# Illinois Insurer Suspended In Oregon

The Oregon Insurance Division suspended Edison Insurance Company on March 1 from doing any business in the state.

Edison writes property and casualty insurance and specializes in commerical liability and physical damage coverage for trucks. The company wrote over \$1.4 million in premiums during 1990 in Oregon.

Last month, an Illinois court placed Edison in liquidation after the Illinois Insurance Department requested the liquidation upon learning that Edison's liabilities exceeded its assets by more than \$8.4 million.

Oregonians who have coverage through the insolvent company have until March 22, 1991, to find replacement insurance. At that time, Edison coverage will expire. The Oregon Insurance Guaranty Association is responsible for all covered Edison claims incurred prior to cancellation.

Oregon citizens who have a claim pending against Edison may write Ken Kennell, claims Administrator, Oregon Insurance Guaranty Association, 10700 SW Beaverton Hwy., Suite 426, Beaverton, OR 97005 or call him at 641-7132.

Consumers who want to know if an insurance company is authorized to do business in Oreogn can contact the Insurance Division's Company Section at 440 Labor and Industries Building, Salem, OR 97310, or call them at 378-

### Safeway Employees Raise **Record Amount For Easter Seals**

Safeway employees in Oregon and SW Washington contributed over ONE-HALF MILLION DOLLARS setting a new company record - on the Oregon Easter Seals Telethon, broadcast on March 2 and 3, 1991.

Nationwide, employees of Safeway Inc. contributed \$5.1 MILLION DOLLARS, which represents a ONE (1) \$1 millioin dollar increae over last year's contribution.

Safeway's Senior Vice President and Division manager for the Portland Division, Mr. John Cartales said:

"I am extremely proud of our employees who without any thought of personal advancement, raised this record amount to help people with disabilities," the breakdown of Safeway's contribution from retail divisions throughout the United sates was:

PORTLAND DIVISION (Oregon and SW Washington) - 102 stores raised \$507, 658.00

SEATTLE DIVISION

(Alaska, Montana, Idaho and most of Washington state) - 177 stores raised \$600,000.00

# DENVER DIVISION

(Colorado and parts of Wyoming, Nebraska and South Dakota) - 122

#### stores raised \$504,879.00 **EASTERN DIVISION**

(Washington D.C., Maryland and northern Virginia) - 149 stores raised \$752,000.00

#### **NORTHERN** CALIFORNIA DIVISION

(Hawaii, northern California and western Nevada) - 250 stores raised \$1,523,755.00

# PHOENIX DIVISION

(Arizona) - 88 stores raised \$312,400.00

In addition, Safeway's Administrative Office and Supply Divisions raised \$162,809; Safeway's Canadian Divisions collected \$227,000.00 and another \$499,107.00 was raised through vendor programs and direct company contributions to local Easter Seals Societies and the National Easter Seals Society.

Last year, Safeway employees raised \$4.1 million. Since 1986, more than \$16 million has been contributed to Easter Seals by Safeway and Safeway employees.

Easter seals provides direct services to more than 8,000 people with disabilities in Oregon & SW Washington, as well as 1.1 million people nation wide each year.

Safeway is one of the world's largest food retailers, operating more than 1,100 supermarkets - primarily in the western United States, western Canada and the Mid-Atlantic states.



# **Higher Fines For Federal** Child

#### **Labor Violations Effective** March 1

Higher civil money penalties for child labor violations became effective March 1, 1991, the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. According to Wilbur Olson, regional administrator for the department's Wage Hour Division here, the maximum child labor civil money penalty rose from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Beginning March 1, 1991, there is a two-tier child labor assessment structure. The first tier of existing fines will apply to violations occurring before Nov. 5, 1990, and the second tier of higher penalties will apply to child labor violations occurring on and after Nov.

In determining the penalty amounts assessed for child labor violations, the department considers the size of the firm and the gravity of the violations, as well as such factors as the duration of violations and the exposure of individual minors to multiple violations, Olson said.

He added, "The new structure will result in relatively small increases in assessments for less serious violations, but much larger increases for the most serious violations." firms cited for child labor violations may still appeal the findings, seeking to have them overturned, or pay the fines as assessed.

