

# Stoudamire A rising star on the political horizon

by Kathryn Hall Bogle

Making a strong bid to win a seat in the legislature to represent the newly formed 18th District is a young Oregonian, 31-year-old Charles Stoudamire.

Stoudamire's position supports the Oregon Democratic Party's progressive platform with legislative priorities directed toward helping working people. New in the political arena Stoudamire already has zeroed in on (1) Jobs and Economic development, (2) Quality basic services such as "Quality health care for all Oregonians; high quality public education programs; (3) affordable child care for working parents; (4) Citizen involvement in establishing public utility rates and (5) humanistic approach to providing public assistance to those in need.

There are many more of the good life objectives Stoudamire wants for the 18th District people and he spells them out under headings like: Neighborhood livability, progressive taxation system and equal rights. Thoughtful stuff like everybody wants for his family.

Stoudamire says that trend of thinking comes natural for him. "I was born in Klamath Falls when my parents came from Arkansas and I looked up to him then for he wanted the best for his family, and I still respect him for what he has accomplished for his family.

"In terms of my life, people I have come in contact with are the neediest in terms of finance and resources that supply the basic needs such as housing, or even family, and friends. In the general public there are many people that are apathetic to the human needs and some of them have turned away from such needs, leaving these others with no place to turn. I see this situation as a big factor in crime, in despondency, in homicide and in suicide.

"I think government has a definite responsibility to spread the cost

of responding to social and economic catastrophes across the general public so that the principal impact will not fall on the particular persons or groups who are the victims of that particular catastrophe.

"How did I get this way & I went to grade school at Eliot (we lived right across the street) and I was graduated from Washington High School. I played a little football and a little basketball [actually, Stoudamire made All-State-Star teams] and wound up with a bachelor's degree in Social Science at P.S.U. Eventually I returned to school and earned a master's degree in Hospital and Health Care at the University of Minnesota.

"I was a product of the sixties. I have marched. I marched against the war, against the killing of seals, of whales, for equal rights, for gay rights. I've taken part in boycotts, in sit-ins. I sat in at Trojan. I'm against police brutality, against the opossum incident and the like.

"My jobs have always been working with people for people. I first worked with the Albina Action Center as a Deputy Director. I was there for three years helping in the food and nutrition program, the community garden projects, the food bank, the dental and optometric programs, and in job training and youth development programs.

For two years I found good experience at Kaiser Health Research Center in Clinic Management and I formed a taste for hospital administration. Friends at Providence hospital encouraged me to study further and that's when I enrolled at U. of Minnesota.

"I'm now with the Dept. of Human Services as a Health Services Coordinator under Commissioner Don Clark. Just now we are trying to develop systems to help the 5,000 or 6,000 Indo-Chinese in the area. We are hoping that the big hospitals can help us in some way to care for the medical and surgical needs of these people. Public health is concerned about providing services.

"The place you make changes in services is in government and with this, in Oregon, is in the legislature,



CHARLES STODAMIRE AND FAMILY

in the political processes, and that means the ballot box.

"In this nation of diminishing rights, the one right that we maintain is the right to vote. As you exercise your right to vote, please remember that the person you select must have insight to the needs of the people, vision as to the possibilities for satisfying those needs and the ability to effectively implement and carry out program and policy to meet those needs.

"The ballot box is open on the 18th of May. I offer my experience and vision of a better future. I will appreciate your support."

Charles Stoudamire is married to Theresa Stoudamire, also a Hospital and Health Care Administrator in Multnomah County's Project Health. Stoudamire is the father of three children.

Incidentally his middle name is Kilunda, given to him in Zaire, Africa. Kilunda means, "Leader of the Village."

## Schools, community call truce

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evident that there was not community acceptance for placing the school at Boise. She was willing to change her decision and approve placement at Eliot when the compromise placing the Eliot ECEC at Boise was offered. This met her concerns of providing a better education for Boise upper graders, finding a satisfactory site for the ECEC and cutting costs by eliminating the Monroe building. The mediation process she thought was frank and valuable in increasing understanding on both sides.

Superintendent Matthew Prophet sees positive by-products of the process. "While I do not profess to know all that has happened in the past, I did see the situation as being unhealthy. It had the makings of a serious conflict."

Having members of the School Board and leadership from the Black community sit down and discuss their values, goals, aspirations, facilitated understanding. "Although attitudes might not have changed, there was a meaningful

sensitization. The level of awareness was heightened; each group sees the other in a new way—sees their values.

"I hope that this exchange of ideas will be the basis for future progress in the effort to bring about a better relationship between the Board and the black community. Although it is too early to assess whether the differences that exist between the Board and the community are resolved, it is not too early to say that out of this one episode has come a method of reaching Board and community cooperation that I would like to see used in the future in dealing with other difficult problems the district will face."

The black community's representatives came into the mediation process very open minded, willing to make compromises and try to reach a mutually acceptable solution.

"The leadership provided to the group by Ronnie Herndon I feel was especially commendable and I respect him very much.

"With respect to the board mem-

bers, Bill Scott provided outstanding leadership to the board's mediation team. He, Charlotte Beeman and Joe Rieke devoted great energy to the resolution of the issue. I admire people who can listen to the facts, who can hear the concerns of others and then take action based on what they have learned. I admire Charlotte and Joe because they did just that."

Prophet is to present his proposals for the establishment of Tubman at Eliot and Eliot at Boise in June. The process, both in the early planning stages, and later as community and parent desires and the expertise of the educators come together to create the new schools, will include the administrators, master teachers and staff members who will be involved in the school in the 1984-1985 school year.

