



Verna Banks and Cherise Ford enjoy a ride at opening ceremonies for Cathedral Park, under the St. Johns Bridge. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Legislature investigates jail

Senator Vernon Cook will preside over a special subcommittee concerning problems faced by minority persons at Rocky Butte Jail at the request of representative Hardy Myers, speaker of the House of Representatives. In addition to Senator Cook other members of the subcommittee are Senator Kenneth Jernstedt, Representative William Rutherford and Representative Norman Smith.

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It is anticipated that four or more inmates from Rocky Butte will be present and present testimony. That will be followed by testimony from Multnomah County representatives. Members of the public will also be given an opportunity to testify.

Dissatisfaction justified

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concerns without the subtle but effective pressure to the contrary.

This is one reason why the parental involvement issue was key to the acceptance of the Board's action last August. It also points out the dissatisfaction in what was done in April.

Another reason parental involvement is so vital concerns the restrictive regulations on staff placement by the federal government. In 1976, the school system was found to have discriminated against Black teachers because it had placed high percentages of Black teachers in schools with high percentage of black youth. the Office of Education ordered a reversal and required that teachers be disbursed throughout the system.

The Board promised to challenge this ruling. To date, it has not kept that promise. Therefore, even if the district wanted to place more minority teachers into schools where there are high numbers of minority children, there is some question as to legality.

If Black teachers are restricted and parents have only meager means to get involved in staff selection, then the chance for developing sensitive and mutually supportive relations in our schools is greatly reduced.

Certainly, increased Black staff and principals in school, with high percentage of Black students would insure that the concerns of Black parents are understood and advocated, as are the concerns of other parents. Short of that, however, the School Board and its administration should recognize their double standard and demand that all principals and staff make substantive relationships with the communities they serve.

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Dental Assistant appointed

Colorado Springs, Colo. -- Marilyn J. Hamner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack L. Pratt of Portland has been appointed an non-commissioned officer (NCO) in the U.S. Air Force.

The Sergeant completed training in management, leadership, human relations and NCO responsibilities, before being awarded this status.

Sergeant Hamner is a dental specialist at Peterson Air Force Base, here. The Sergeant is a 1971 graduate of Washington High School, Portland.

Death of a dream

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But trying enlightening a youngster who wears shoes advertised on television by Dr. J. to that fact try telling the same kid that his chances of landing a \$1 million contract or playing before the nation are slim, even close to none.

No, the youngster is getting a different message and from several sources, the most harmful being television and its promotion of sports. Announcers like Brent Musberger, "Hot Rod" Hundley, and Howard Cosell glamorize the salaries of high paid superstars and many kids are listening. Then it's off to chasing rainbows which ultimately lead to "false hopes and broken."

That's why it's essential that the values of education be stressed by the media. The school systems too, are at fault by not more earnestly stressing booklearning. In some cases, parental influence has failed the students. Educational systems have an obligation to make athletes functional humans, and many are not doing that.

Experience has taught many that there is another way to become a pro other than the N.B.A. Where? The professional job market!

"I'd rather know that I received my degree because I applied myself academically and not because I was some big jock," said George McCullough, a 1979 graduate at the University of Portland, where he was a basketball star.

"Besides, how could I teach someone if I didn't know anything myself?" said the 24 year old banker.

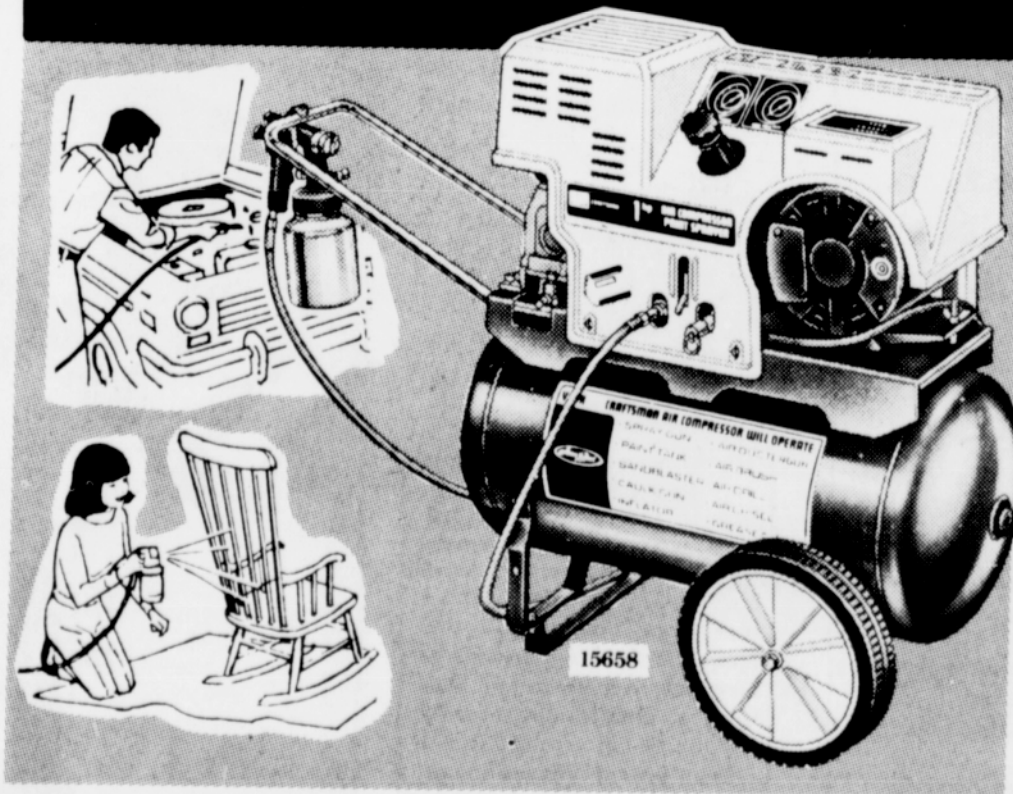
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