

Business Notes

Legislators, farm workers observe contributions of Cesar Chavez

In recognition of the innumerable contributions of human rights leader César Chavez to the fight for social justice, and upon proclamation from Governor John Kitzhaber, the Oregon State Legislature celebrated César Chavez Day on what would have been his 74th birthday, March 31, 2001. Senators were joined at their desks on the Senate floor by farm workers from around the state.

"This is the least we can do to honor a man whose convictions and concern for the civil and human rights of workers led to great progress in the fight for fair pay, health coverage, pension benefits and dignity for thousands of farm workers and their families," said Senator Susan Castillo (D-Eugene). "As César once said, 'We cannot seek achieve-

ment for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community...Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own.' He not only believed that, he lived it every day. Chavez is an American hero. I am proud that we, as a state, are offering our recognition and respect to this incredible man."

Chavez is best known for his non-violent advocacy of farm workers' rights, as well as for his role in the creation of the United Farm Workers of America labor union, the first successful farm workers' union in

U.S. history. Traveling to dozens of farm communities, Chavez built a coalition of dedicated farm workers, organizing table grape boycotts in 1965 and 1973. By 1975, a Harris Poll showed that 17 million American adults were honoring the grape boycott. This strong public support for the boycott forced growers to support California's 1975 Agricultural Labor Relations Act, a collective bargaining law for farm workers.

"César Chavez continues to inspire farm workers here in Oregon and across the country. As recent legislative proposals in our state legislature show, the social justice struggle

César began half a century ago is still going on and relevant today," added Senator Castillo.

In 1991, Chavez received the Aguila Azteca, Mexico's highest award presented to people of Mexican heritage

who have made major contributions outside of Mexico. In 1994, he became only the second Mexican-American to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the United States.

Workshops on timber management

Visual Management for Timber Harvest: A Workshop for Woodland Owners will be led April 20-21, in Toledo and May 4-5 in Beaverton, by John Garland, Timber Harvesting Extension Specialist at Oregon State University College of Forestry. The workshop is based on two publications:

- 1) *Timber Harvesting: How We See It* by John Garland,
- 2) *Forest Aesthetics: Harvest Practices in Visually Sensitive Areas* by Gordon Bradley of University of Washington.

The Friday evening session will focus on principals of visual management as laid out by Bradley and the practical pointers of Garland. Copies of both publications will be provided to participants.

This session will focus on how people perceive and react to what they see on a land-

scape, and what can be done differently when laying out and logging a harvest unit to take this perception into account.

The Saturday morning field trip will visit some examples of recent harvests that either follow or violate the principles.

The Toledo workshop will be held in the banquet room at Olalla Valley Golf Course, 1022 Olalla Road, and in Beaverton at the Washington County Extension Office, 18640 NW Walker Road, Room 1411.

The Friday workshop will be from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

There is no charge for the workshop. For more information, call Conference Coordinator, Forestry Outreach Education Office, Oregon State University at 541-737-2329, or e-mail outreach@for.orst.edu

OLCC finds few who let minors buy alcohol

Employees in 22 of 24 businesses in Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook counties refused to sell alcohol to a minor during a recent spring break compliance operation conducted by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

Clerks in the two businesses that sold to minors, Manzanita Grocery and Deli in Manzanita and South Prairie Store in Tillamook, were issued criminal citations to appear in court. They face \$350 fines on charges of furnishing alcohol to a minor. The licensees are subject to OLCC sanctions, including fines ranging from \$693 to \$4,950, or license suspensions of 4 to 30 days.

Eight OLCC inspectors, three underage volunteers and a manager, formed three teams to conduct compliance checks in the three counties on March 29.

During a compliance check, young people age 18-20 work with OLCC inspectors or other law enforcement officers to verify that licensed businesses are properly checking young-looking patrons and are obeying state law prohibiting alcohol sales to anyone under age 21. The volunteers carry their own legal ID and are instructed not to lie about their age. OLCC inspectors are sworn peace officers.

"We're pleased that 22 stores refused to sell alcohol to the volunteers," said Gary McGrew, OLCC field operations director.

"We take underage drinking very seriously," McGrew continued. "Our goal is to have 100 percent of the licensed businesses not selling alcohol to minors."

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- PROV PASS 1 (First six month passenger restriction violation) No passenger under the age of 20 riding who is not a family member.
- PROV PASS 2 (Second six month passenger restriction violation) No more than three passengers who are not family members.
- PROV CURFEW (First year curfew restriction violation) For the first year, the teen may not drive between midnight and 5:00 a.m. except when: 1) Driving between their home and place of employment or on the job; 2) driving between their home and a school event for which no other transportation is available; 3) driving for employment purposes; or 4) accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 25 years old.

The "first licensed" field was added to driver licenses to help law enforcement determine if driving restrictions apply at any particular time. These restrictions only apply until the driver is 18 years of age or until he/she has had a provisional license for one year, whichever comes first.

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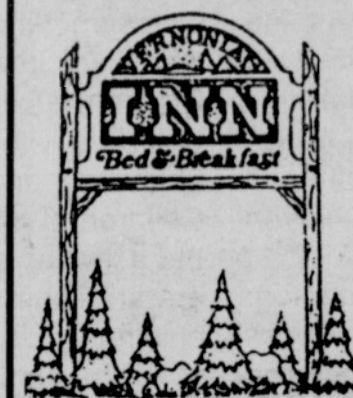
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