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*NECDC Supports First-Time Home Buyers*

## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### Combat Positions Now Open For Women

As early as next February, the Airforce has said that they will have trained and have at least 10 women ready to be fighter bomber pilots. The Navy and Army will also start training. The Marines do not have any women aviators at this point.

### Lee Brown Chosen As New Drug Czar

President Clinton has selected Lee Brown, a former Multnomah County sheriff, as the new drug czar. The appointment still needs Senate approval. He expected to be a "shoo in".

### Oregon Will Test Abortion Pill

Approximately 2,000 women across the nation will be involved in the RU-486 testing, but Oregon will be the first to test the highly controversial abortion pill. The testing will be coordinated by the Oregon Health Sciences University. The RU-485 is an alternative to a surgical abortion.

### Koresh's Remains Identified

The bullet wound was cause of death, but authorities did not say if the wound was self inflicted or otherwise. Survivors are also beginning to tell their side of the story. There are allegations of sexual and physical abuse to children as young as eleven years old by the Branch Davidian leader.

### Earthquake A Hoax

John Gunter a street preacher predicted that Portland would be lost among it ruins on Monday, May 3. He went to another state just in case. It seems his phone is unlisted and he can not be reached for further comments or predictions.

### 70 Percent of Voters Worried About Nations Direction

A new Washington Post-ABC News poll shows about seven out of 10 voters believe the nation is headed down the wrong path and more than half believe the Clinton administration is doing too little to turn the country around.

### Clinton Potpourri

Will not delay presentation of health plan reform, which seems to be becoming rather spendy (taxes); promises more aggressiveness on Balkans policy; Serbs asking Clinton to hold off on being forceful; Going to use armed forces in Bosnia.

## Collins Center To Hold Golf Tournament

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The Grace Collins Memorial Center will hold a golf tournament at the Colwood National Golf Club, located at 7313 N.E. Columbia Blvd., June 19, 1993

The Collins Center is a 45 year old daycare, and youth community center serving low-income, single parent families and providing youth with recreational facilities.

The founder Evelyn Collins along with her late mother Grace started the center in response to appeals by welfare recipient mothers for affordable, safe, and quality daycare. They contended they could find work, if daycare was provided. Originally the daycare was housed in an apartment on Flint St. Shortly thereafter Miss Collins came into a modest inheritance of \$300.00 from an aunt, and she also was able to secure a loan from her place of employment (Meir and Frank) for

\$300.00. She took the combined total of \$600.00 and bought a house on Rodney between Morris and Monroe streets. Within a year the demand for daycare was such that a non-profit board of directors was formed and a search was launched to find a larger building.

A former legion hall was found at 128 N.E. Russell. After renovating it became the present site for the Grace Collins Memorial Center.

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Miss Collins is now 79 years old, and continues to work at the center 8 to 10 hours a day. She does so without pay.

Last August, Chuck Washington suggested to the board of directors of the Collins Center that Golf Tournament might serve as a good way to heighten the awareness of business and professionals about the work of Collins Center in the inner-city.

Mychal Thompson was approached on the matter, since he is the chair person for the golf committee. Mr. Thompson agreed to chair and has been very involved in publicizing, contributing energy and suggestions to the effort.

The Gold tournament is a scramble. Both men and women are invited to participate. Entry fees cover 18 holes, a golf cart per two people, a buffet luncheon, and an award ceremony. For further information contact: Dan Bell at 249-3750 or write him at 128 N.E. Russell Portland, OR, 97212.

## Education For Economic Gain: Where It Is Folks

BY PROFESSOR MCKINLEY BURT

I love it! Already, I've had four calls from readers of last week's article, and two (women) report that they have hit the jackpot by following up on that information on "Trade Magazines" (The monthly publications of specific business groups like food markets, restaurant operators, auto repair or sales, contractors, pharmacists, boat builders, shoe stores, etc.).

One black female looked through an auto repair and service publication for some replacement item she could manufacture at home without too much equipment (she's an expert seamstress with an industrial-type sewing machines in her garage). Not only was she keyed in to a market for some innovative seat covers, but also learned that the automotive trade had scholarships and on-the-job training opportunities that matched her teenage son's interests. The school counselor had never mentioned these possibilities to the minority students. The lady is on it like "white on rice!" You've go to read folks.

The other "winner", a white female who was in my Affirmative Actio class many years ago, said all that talk about "manuals at the library and retrieving information" jogged her memory. She suggested that it would be very helpful if I would repeat my advice of five years ago—"Don't fail to follow up good projects and ideas because they require parts and component that you know you can't possibly manufacture—require many thousands of dollars of equipment you can't possibly afford. Let me introduce you to "Thomas Register of Manufacturers" (Business section downtown library).

Is the lady ever right and I repeat from last week that you must expand that "frame of reference"—beyond the environment or way-of-life encountered on the job or at home when

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## Hundreds Of Foster Parents To Be Honored In Oregon

May is Foster Care Awareness Month in Oregon and Children's Services Division is working with businesses and community groups to show their appreciation of foster parents.

There are an average of 2,800 foster homes in Oregon...caring for more than 3,500 children. Foster parents help a child through a time in their life that most children never experience...separation from family and loved ones. They are a vital link to a child's family, community and culture and play a significant role in the lives of our most vulnerable children.

In recognition of foster parents' dedication, Governor Barbara Roberts has signed certificates of appreciation. The certificates will be given to foster parents at various events throughout the month of May.

If you would like to attend a foster parent appreciation event or profile a foster home or foster children, call the local CSD branch manager or foster care recruiter.

### Automotive

#### "Project Safe Baby Launches Car Seat Program"

Oregon legislature... would require all children under for to be secured by car seats while in motor vehicles

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### Housing

#### "Affordable Housing Receives Corporate Support"

OCAH is dedicated to the construction, development and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing for lower income families.

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### MetroLife

#### "Anne Waldman Appears At Northeast Service Center"

The power of Waldman's poetry comes from internal tension generated by conflict... disclosure and secret.

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### Sports

#### "Valvano Loses Fight With Cancer"

Weakened by the disease and chemotherapy treatment, he had been unable to attend the weekend of the final four of NCAA tournament

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