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## Nike Rallies To Aid Hurricane Victims

**NIKE**, Inc., the world's leading sports and fitness company, is sending a check for \$10,000 plus thousands of apparel items and shoes to aid victims of Hurricane Andrew in Florida and Louisiana.

"The disaster affects us all in one way or another, and we feel good about being able to assist the relief efforts with both a financial contribution as well as large quantities of much-needed product," said NIKE President Richard K. Donahue. "We're also encouraging our employees to help by matching any personal contributions they make," Donahue said.

NIKE's product donation includes over 3,500 pair of shoes and thousands of pieces of apparel, valued in excess of \$120,000. Virginia Hensen, NIKE's Director of Public Affairs, said the shoes and clothing are being shipped to Gifts in Kind America, a non-profit agency in Alexandria, Virginia, which will distribute the product to needy schoolchildren and families.

NIKE's contribution of \$10,000

from the company's "Just Do It Fund" will go to the national headquarters of the American Red Cross has indicated that several recent natural disasters, have nearly depleted its cash reserves, and the lack of funds is the main problem it currently faces in the Hurricane Andrew relief efforts. NIKE's "Just Do It" Fund is also matching employee contributions to non-profit relief agencies on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The matching gift is available to all NIKE employees.

Hensen said the company's response isn't unusual. "NIKE has utilized the services of Gifts In Kind to distribute over 150,000 pair of shoes nationally to the needy and homeless over the past two years. We have a very extensive network of agencies around the country we supply with product, so they're ready to respond to emergency situations. In a tragedy of this magnitude, we have lots of concerned employees who want to do something to help out. Our matching gift program gives them a lot of incentive to send donation," Hensen said.

## Sickle Cell Diagnosed

After 40 Years!



Ethel Dillon and Marsha Taylor

**E**thel Dillon, now 44 years old says, it took them 40 years to realize that I have Sickle Cell Disease and not arthritis! Born and raised in the state of Mississippi, Ethel recalls her father suffering with bone and joint pain for many years which the doctors all referred to as arthritis. She said, "my father died in pain" and my oldest brother hurts just like I do. The doctors told my brother he'd inherited Sickle Cell Disease from my father and when

I came along 16 years later, the doctors just assumed that I had inherited the same thing. I was rubbed with Ben-Gay ointment and I learned to live with pain. Ethel recalls being taken to emergency rooms in various hospitals and being told that she was hyperventilating. She was given a brown bag to breathe into. When she suffered severe back pain she was told that it was her kidneys until one day a doctor ran kidney studies. "I think they just thought it was all in my

head," said Ethel. "At least that was the way I was treated. I was transfused when I had children, but the doctors just thought I was anemic because I was pregnant," Ethel says she was also treated with iron shots for her anemia, which is common for severe anemia which is non-sickle cell related. Sickle Cell patients are usually not given iron because of the potential to be transfused often and if transfused often enough one could suffer with iron overload. Ethel states, "the same doctor that had been hostile toward me when I had no other symptoms, but pain in various parts of my body became very concerned when I spiked a fever. He hospitalized me and began a series of tests. I was later informed that the condition I have is Sickle-Thalassemia or Sickle Cell Disease. I inherited the S (for sickle cell anemia) trait from one parent and the t (for Thalassemia) from the other parent. I will soon have to have both hips replaced, and though I must use a cane to support me, I'm glad to be able to get around. At least the doctors now know what they are treating me for and can help me. I was directed to the Portland Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation by the Cancer Foundation and I'm grateful to have met others who also have the disease. We encourage each other. Mrs. Marcia Taylor and her staff have assisted me in so many ways and been a real sense of comfort, because I have no family here. Noting that September is National Sickle Anemia Awareness Month, I thought it appropriate to tell my story and to encourage those who have not been tested to do so because Sickle Cell is not always diagnosed at birth and not every doctor realizes that shortness of breath, weakness, pain in various parts of the body, anemia, and jaundiced eyes are all symptoms of Sickle Cell Disease. However,

thanks to the work that Mrs. Taylor is doing at the foundation, there is a greater awareness and more and more doctors are growing concerned. Those who have not registered with the Portland Sickle Cell anemia Foundation to call 249-1366. There are benefits that you may not be aware of and there's a monthly support group available to help you bear the burden and meet other needs. "Moreover, you are not alone."

