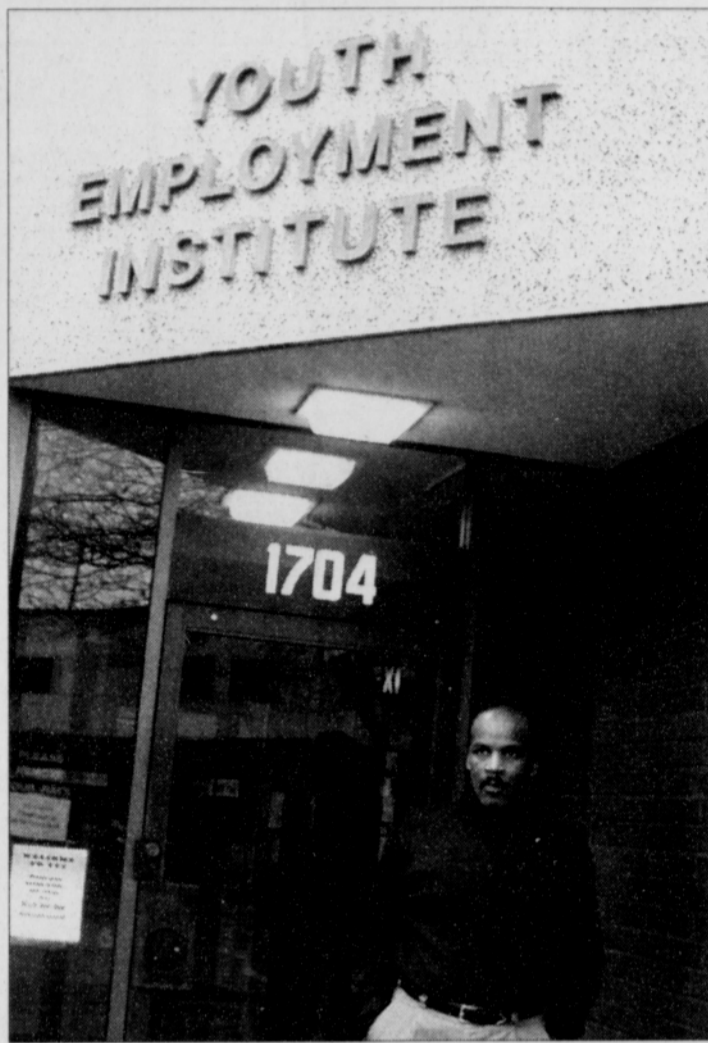


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Bob Moser Receives Racial Justice Award

The YWCA has honored Bob Moser for 30 years of leadership in working to end racism.

Moser played an integral role in the development of the local Seafarer's International Festi-

val and Clark College's Celebration of Harmony and Diversity. He has also been an adamant supporter of the Affirmative Action Office and the Women's Studies Program at

Clark College.

YWCA officials present the honor annually to people whose life and work demonstrate leadership in working to eliminate racism by exhibiting significant

involvement in the struggle for peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people and the demonstration of commitment to self-determined social change for all people.

Poor Spend More

The number of low- to moderate-income working families spending more than half their earnings on housing rose by over 67 percent between 1997 and 2001, according to a study released Tuesday by a coalition of affordable housing advocates.

Renter's Hotline Needs Your Help

The Community Alliance of Tenants is looking for volunteers to staff its Renters' Rights Hotline.

Based in northeast Portland, the hotline gives renters from throughout the state accurate and detailed legal information about their rights and practical suggestions on how

to deal with landlords. The group counsels and gives referrals to dozens of tenants a day, many of which are at immediate risk of losing their housing.

Volunteers will thoroughly learn about renter rights under the law. The time commitment is just 4 hours

a month.

The next volunteer training will be Dec. 7 and Dec. 8 from 1 p.m. to 6pm.

For an application or more information, contact Ari by calling 503-460-9702 or by email at cat@aracnet.com

Week in The Review

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Fifteen more people file molestation suits against church
Sexual abuse and the clergy have returned to the Oregon spotlight, with 15 people filing new lawsuits in Marion and Multnomah counties. More than 130 plaintiffs have now filed lawsuits in Oregon since 1999, accusing more than 30 Catholic clergy of molesting them from the 1930s to the 1980s.

Graffiti Artist in Corvallis Sprays Homage to Mobster
A graffiti artist in Corvallis has been leaving a mysterious calling card all over town: a spray-painted portrait of Frank Nitti, a notorious Chicago gangster from the Prohibition Era. Pictures of Nitti have been painted on various locations in downtown Corvallis, and police don't know why.

Women Get Naked for Peace
Concerned that war against Iraq is imminent, 50 women took off their clothes in the cold rain and lay end-to-end in the grass to spell out P-E-A-C-E in a baseball field in Point Reyes Station, CA. The unusual protest was organized in just a few days by artist Donna Sheehan, 72, who wanted to convey the desperation she said women in particular feel about the coming military action.

Penny Prank
To settle a court-ordered tab of \$1,853.87, Matthew Mokanyk dug into his pocket for an extra \$1,000 to finance an elaborate prank on his former landlord, Powerhouse Gym. He hired a delivery crew with a truck and forklift to deliver 74 14-pound boxes of pennies - 185,387 pennies - to Powerhouse Gym. Fortunately, relatives of Powerhouse Gym owners happen to be coin collectors.

It's a Library Card, Not a Credit Card
A California man lost his library privileges for three years after admitting he stole more than 3,000 books and videotapes. In December, sheriff's deputies raided the home of 85-year-old Ernest Heyneman and found an estimated \$26,000 worth of material from two libraries. As a condition of his probation, Heyneman is not allowed to own a library card or go to any library.

Ashcroft Praises Surveillance Ruling
A federal court ruling ensures that the Justice Department can take full advantage of broad new surveillance powers to track suspected spies and terrorists, Attorney General John Ashcroft says. Some fear this decision will give the government far greater ability to listen to telephone conversations read e-mail and search private property.

Gate Closes on Rangeland Studies Major
Since 1949, Oregon State University has taught the science of being a cowboy in its Department of Rangeland Resources, a college of agriculture specialty that focuses on soils, watersheds and the ecology of grazing. But a lack of money—partly due to a failure to attract outside grants—has forced the school to abolish the department and major.

Shark Attack Victim Gets to Shore Safely
A shark tore open the flesh of a California woman off the shore of a Maui resort, but she bravely swam to safety without being seriously hurt. Julie Gance, a 34-year-old bank executive from San Diego, said she had been in the water about 10 minutes on Sunday morning when an 8 to 10 foot long shark bumped into her and bit her right shoulder, forearm and wrist.

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