

### School Custodian Board Unfilled

Portland Public Schools has extended the deadline to apply for appointment to the Custodian Civil Service Board due to a lack of applicants.

The board is being reinstated because of a recent Oregon Supreme Court decision that is leading to the re-employment of custodians replaced three years ago with contract workers. The high court found that the firings violated the law.

The civil service board oversees the appointment, employment, classification and discharge of PPS custodians and assistant custodians.

Board applications are available on the PPS website at pps.k12.or.us or by writing or calling the school board office. The new deadline to apply is Friday, June 30.



Larry Felix, (right), the first African American director of the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing, explains the security features of the redesigned \$10 bill to U.S. Archivist Allen Weinstein.

### Engraver Makes History

Larry Felix is America's first African American director of the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

In an interview following a recent \$10 note introduction ceremony, Felix spoke about how his daughter inspired a sense of pride in his becoming the first African American director of the office that designs U.S. currency.

"My daughter said to me that it is hard to believe there is still a first black of something," Felix said. "I just want to make sure that I am not the last."

The Chief of Currency Production is an African American and the next bill to be introduced to the public will be designed by an African American, as well.

Felix, who grew up in New York City, holds degrees from the New York City College of Technology and the City College at the City University of New York. He did doctoral work in Political Economy at Columbia University.



See you soon?

### Community Unites for HIV/AIDS Education

Aim is to reduce risk for local residents

A one-day training session to reduce the risk for HIV and AIDS among the local African American population will be held Monday, June 26 at 9:30 p.m. at the State Office Building, 800 N.E. Oregon St.

"HIV & African Americans: A Training Series for Clinicians," will provide information on how to further enhance the effectiveness of clinicians, service providers, advocates and faith-based agencies to "bridge the gap in health disparities that affect people of color."

Presenters include the African Americans Reach and Teach Health Ministry, the Northwest AIDS Education and Training Center at the University of Washington, and Rev. Renee Ward who lost her husband to the AIDS disease.

Ward is a Portland pastor and executive producer and founder of Chrysalis Ministries, Inc., a non-profit Portland faith-based organization. She will join Rev. Reginad Diggs and other Pacific Northwest residents impacted by an HIV/AIDS diagnosis in presenting the 2003 video documentary "Who Will Speak for Me?"

Other guest presenters are David P. Lee, Engagement and Adherence Specialist at the Madison Clinic - Harborview Medical Center in Se-



Rev. Renee Ward

attle, and Jeremiah Brewer, trainer and health educator at African Americans Reach and Teach Health Ministry and the King/Kitsap Counties American Red Cross.

Check in time is 8:30 a.m. at the registration table and admission is free. However, pre-registration is recommended to reserve seating for lunch.

For more information on how to acquire a copy of the video, to register for the workshop or to contact one of the sponsors, please contact Rev. Ward at 503-548-7537 or email chrysalisministries1@hotmail.com.

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### Free Summer Meals for Kids

Portland Public Schools and Portland Parks & Recreation will offer free summer meals from Wednesday, June 21, through Aug. 16 for children and teenagers ages 1 to 18 at more than 60 sites including parks, schools, pools, community centers and other child-friendly locations.

All children and teens are welcome to eat at no charge. No application or paperwork is necessary. Sites are open to any child who wants to participate, and children are served on a first-come, first-served basis.

Some locations will offer breakfast as well as lunch. Sites may offer activities such as games,

swimming, and arts and crafts along with the free meals.

For the location and meal times of sites in Portland or throughout Oregon, call Oregon SafeNet at 1-800-SAFENET (723-3638).

"This program can be a huge help for families who are trying to stretch a limited food budget," said Patti Whitney-Wise, executive director of the Oregon Hunger Relief Task Force. "It also gives parents, kids, and teens a chance to get outside, meet other people in their community and just plain have fun."

The United States Department of Agriculture provides federal funding for the Summer Food Service Program in school enrollment areas where more than 50 percent of students are eligible for free and reduced-price meals during the school year.

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