



All-Star Classic Support

The Portland Observer presented awards to Dean's Beauty Salon and Barber Shop, Portland Community College and the Housing Authority of Portland Saturday for their support of the Joyce Washington Classic, the all-star basketball games featuring boys and girls from local schools. Pictured are Sylvia Jackson, representing Dean's (from left), Dr. Algje Gatewood, PCC Cascade Campus president, and Michael Mangum, representing the Housing Authority.

Local Job Training Center Considered

PCC bids on 5-acre site on Swan Island

Portland Community College's bid to purchase almost 5 acres of industrial land on Swan Island has been accepted and the details are being worked through, college officials announced Monday. The north Portland site could become a jobs training center in the heart of Portland's industrial East side.

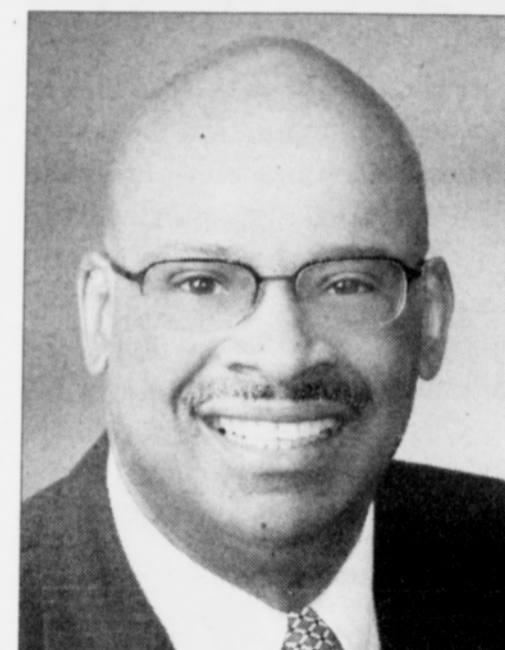
The land is owned by the state of Oregon as a site to store, repair and wash state-owned vehicles. The state put the site on a list of surplus lands intended for sale.

"This is a strategic opportunity for PCC to serve the trades education needs of the region," said Preston Pulliams, PCC president. "We need to put together a long-term look at how best we can use the site, how it best helps the industrial businesses on Swan Island and how it meets the needs of the city of Portland."

The 4.89-acre site at 6400 Cutter Circle is zoned by the city for industrial use. Under that zoning, a trade school could be a permitted use.

"We look forward to working with the city and the business community," Pulliams said. "Obviously, we want to be a good neighbor."

The sentiment was echoed by Alan Sprott, vice president for Vigor Industrial. "Everybody here who



Preston Pulliams

has been involved with PCC is really excited to have the college down here and the possibility of this trade school," he said. "We see this as a great opportunity for Portland businesses to increase the capability of the workforce and to be more competitive."

PCC already teaches welding at Vigor Industrial on Swan Island. The new site could allow for an expansion of that popular program with long waiting lists.

"As we emerge from the recession, we need to explore all options for industrial-skill job training," Pulliams said. "Preserving and creative family-wage jobs is vital for the region."

Expanding career technical training opportunities throughout the district was a key element of the college's successful 2008 bond measure.

Vote-by-Mail Ballots Due

The U.S. Postal Service has mailed approximately 404,000 ballots in Multnomah County for the Tuesday, May 18 Primary Election.

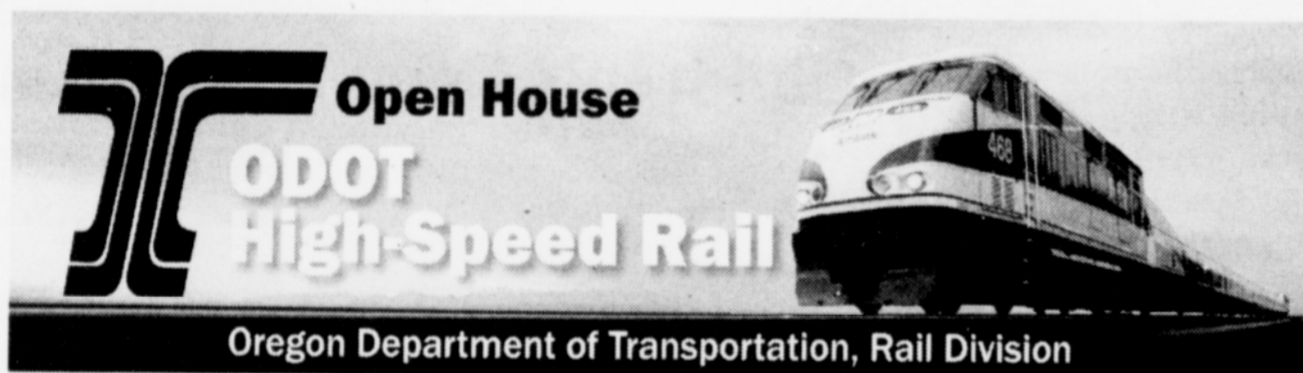
Registered voters who have not

gotten their ballots should call the Multnomah County Elections Division at 503-988-3720 for a replacement.

Voters can mail their voted ballot back for one first class stamp or

drop off their ballots at any official drop site until 8 p.m. on the day of the election.

Visit mcelections.org for more information about the election or voting in general.



The Oregon Department of Transportation is hosting a series of open house meetings on Oregon's draft goals for high-speed rail between Eugene and Portland. Meetings will include a short presentation and allow citizens to share feedback.

Portland — May 19

ODOT, 123 N.W. Flanders
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Wilsonville — May 20

City Hall, 29799 S.W. Town Center Loop
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Oregon City — May 26

City Hall, 625 Center St.
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Woodburn — June 2

City Hall, 270 Montgomery St.
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Lake Oswego — June 3

City Hall, 380 A Ave.
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Additional open houses are in Salem (May 13), Eugene (May 18), Albany (May 25) and Junction City (June 9). Visit the ODOT Rail Division website for more information and to sign up for e-mail updates: www.oregon.gov/ODOT/Rail.

Accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities, and alternate formats of printed material are available upon request. Please call (503) 986-4321 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting (TTY: (503) 986-3854).

Questions? Contact Kathy Holmes at kathy.c.holmes@odot.state.or.us or (503) 986-4321.

Traffic Free Streets on Sunday

Parkways celebration connects neighborhoods

The first Sunday Parkways event of the year takes place in northeast Portland this weekend opening up streets to non-motorized traffic with entertainment and activities in the parks along the route.

Wilshire, Fernhill, Alberta and Woodlawn Parks will be connected by a series of street closures, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., including parts of Northeast Ainsworth, Going and Shaver streets; along with parts of Northeast Eighth, 17th, 26th and 37th avenues. A series of events will provide opportunities for individuals and families to get out and be active right in their own neighborhood.

Residents along the route will be able to get to and from their homes; however, the city strongly encourages postponing driving or limiting trips. Organizers plan to have small barricades and volunteers at the intersection to manage this limited access.

The City of Portland Bureau of Transportation, Kaiser Permanente, and Metro are hosting five Sunday Parkways events in 2010.