The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) was changed by Congress to incorporate the increased civil money penalties. The law was also modified to provide that revenues from these penalties will go to the U.S. treasury, not the Labor Department. Regulations implementing these changes were published in the Feb. 28 Federal Register. Over the last few years, and especially in 1990, the department significantly increased its child labor enforcement efforts, conducting four nationwide child labor strike forces last year, which identified more than 28,000 illegally employed young workers. Resulting fines of more than \$10 million are estimated to be assessed for these violations.

#### Volunteers! Volunteers! Volunteers!

Volunteers of all ages and skill levels are invited to donate one day of their time to help North/Northeast area seniors with minor home repairs, yard work and interior/exterior painting. Call Project Linkage at 249-8215 to volunteer. Project linkage is part of the Senior Opportunities Division of Metropolitan Family Service, a non-profit agency



# **Advocates Seek Comment** On Services For Seniors

The Portland/Multnomah Commission on Aging seeks comment on the plan for aging services in Multnomah County for the next four years. A public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20 from 2:30-3:30 pm. "These are really critical decisions," said Commission director Becky Wehrli, "because of proposed cuts facing us due to the property tax limitation."

Service priorities in the draft plan identified for continuation include door-to-door transportation, meals, district senior service centers, and longterm-care. Expansion of services to minority and low-income seniors, weekend and evening access to services, housing, and mental health services are new initiatives proposed for the future.

The public is invited to give their ideas to the Commission on Aging, sponsor of the hearing. Copies of the draft plan can be obtained by calling Jan Tucker at Multnomah County Aging Services Division, 248-3646. the Commission will consider public comments in recommending changes in the plan before it is presented in May to the County and State for approval.

## Double Checking Return Helps Speed Up Refund

At tax time, the old adage that time is money comes to mind. In this case, taking a little time to ensure accuracy and legibility saves processing and correspondence time and costs for the Internal Revenue Service. It also means faster processing time and speedier refunds for taxpayers. Some of the most significant tax errors being made by Oregonians include:

-Entering an incorrect social security number or omitting a spouse's number. -Not entering the standard deduction or entering an incorrect amount.

-Not claiming or incorrectly computing the earned income credit, or taking it in error (generally available only to taxpayers with dependent children who earn less than \$20,264).

-Entering an incorrect name on the name

-Wrong entries for estimated tax payments.

-Using the incorrect tax from the tax table or not entering the total tax.

-Arithmetic errors made when figuring a refund or amount of tax owed. -Not checking the box to indicate

dependency status. Accurately filed tax returns help prevent delays and benefit everyone, both in



The days of the dead battery are gone thanks to a battery with a spare unit.

# I DREAM A WORLD

Portraits of Black Women Who Changed America



ma Poinsette Clark @ 1989, Brian Lanker

Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Brian Lanker reveals the essence of 75 women, their strength, dignity and spirit: women who have taken mighty steps across America's history, and whose triumphs inspire us all.

Museum of Art University of Oregon Eugene, Oregon March 10-May 5 Photographs by Brian Lanker

# USWEST

Making the most of your time.\*

The exhibition and its national tour are made possible by a grant from the U S WEST Foundation.

© 1991 US WEST, Inc.

# Tomothy Holt Attends Children's Defense Fund Conference

Timothy Holt, Program Coordinator for Oregon Outreach and MYCAP, recently attended the annual conference of the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, D.C.

The conference theme, "What Works: Bridging the Gaps for America's Children," brought together over 1,200 leading child advocates and professionals from around the country February 28 -March 2 to discuss and collaborate on effective programs and strategies that work for children.

Mr. Holt is especially active in developing support services for gang involved youth and their families.

professor Dr.T. Berry Brazleton; Harvard Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark and University lecturer and author Lisbeth Joe Perez and James Robinson with the Schorr; photojournalist Stephen Shames; Bedford-Stuyvesant Center for Maryland Family resource Ambulance Corp received Community Center Executive Director Rosalie Streett; parents as Teachers Director Mildred Winters; Harvard University Public Policy professor Ronald Ferguson; Senator Thomas Harkin (D-IA); and Children's Defense Fund President Marian Wright Edelman.

Conference plenary speakers individuals for their respective efforts included Harvard Medical School on behalf of children. Barbara Bell of Service Awards, and Senator Christopherf Dodd (D-CT) and Nancy Spears with the Alabama Council on Human relations received Leadership

Awards were given to several

The Children's Defense Fund exists to provide a strong and effective voice for the children of America.



