

Asian workers to donate to new OHSU cancer institute

Workers at a Nike Factory in Vietnam say they will donate 3 percent, or 30 cents of their weekly salaries to help build a new cancer research facility for Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) in Portland.

"We feel very honored to work for Nike," said one factory worker in a small, dimly lit break room, known as the bathroom to workers.

Phil Light, Nike's co-founder has offered nearly 5 percent, or \$500 million of his net worth to OHSU for cancer research if Oregon taxpayers and donors can match that amount. Light's net worth is thought to be more than \$12 billion.

OHSU executives have promised that donations from Asian workers overseas won't go towards their million-dollar salaries, saying that Oregon taxpayers are already on the hook for that.

"The money will go to a good cause," said an OHSU spokesperson. "Baby boomers from around the U.S. are starting to look at their own self interests, realizing they are only months away from cancer themselves."

Indonesia and Korean workers who have also started a campaign to support the cancer institute say that donating 30 cents a week isn't enough. "We've decided to donate our future, including our health care, to Americans suffering from cancer," one worker said. "It's the least we can do. We're indebted to Mr. Light and Nike for letting us work away our lives."

GOP unveils new plan to fight childhood obesity

House Speaker John Boehner and Rep. Paul Broun of Georgia announced a bill this week to fight childhood obesity by drastically cutting food stamp programs across the country.

"The reality is, city kids are fat," said Broun at a press conference attended by several top ranking GOP officials. "We believe the best way to fight childhood obesity is to starve them out. This is about the values of the American people."

"We're confident that when Americans are hungry enough, they'll take whatever job they're offered," Boehner told reporters with a tear in his eye. "Frankly, this issue spans so many problems in our society, from small businesses to immigration. Have you seen how many Mexican and Chinese family-owned restaurants there are today?"

Democrats responded forcefully saying that Boehner and Broun were out of touch with the American people and then agreed to go along with parts of the new bill.

President Barack Obama said that he was sympathetic to the hundreds of thousands of families affected, but said he would sign the bill in an effort to show the American people that Democrats and Republicans can still work together.

Advocates for the poor have already created an avalanche of petitions with various messages to Congress that took nearly 45 minutes to delete.

The new bill is expected to cut the amount of food stamps Americans are able to qualify for by 40 percent by the year 2016.

"The American people are going to be a lot healthier when it's all said and done," said a spokesperson for Broun. "If we deny people food for long enough, they'll stop asking for handouts of apple pie. It's a win-win for the American people."

Georgia policy makers crafting legislation to divert 21st century from Peach State

Policy makers in Georgia are working on a bill to avoid having to enter into the 21st century.

"We're tired of intellectuals from New England and California telling us what to do," says Stonewall Mayor Rod Miltonmeyer. "My granddaddy's granddaddy's granddaddy always said New England was overrated in the fall. We all agree."

State Rep. Luther BoDine from Savannah agrees, saying that keeping Georgia in the 20th century probably wouldn't go far enough. "I'm hoping we can reach an agreement about placing our 19th century values at the forefront of our Southern politics. I'm confident that our brothers and sisters in South Carolina and Alabama will join us."

"The Mexicans, queers and especially women are trying to change Georgia," says BoDine. "I won't have it. Not on my watch."

Bodine says that beyond carrying out family traditions, he's worried that the Southern way of life is becoming a laughingstock in the rest of the country. "How will places like Utah and Idaho feel if Georgia just tucks and runs? We will not run, for anything. I mean when is the last time you saw a Georgian exercise? It's not happening."

The bill will be voted on sometime next month, which on the Georgian calendar will be August 1971. Bodine says that following the upcoming votes to destroy Obamacare and raising the minimum wage to \$5.20 an hour, "We're going to knock this one of the park."



Media Roundup!

The Oregonian has announced that it will go to a new zine format this summer with the hopes of boosting readership and cutting costs. "We're very confident that readers are going to enjoy smaller Associated Press articles about dogs in Missouri, and cats in Idaho," said a spokesperson from Arizona.