Taylor states, "in recognition of sickle cell anemia Awareness Month, we have host our first cable telethon Saturday, September 19th, at 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., at the Multnomah Cable studio, located at 26000 S.E. Stark on the Mt. Hood college Campus. We are looking for volunteers from all walks of life. If you are interested, just telephone the office and ask to speak with the Volunteer Coordinator."

September 26th is Open House at The Portland Sickle Cell Anemia foundation (Center) from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served and a special presentation will be made. Stop in and meet some of the clients, board members and staff. donation of \$10.00 are suggested, but not required and no one is limited to \$10.

The Portland Sickle Cell anemia foundation Pushes for Newborn Screening.

Below is a chart depicting the present mandatory newborn screening program which does not include sickle Cell Disease. Testing to note that a few have found only one or two of these once or twice, if ever, while the rate of incidence for Sickle Cell Anemia is one in every 400-500 Afro-Americans alone and is found in some Caucasians as well. One in very ten Afro-Americans will have the Sickle Cell trait.

## OHS Board To Host Benefit Event At Perlina

Members of the Oregon Historical Society Board of Directors will host a day and evening-long benefit on Monday, September 14, at Perlina Restaurant and Bar in Portland. The restaurant's owners have pledged one-half of all proceeds from 11:30am until closing to help underwrite the OHS exhibits program.

The public is encouraged to visit Perlina for lunch, late-day refreshments or dinner. Located in an old fire station in Portland's popular Pearl district, the new restaurant specializes in regional

Italian cuisine prepared by Chef Giuliano Hazan. The restaurant prepares hand-made pastas and bread. For lunch or dinner reservations phone 221-1170

OHS will use the donated funds to help underwrite an ambitious schedule of exhibits including the Great Exploration Gallery opening later this month, and "Praise Old Believers", an exhibit of photographs and textiles depicting life in the community of Old Believers living near Woodburn, opening on October 1.

## Billy Graham Press Conference To Launch Pacific Northwest Billy Graham Crusade



What: Evangelist Billy Graham will hold a press conference to outline plans for the Pacific Northwest Billy Graham Crusade and address key issues and needs prevalent throughout the Greater Portland/Vancouver area.

Who: The Pacific Northwest Billy Graham Crusade, Inc., is a not-for-profit organization, operating under the direction of a 114-member Executive committee, with Dr. Joseph Aldrich, President of Multnomah School of the Bible, serving as Chair.

Over 900 churches representing 96 denominations throughout the Greater Portland/Vancouver area have fully participated in the year-long Crusade preparations.

When: Monday, September 21, 1992 at 10:00 a.m. (Coffee and Danish available at 9:30 a.m.)

Where: Multnomah Athletic Club, West Ballroom 1849 SW Salmon, Portland, OR.

Immediately following the press conference, there will be a photo opportunity with Mr. Graham at Civic Sta-

dium, adjacent to the MAC Club.

Additional Details: \* The Crusade will be held at Civic Stadium, September 23-27. Meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday and 3:30 p.m., Sunday. (The stadium will be open 1 1/2 hours before services.)  
\* Special Family Time - Saturday, September 26, 2:00 p.m. "Saturday at the Stadium: Kids+Moms+Dads = Celebration"

\* Local crusade involvement to date: Choir Over 7,000 to date  
Ushers Over 2,000 to date  
Counselors Over 9,000 to date

\* The Pacific Northwest Billy Graham Crusade press office will be open September 17-28, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Sunday to assist the media. For updates on statistics, daily Crusade developments or events, please contact us at the press office located in:

Hawthorne Room (main level) Red Lion Lloyd Center, 1000 NE Multnomah, Portland, OR, phone: 503/249-3175 Fax: 503/249-3170

## Army Offers Help With College Loan Repayment

Young men and women who are having a difficult time repaying their college or vocational school loans can turn for assistance to the United States Army and its Loan Repayment Program. It provides either total or partial relief from college loans debts and could help students avoid defaulting on their loans.

For graduates, or for someone who has attended college but have not received a degree, the Loan Repayment

Program presents an alternative to spending a long time paying back a student loan, or in some cases, defaulting. It makes it possible to spend a short time in the service, pay off part or all of the student loan, and then start a career without that debt.

