

State Rep Considered

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Kirchmeier has some experience under his belt—he worked with Sen. Margaret Carter and Rep. Hansen last year on Senate Bill 847 that created tax abatement for low-income, owner-occupied homes.

On health care: Kirchmeier supports the proposal of ballot measure 40, which would make access to health care a basic right of all Oregonians.

He also supports a ballot measure to raise the cigarette tax by 60 cents, providing health care for another 200,000 Oregonians. Currently, Oregon collects \$1.18 for each pack, whereas Washington collects \$2.02.

His advantage over Kotek and Robison: "I'm a liberal with moderate style, like Hansen, and we get more done in Salem."

For more information on Kirchmeier's candidacy, visit www.neighbors4mark.com.

Jim Robison

Occupation—Administrator for West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. Robison is former Democratic precinct committee man, Multnomah County Democratic Party chairman, 2000-04, and 3rd Congressional District Democratic Committee chairman. He lives in the University Park neighborhood.

Robison said he's running because not enough is done regard-



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ing healthcare and education.

"I get tired of seeing people tinkering around edges of system," he said.

Healthcare is his number one priority:

"If we simply went to universal system and abolished administrative costs for determining eligibility, we'd save more than enough to pay for cost of all uninsured."

Robison believes a universal system also ties into improvements in education and less financial burdens for schools.

Regarding affordable housing in the district, Robison supports mixed-income communities in north Portland, with an eye toward making sure affordable housing is in all communities.

"New Columbia takes a step in that direction," he said. "But also steps backward in encouraging low-income families going into one area."

With Kirchmeier and Kotek also holding healthcare, education and housing as top priorities for north Portland, he said his advantage over his opponents is familiarity with the community.

"I'm able to work well with people I don't agree with. I know and understand what people are going through in their daily lives in this district."

For more information on Robison's candidacy, visit www.jimrobison.org.

Area residents can meet all three candidates at a candidates forum, Tuesday, April 25, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at University Park United Methodist Church, 4775 N. Lombard.

'Fit to Be Fabulous'

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This year is no exception; the Portland Links, Inc. benefit high school seniors across the Portland area and southwest Washington with educational scholarships. Links plans to raise \$30,000 for their scholarship fund.

Tickets will not be sold at the door, but are available at Geneva's Shear Perfection—5601 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. 503-285-1159; Simply Elegant Nails/Salon—332 N.E. 82nd Ave, 503-262-8208; One Stop Record Store—1615 N.E. Killingsworth St., 503-284-2425; Tondalayera Designers Salon—5401 N.E. Cully Blvd., 503-284-0712; Reflections Coffee House—446 N.E. Killingsworth, 503-288-6942; Me Rae's on 42nd—5852 N.E. 42nd Ave, 503-288-5258; or any Link member.

Ticket prices are \$75 for patrons and \$45 for general admission, and include a choice of a one-year subscription to Ebony or a six-month subscription to Jet, plus chances to win round-trip air transportation for two to any destination served by American Airlines or American Eagle, in the domestic 48 states; a 2006 Ford Explorer; and selected items from Fashion Fair Cosmetics.



Angelica Jones models a Douglas Hannant velvet and décolleté bodice with cascading rows of frayed silk. She is one of 12 Ebony models with the "Fit to Be Fabulous" fashion fair coming to Portland Friday, April 21.

Katrina Damaged Cars Delivered

Consumer alerts have warned to be on the look out for vehicles damaged by hurricane Katrina. But in this case some of those vehicles are going to good use as Ford Motor Company has donated four Katrina-damaged vehicles to the Mt. Hood Community College automotive program. The vehicles, all suffering from water damage, will be cleaned and back to running order for use as instructional

tools for automotive students. Ford executives will present the vehicles to MHCC on Thursday, April 20. Students and faculty will be on hand to receive the vehicles. The vehicles include two 2006 Ford Taurus, a 2006 Ford Mustang and a 2005 Mercury Monterey. The donation is valued at more than \$100,000. The vehicles come from various locations in Louisiana and Alabama.

Juneteenth Up and Running

Juneteenth Community Unity invites all interested volunteers—community members, vendors, church and corporations representatives and business professionals—to attend the Juneteenth Community Unity meeting Saturday, April 22 at 4 p.m. at Yam Yam's Southern Barbecue, 7339 N.E.

Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Come out and add your expertise to this year's event at Peninsula Park and Freedom Trail Parade.

For more information, contact Larry Matthews, Woody Broadnax or Regina Williams at 503-978-9229 or 503-285-8898.

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Youngest Pointer Sister Remembered

June Pointer dead at 52

June, the youngest of the singing Pointer Sisters known for the 1970s and 1980s hits "I'm So Excited," "Fire," and "Slow Hand," is being remembered after her death at age 52.

June Pointer, the youngest member of the trio died of cancer April 11 at Santa Monica University of California, Los Angeles, Medical Center, the family said in a statement. She had been hospitalized since late February and the type of cancer wasn't disclosed.

She died "in the arms of her sisters, Ruth and Anita and her brothers, Aaron and Fritz, by her side," the family statement read. "Although her sister, Bonnie, was unable to be present, she was with her in spirit."

The Pointer Sisters began as a quartet in the early 1970s with sisters Ruth, Anita, Bonnie and June. The group became a trio when Bonnie embarked on a solo career.

The group's hits also included "He's So Shy," "Automatic" and "Jump (For My Love)."

The sisters, along with their two older brothers, grew up singing in the choir of an Oakland church where their parents were ministers. Bonnie and June formed a singing duo and began performing in clubs around the San Francisco Bay area. Anita and Ruth later joined the group and together, they sang backup for Taj Mahal, Boz Scaggs



The Pointer Sisters, Ruth (from left), June and Anita in New York in 1990. (AP photo)



June Pointer

best country vocal performance by a group for the song "Fairytale."

Bonnie left the group in 1977, and the sisters recorded several more albums, scoring several hit songs that became identified as the soundtrack of the 1980s.

The successful 1984 album "Break Out" earned two Grammy awards for the songs "Automatic" and "Jump (For My Love)." The album's other hit song, "Neutron Dance," was prominently featured in the movie "Beverly Hills Cop."

June recorded two solo albums, and later left the trio.

Anita and Ruth still perform under the group's name. Ruth's daughter, Issa Pointer, is the trio's newest member.

Two years ago, June Pointer was charged with felony cocaine possession and misdemeanor possession of a smoking device. She was ordered to a rehabilitation facility.