"I might have ideas—there are model ECECs and middle schools around the country—but I will resist simply imposing solutions. My philosophy is that projects are more successful when the people involved in

the product are involved in the process."

Prophet does not foresee the Tubman and Eliot programs being moved "as-is" to new buildings. "I don't promise a simple movement of Eliot and Tubman's current programs, but I will guarantee that we will capture all the aspects that are perceived by the community to be excellent. These schools are quite exemplary—but they can be better."

"Dialogue with the black community is of critical importance to the school district," Dr. Prophet added. I would never have imagined that the divisions, the misunderstanding, the stifled channels of communication were as great as I found them to be. What we have found out is that sincere people can reason together. The satisfactory resolution of the Tubman issue will be the symbol of the possibility of good communication, cooperation, unity of goals, and mutual respect between the various elements of the black community and the Board of Education.

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## US-Latin relations suffer

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in inter-American relations will be the cultural one—the most difficult to mend. Emilio Nicolas, vice president of the national Hispano Television Network (SIN), captured the feeling of many Latins when on May 4 he said that one could very well see in the American policy "a hostility toward Latin American culture."

Nicolas noted that two different ways of life, two views of the world,

confronted one another in the Malvinas. Whether this bifurcation is actually determining policy in Washington is beside the point. The clash between Anglo-Saxon and Hispanic culture has a long history. The re-emergence of this historical characteristic of the New World may give Latin America a new sense of its own regional unity and destiny.

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## ASTRO-DESTINY

- ARIES**  
Mar. 21 - Apr. 19 Try to mend an important business relationship that's slipping. It may not be easy, but it is necessary.
- TAURUS**  
Apr. 20 - May 20 Romance and friendship are favored. It pays to know one from the other - lest you become entangled.
- GEMINI**  
May 21 - June 20 Your practical insight improves your financial situation. Leave speculation to the daring. Remember the tortoise and the hare.
- CANCER**  
June 21 - July 22 Your usually confident nature has slipped a bit. A great deal has to do with changing values.
- LEO**  
July 23 - Aug. 22 Finances need careful consideration. Take the time to review your situation. Maybe a budget could be the answer.
- VIRGO**  
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22 That "sure thing" has turned illusive. More work must be done before you accomplish your task.
- LIBRA**  
Sept. 23 - Oct. 22 Trying to do too much is just as bad as leaving a lot of your work undone. Take things as they come.
- SCORPIO**  
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You can be in the front all this month. This week is just the beginning of a good period for you and your impossible dreams.
- SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21 Being conservative seems to be your outlook for this week. Caution can be a good thing, but it also can be overdone.
- CAPRICORN**  
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19 Don't become overly aggressive with your friends or co-workers. It could be misinterpreted and feelings could be hurt.
- AQUARIUS**  
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18 If wishes were possible, you might wish for an entirely different set of circumstances this entire week. A stiff upper lip is needed.
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Numerous talented singing groups will be featured when Chaplain John H. Parker and Prison Ministries, Inc. present a 1982 Spring Concert on May 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 909 SW 11th Ave.

Mrs. Lessie Williams is just one of the soloists adding energy and animation to the concert's theme, "A Time To Sing." One of two black Portland Symphonic Choir members, she has been singing with the choir for three years.

Another featured talent, singing a variety of his own works, is David Staigle. He has recently returned from a four-month concert tour in California and Mexico.

Arthur Spires will be directing the Maranatha Inspirational Choir in a few concert selections, accompanied by pianist Claude Bowles.

Mrs. Willia Williams, a minister of music, will be bringing the mass choir from Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, the largest black church in the N. Portland community. The Reverend Mr. O.B. Williams is the pastor.

Other groups include the Bailey family: Fellowship Youth Choir; Neighborhood Church of God Choir; Community AME Zion Church, Vancouver; Prince of Peace Band; Vivian Parker and Shari Marion.

"Through this concert, we hope to bring about unity among the various churches and the body of Christ," says Parker, director of PMI. "This concert is also a fund-raiser for the ministry."

As an associate member of the American Correctional Association, Parker has been directing PMI since its founding in 1975. The non-profit organization bridges the gap between prisoners and society by acting as a mediator for the prisoner. It also provides chapel services, housing, jobs, food, clothing, literature and counseling.

Parker began counseling in city jails in 1964, but eventually expanded his work to Correctional and State Institutions. Now much of his counseling involved transitional and inside work with prisoners of all denominations and all races.

## Salvation Army honored

Portland Mayor Francis Ivancie proclaimed the week of May 10-16 to be "Salvation Army Week" in honor of the people-helping organization's continuing service to Metro-area residents during these tough economic times.

The mayor's action adds the greater Portland area to scores of communities nationwide that are calling attention to The Salvation Army's work during that week.

Ivancie announced the proclamation during a brief City Hall ceremony in Portland on May 3.

"The Salvation Army continues to contribute valuable moral, spiritual and social service help to resi-

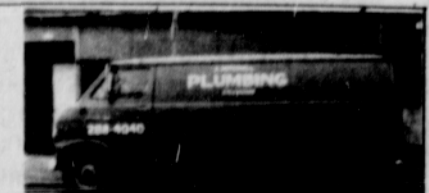
dents of our area, and we're deeply grateful to all who are involved with it," Ivancie told Lt. Col. H.J. Wiseman, divisional commander for The Salvation Army in Oregon and southern Idaho.

Locally, The Salvation Army's programs include The Harbor Light Center, The Moore Street Community Center, The Adult Rehabilitation Center, White Shield Home, two Family Service Centers, Camp Trestle Glen, The Rose Center, and activities in corrections ministry, home and hospital visitation, disaster relief, missing persons search and more.

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