

Deadline for Local Katrina Survivors

Individual assistance to run out

Under Federal Emergency Management Agency guidelines, survivors of Hurricane Katrina in the Portland area will have just a few days to file for Individual Assistance.

FEMA regularly establishes a deadline for affected persons in natural disasters to file for Individual Assistance aid. The deadline for Hurricane Katrina-related applications is Oct. 28.

In some cases, FEMA may extend deadlines for all applicants or on a case-by-

case basis for extenuating circumstances. Applications can be processed online at www.fema.gov/register.shtm, by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or in person at the Family Resource Center, the former Washington High School site serving Hurricane Katrina survivors.

The multi-agency center at Southeast 14th Avenue and Start Street will continue to assist hurricane survivors with applications and other support services Tuesdays through Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As of Oct. 10, a total of 786 hurricane survivors had received services at the center. Survivors are receiving assistance with housing, education, employment, health and mental health services. Services are provided at the center by staff from Multnomah County, Oregon Department of Human Services, American Red

Cross, and the Community Welcoming Committee.

The City of Portland, Portland Public Schools, Social Security Administration, US Postal Service, Head Start, the Housing Authority of Portland, and 211-Info are among the agencies involved in efforts to support hurricane survivors who have arrived in the local metropolitan area.

The center provides survivors with a single location where they can be linked to the services they need, including a case manager. A current priority is registering survivors with FEMA so that they may become eligible to receive federal assistance.

For information on donations and volunteering, visit www.211info.org or call 211 or 1-800-SAFE-NET.



Katrina Inspiration for Next Spike Lee Film

Filmmaker Spike Lee has plans to make a documentary examining how race and politics collided in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. Lee plans to use "factual journalism" in his look at the events, which has become a huge issue for political activists because thousands of black and low-income people were stranded amid violence and lawlessness after the wreckage.

Dear Deanna!

My fiancé cheated before we were married and I recently learned that he's still seeing the woman he cheated with. I want to get out of the relationship but feel we should go to counseling. I find it hard to forgive him because I'm scared he'll do it again. What should I do about this? --Anisha; Washington, D.C.

Dear Anisha:

You had your warning signs before you got married and you knew what you were getting yourself into. Most women that are in tune with their relationship know when their mate is cheating. You should seek professional counseling not only for your marriage but yourself as well. If it doesn't work you'll be able to breathe instead of sharing your spouse or walking around being scared and worrying about a man.

Dear Deanna!

I am appalled at the response you gave DeLeisa in Bronx, NY in regards to her hitting her child. There is a way that children can be disciplined without physical force. In essence, you are supporting child abuse and I feel you could have suggested a method of discipline that focused strictly



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on talking. --Ms. Tate; Dallas, Texas

Dear Ms. Tate:

I hear you talking but like a lot of uptight parents, you need to remove the corn cob from you know where. You know good and well that you were probably touched with a switch, belt, or extension cord as your parents kept you in check. Today's baby boomers are taking over because they lack physical discipline. You're not the sharpest knife in the drawer but there is a big difference between disci-

pline and child abuse.

Dear Deanna!

My boyfriend revealed to me that he's gay. On the outside everything about him is masculine, strong and reflects a genuine man. We do things together as a couple, have great intimacy and often talked about having children. How in the world did I miss the signs and should I stay in this relationship? --Anonymous; Augusta, Ga.

Dear Anonymous:

In these days, you can't judge a book, man or woman by its cover. There's too many emotional and health risks if you choose to stay in this relationship. You didn't miss the signs because you simply didn't know to look for any. However, you should applaud his honesty because most down low men are liars and don't tell the women about their lifestyle. Count your loss, be thankful for the blessed revelation and keep it moving.

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Powerball Jackpot Reaches Stratosphere

With \$340 million up for grabs in the second-biggest lottery jackpot in U.S. history, people are trekking to convenience stores and other outlets in 27 states, including

Oregon to buy their tickets.

Wednesday's Powerball jackpot climbed into the stratosphere after 20 straight drawings in which no one won the grand prize. The odds

of hitting all six numbers are 1 in 146 million. The biggest lottery jackpot in U.S. history is \$363 million, won by two ticketholders in Illinois and Michigan in 2000.



ODOT BOOSTS BUSINESS FOR OREGON COMPANIES

Oregon businesses are finding new opportunities for growth with the Oregon Department of Transportation's OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program.

The bridge program will repair or replace more than 300 bridges in the state. It is also designed to stimulate Oregon's economy.

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Michael Minor, pictured above, and his firm Michael Minor & Associates, secured contracts to mitigate construction noise on eight bridges on Interstate 84.

Design and construction firms, materials suppliers, cafés, hotels, hardware stores, supermarkets, and other specialty contractors are receiving a much-needed shot in the arm, too.

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SQUASH & PUMPKIN TASTING THIS WEEKEND

Did you know that not all winter squash are created equal? Visit us this weekend and we'll show you why. Squash come in every shape and size imaginable. Some are better suited for soups and pies, others best baked with a little butter and eaten as a light entrée or side dish. This weekend we'll set the record straight. Some of our favorite local growers like Gathering Together Farm, Mustard Seed Farm, and Siri & Son Farm will be stocking our stores with the freshest, most beautiful local winter squash available. These growers wait until their crops have just the right amount of sugar, and are packed with flavor, before they're delivered to our stores.

Our Demo Team will be offering you tastes of some old favorites, encouraging you to discover some new gems, and of course, sending you home with the recipes. How does squash soup, squash enchiladas, squash fritters and pumpkin pie sound? Or, sample each variety of squash just as it is... decide which ones you'd like to stock up on for the fall harvest.

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