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## Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs Annual Conference

The Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) annual minority entrepreneurship conference is set for May 16, 1991 at the Oregon Convention Center.

The one-day event begins with an opportunity for owners and managers of small business and those developing or researching entrepreneurial opportunities the chance for seminar-type training in critical business skills, later in the day a trade show and networking reception will occur.

"Our program includes financing options, legal considerations, advertising and marketing contracting with local and federal government, insurance and other basic knowledge a person needs to know to start, as well as, be successful in business," explained Sam Brooks, Executive Director of OAME.

Key note speaker for the event is Joshua I. Smith, current Chair of the Bush Administration's Commission on Minority Business Development, and founder of the MAXIMA Corporation, an information management company

with revenue exceeding \$54 million yearly and the 9th largest African-American business in the United States.

The OAME conference began in 1989, it is open to all business people. "Our name indicates minority entrepreneurs, but OAME stands for all businesses. We work to create networks between business, large and small, minority and non-minority, Brooks noted.

To strengthen that network, OAME is publishing a Minority Business Directory, that will be available during the May 16 Conference. "This guide for access to minority-owned businesses, and a resource for purchasers and contracting officers to obtain minority business services," Brooks explained.

Major sponsors of OAME Annual Conference are U.S. West Communications, First Interstate Bank, and U.S. Bank. Information about the conference may be obtained by calling OAME office; 236-1190 or writing to: OAME Center 847 NE 19th, Suite 245 Portland, OR 97232

## NAACP Urges Bureau Of Census To Adjust Figures For Undercount

The NAACP has called on the Census Bureau to adjust its 1990 census figures. In light of the Bureau's "post-enumeration survey," which revealed that roughly two million African-Americans were undercounted.

The complete text of its statement, issued by Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, NAACP Executive Director follows:

"The NAACP is especially concerned with the undercounting of all persons in the United States. We deplore all attempts to exclude accurate census figures for African-Americans. We are calling on the Bureau of Census to adjust its figures to more accurately reflect the composition of every group in this country. The Bureau's recent survey of the 1990 census revealed that some six million persons were undercounted.

"The undercount of blacks is disproportionate when compared to other groups. If the government, with full knowledge of the inaccuracy, fails to adjust its figures, blacks will be harmed in every sphere of life.

"The census is one of the fundamental instruments for allocating power in this country. It determines the apportionment of representatives, the allocation of electoral college votes in presidential elections, and the distribution among states and localities of billions of dollars in federal funds for housing, education, transportation, environmental protection, and other services.

"It is, therefore, evident that failure to adjust the existing figures will impair the equality of life for blacks throughout this country.

"From the outset, the NAACP has been urging the Bureau not just to count

blacks accurately, but to articulate a commitment to adjust and correct 'inevitable' undercounts. The NAACP joined a lawsuit with other groups requesting that the court order the Department of Commerce to reverse 'its action prohibiting the (Census) Bureau from any further preparations' for correcting an undercount.

"The court issued an order requiring that defendants publish corrected data or a detailed statement of the grounds for their decision against correction no later than July 15, 1991.

"Despite this clear court mandate, the Department of Commerce recently testified before Congress that if analysis of statistical correction data is incomplete on July 15, 1991, the Secretary of Commerce will decide against correction solely on the basis that the work was not 'completed'. This statement suggests that the Department of Commerce has misinterpreted the court's order since that order requires a detailed statement of reasons if the Department fails to adjust its figures by July 15th.

"The counting of all Americans should be a serious, non-partisan undertaking. However, it appears that because blacks may benefit politically and economically by being counted as Americans, there are those who are desirous of excluding blacks from the count.

"The NAACP requests the Bureau of Census and the Department of Commerce to do what is right and just; adjust the census figures to reflect more accurately the number of blacks and other Americans."

## Publication Offers Insight On Health Policies

A new regional publication will provide health care professionals and business leaders the opportunity to exchange information about health issues. Oregon Health Forum, a non-partisan, monthly newsletter, will provide news, analysis and commentary on issues affecting the medical community, government, business, labor and consumers. The newsletter will track legislative actions, offer perspectives on the business of health care and share emerging trends. It will analyze topics such as the physician surplus in Portland, the competitive drive by hospitals to have the latest technology and attempts by employers to drive down health care costs.

"These are changing and dynamic times in the health care industry," says Jack Friedman, Ph.D., Chairman of the Oregon Health Forum board of directors and chief development officer for the Sisters of Providence Health Plans. "Anyone associated with health care needs accurate and concise information. This newsletter promises to be the best source for health care policy news in this region."

Modeled after a similar newsletter in the state of Washington Washington Health, Oregon Health Forum, a non-profit corporation, represents a broad coalition that includes government representatives, medical providers, business leaders, labor representatives and consumers. As an information clearing house, Oregon Health Forum eventually hopes to commission public opinion surveys, host educational forums and publish special reports.

Initial funding for the newsletter was provided by more than 40 medical, business and community organizations. The project will be self-sustaining through subscription fees.

Veteran health care writer Diane S. Lund will be editor of Oregon Health Forum. For the past five years, she has written for local and national health publications.

## UO Music School Presents Elizabethan Music, Dance

Music and dance from the Elizabethan period will be featured at a free Collegium Musicum concert at 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, May 29, in Room 198 of the University of Oregon School of Music.

The Collegium Musicum, a student class ensemble directed by UO Associate Professor Randall Moore, will be joined by students from a UO class in Renaissance dance, taught by Graduate Teaching Fellow Alixe Dancer of Roseburg.

Dancers in renaissance costumes will perform a farandol, a spangolletta, a pavane and a Morris stick dance, with instrumental accompaniment by a recorder consort and percussion instruments. Vocal music will consist of rounds and catches, as well as madrigals of the English Shakespearean era. For more information call the music school at 346-5678. Concert times may be confirmed by calling the Music Hotline at 346-3764.



## Lawmakers Steer Oregon Away From Video Poker

Rep. Margaret Carter, D-Portland, and Rep. Mike Burton, D-Portland, unveiled a proposal to keep Oregon out of the video poker business, raise new general fund revenue and provide anti-gambling education.

The two lawmakers took action as the state moves closer, everyday, to embracing video poker and betting heavily on a gambling jackpot to fix the state's finances. "Video slot machines" is a term now being heard in reference to the state's headlong rush into gambling.

Rep. Carter has become increasingly concerned about Oregon's gambling future as she watches the video poker debate from her seat as Vice-Chair on the House Committee on Trade and Economic Development. As a member of the House Revenue Committee, Rep. Burton also has a ringside seat to the push for quick fixes to the state's financial problems. Rep. Carter and Rep. Burton believe their proposal is a responsible compromise and will slow :mcafOregon's move to becoming the next Nevada or Atlantic City.

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