The Army makes the program available to qualified men and women who have gone to college or vocational school on National Direct Student Loans (now called Perkins Loans) or Guaranteed

Student Loans (now called Stafford Student Loans) made after October 1, 1975, and whose loans are not in default. Each year of active duty reduces the college debt by one-third, or \$1,500, whichever is greater, with a maximum benefit of \$55,000.

An Army Reservist under the program can have a student loan repaid while remaining at home. Each year served eliminates fifteen percent of an outstanding loan, or \$500, whichever is

greater. During a standard eight-year enlistment, a major portion of a student debt can be eliminated. The maximum benefit paid is \$10,000 in most cases.

Young men and women who are looking for help repaying their college or vocational school loans can receive more information about the program by visiting their local Army Recruiting Station or by speaking to their student financial aid officer.

## Education Update Continued, II



BY PROF. MCKINLEY BURT

Before we get down to cases this week, be advised that there will be no let up in the "buzz words" and exotic metaphors the education establishment will be throwing at us. Last week I cited "Attention Deficit Disorder" (hyperactive) and "Choice" (the essence of ambiguity). And of course there is "Learning Disabled" (a possibility being that it is the school that is "disabled").

But the one I really like is "Site-based Management". Do you really believe there exists such a process completely independent of central administration--except temporarily when there has been a concession to neighborhood parents uptight about one of those "disabled" schools? There are some cases, we admit, where there is a degree of

independence granted (or feasible) in terms of curriculum modification and the introduction of innovative learning modes. But it is usually done with some fear and trepidation, and usually accompanied by a tug of war.

That's a situation in the public sector, but let us look at another area, the private colleges. I have been especially interested in this area because of the large number of African American parents wishing to send their children to a "Traditional Black College"--or keep them there. Even before the current economic turn down, these schools were fighting for their very survival, and in the grip of even greater financial woes than their white counterparts. They are located in the states with the lowest education budgets and many face bankruptcy or merging with state institutions (true!).

This, however, is a national problem for all private schools and Oregon is included of course. Just last month we had the following statement from Dwight Sangrey, president of the Oregon Graduate Institute, "as many as one-third of all private colleges and universities will go out of business in the next 10 years, including some in Oregon... rising educational costs cannot be met by pushing up tuition and thus shrinking the number of students who can afford private schools." The situation is exacerbated by the fact that

the State-Supported Colleges are suffering from a severe financial shortfall. Consequently, tuition is rising dramatically and the number of classes and instructors have been severely pared. The inevitable result being that admissions will be reduced. And we all know that this reduction will be accomplished by increasing grade requirements (got it?). Further compounding the problem is the fact that hundreds of California students are coming to Oregon Schools as their own are becoming disabled-tuition is still cheaper here, even for out-of-staters. Education is in no better shape "back east". The entire nation is in serious trouble.

Now, where are those people who disagreed with me when a couple of years ago (and last fall), I said all those "Year 2000 Projections" for America to become tops in the world in mathematics and science were nothing but a pipe dream? A cruel hoax being played on the taxpayers and voters who would have to pick up the tab for a hundred little uncoordinated but highly publicized projects initiated sometimes by well-practiced hustlers who knew better. You'd think I'd get tired being right. I am!

"The Man From Hope" (Arkansas); That's presidential candidate, Bill Clinton and the title of the lead article in the latest issue of "NEA Today", the

official organ of the National Education Association. "Hope" also could be a play on words for "hope eternal" was certainly the principal emotion expressed by the thousands of public school teachers at the July 7 NEA convention in Washington, D.C.

Association reporters waxed eloquent: "Bill Clinton didn't didn't make a speech at NEA's 1992 Representative Assembly; Instead he spent nearly an hour answering delegate questions. How did he do? The next day, in the NEA endorsement balloting, delegates gave Clinton the strongest support ever accorded a candidate for president". Perhaps we will finally get a real "Education President". My "hope" also springs eternal.

Key information is still coming in on that "Science and Mathematics Education Review" I promised last week. Look for it on September 16. In the meantime, let me remind you of that very excellent "Whitney Young Tutorial Program" being conducted again by the Portland Urban League. There is none better in the city for middle school and high school students; last years results were very, very good classes are held weekdays, Monday through Thursday from 3 P.M. to 8 P.M. at the Urban League, N.E. Russell and Williams Ave. Registration days are September, 8, 9 and 10, 3 to 7 P.M. Call Gloria Phillips at 280-2600.