It's being reported that **The Portland Mercury** and **Willamette Week** are battling it out to see which newspaper can get to a 20-page weekly format first. "Our advertising departments are working hard to get there," said a spokesperson for The Portland Mercury. "It's all or nothing."

Oregon Public Broadcasting says that producing the news has never been easier. "We typically wait for the most juicy news story developed by other media in town, and then jump all over it."

The Portland Tribune is publishing an 27-part manifesto on homelessness called, "My chosen voices: Advocates and local government's failure to get anything done, ever, at anytime on homelessness." The series features economists from North Carolina and Maine who mathematically point out that, it's true, Portland is failing to end homelessness.

The Portland Business Journal is celebrating being the most read newspaper in Portland by anyone making above \$60,000 annually, or over the age of 60.

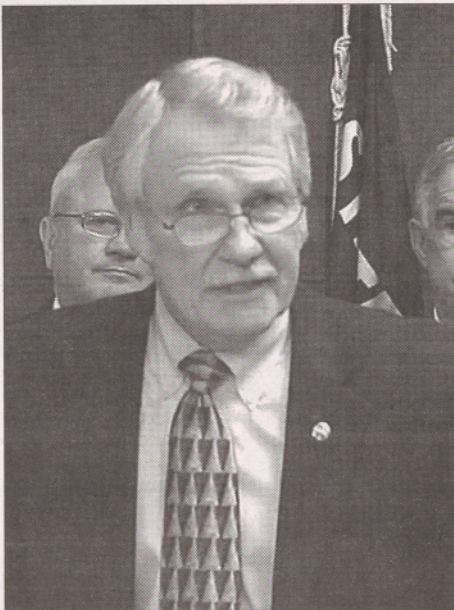
Street Roots continues to plan for weekly publication next year — a plan that no one in his or her right mind actually believes will work.

The Asian Reporter reported that Panda bears in China are the new, coming attraction. **Just Out** is apparently publishing a newspaper for the LGBTQ community. **Bike Portland** and **Blue Oregon** are still on the Internet the last time we checked. **Portland Monthly** is claiming to be the most browsed magazine in the city —



depending on how many groceries readers get at any one time.

KGW reported 26 fires in Portland this year, while **KOIN** reported from a helicopter that traffic on Highway 26 is still backed up. Meanwhile, **KATU** ran a special report about Portland area residents being scammed by both **KGW** and **KOIN** news teams, claiming they don't actually report any news.



Salem's Larry Marksman totally photobombs Gov. John Kitzhaber at a press conference unveiling a new plan to keep social service spending in pace with the previous generation.

Human services spending keeps pace with 1980s

Gov. John Kitzhaber and key members of the Oregon Legislature are touting a new bill that would bring spending for human services in Oregon to levels not seen since the 1980s.

"We've worked really hard to get the numbers up," says a spokesperson for Kitzhaber. "After gutting social services for the past 35 years, we felt it was important to prioritize the people of Oregon."

The spokesperson also said that Kitzhaber believes that with the passing of health care reform, social service funding most likely wouldn't need another boost until 2045.

Insiders in Salem say that once the so-called website, known to the public as Cover Oregon, was up and running, that people would have the opportunity to get healthy and that's all that really mattered.

The spokesperson gave an example of a poor old lady not having access to an air conditioner, saying, "When we're talking about people suffering, we need people to remain cool."

When asked why housing — in the midst of this slow economic recovery — wasn't more of a priority for the governor, the spokesperson said the governor's housing is fine. "In fact, he's doing quite well."

Oregon Republicans sent out a press release following the governor's press conference, saying, they would keep fighting. "Oregonians won't be happy until funding levels for human services were rolled back to a pre-1950s level. Oregonians don't want more human services or health care. Oregonians simply want to keep Uncle Sam out of Uncle Jed's gun closet."



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