

EDITORIAL

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Winners Of The 1993 Mayor's Spirit Of Portland Awards

The Mayor's Spirit Of Portland Awards are annual awards given out to volunteers, businesses, city employees, and the neighborhood that best represent the "Spirit of Portland" through their interaction with the community. The recipients of this year's awards are:

VOLUNTEERS

Carolyn Altmann and Mark Parker are two Portlanders with a passion and commitment for many aspects of Portland's livability. Over the past seven years this husband and wife team have volunteered their time to the arts, the great outdoors, neighborhood livability, and transportation. Since 1985 Carolyn has served on the board of Oregon Advocates for the Arts, as an artist in the Young Audiences program, as a five-year board member for Artquake, and as a founder of the Dance Coalition of Oregon.

At the same time, Mark Parker has served four years as a volunteer director for the Mt. Hood Nordic Ski Patrol. Most recently he has chaired the Mt. Hood Search and Rescue Council, an organization which has saved countless lives in Oregon's backcountry.

O.B. O'Brien volunteers his time as the Chair of the Division Street Merchants Association, while at the same time running a business on Division for the past 40 years. His work 500 applaud these exceptional these-

a positive partnership between the business community and local residents along Division Street in Southeast Portland.

Jim Durkheimer, who spent many years as a food broker before his retirement, now contributes a great portion of his time to advising, cajoling, directing, delivering, serving and actually leading many of the volunteer efforts of the Loaves and Fishes Program. Presently serving on their board of directors, Jim is providing fine leadership to the staff and other volunteers in the Loaves and Fishes Organization.

Clarence "C.J." Harris is dedicated to the mission of serving those who cannot serve themselves. C.J. devotedly arrives at the Irvington Loaves and Fishes to pick up eighteen meals to deliver to homebound seniors in the neighborhood. His reliability and "show up at any cost" dedication has made C.J. a stand out in his community. C.J. also volunteers his time on the Children's Transportation Project. He provides a safe environment for abused children while driving them to therapy. His special ability to establish trust has made him a favorite in the eyes of these children.

Ed Ketzler Sr. is someone who maintains a volunteer schedule that would wear out a person half his age. Ed assists in neighborhood cleanups, Gasperina saw the potential of this

ings. He will do anything that can be done to help make North Portland more liveable. Ed has had a say in everything from noise issues in North Portland to serving on committees at the Peninsula Senior Center and Friends of Columbia Park.

Betsy Radigan runs Project Safe Summer, a program aimed at keeping kids away from the temptations of vandalism and other negative activity during the summer months. Her efforts helped to create community sponsored events which served 345 at-risk youths in grades 12 through 8 in the NE Portland neighborhoods.

Virginia Shea serves as Supervisor of Volunteers for the Telephone Reassurance Program for Seniors. This program matches elderly seniors with volunteers who telephone them daily to check in on their well-being. During her ten years of involvement she has done everything from being a volunteer caller, to supervising over 100 volunteers.

Carol Stady is a true visionary in every sense of word. After volunteering with the Special Olympics, Carol decided to create another outlet for these "special people" to showcase their talents; the performing arts. Working with friends and family members, Carol has started a school of musical drama production for the developmentally disabled.

The outcome has been production of Maintenance, Roadside Maintenance

Ken Turner, the Manager of Eastport Plaza, has demonstrated a strong commitment to the community and neighborhood associations in Southeast Portland; specifically assisting youths with gang related problems. Ken also deserves much of the credit for the implementation of the Lents Centennial and Founders Day Parade and Celebration. Events such as these have created a cohesion among the neighborhoods and given the community a bright future.

Dick Winslow a retired Multnomah County Sheriff, has devoted over forty hours a week as Coordinator of the Hollywood and Rose City Community Policing Offices. His accomplishments include the recruiting and training of all of the volunteer staff in these offices. He has led by example and utilized his vast law enforcement knowledge to teach these volunteers skills used by professional officers.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

The Historic Kenton Hotel Partnership has spearheaded the revitalization of the Kenton Business District for the last three years. This hotel, which has been vacant for 12 years, has been returned to its original architecture and is now the focal point of a fresh new face on Kenton's Denver Avenue. Attorney John Condon and Developer Graziano Dalla

rundown hotel and have since reconditioned the building into a complex which houses a coffee shop, restaurant, and the Kenton Precinct Community Policing Office.

Key Bank of Oregon initiated the 1992 summer youth employment program which supplied jobs for at-risk youth in Northeast Portland. They completely sponsored the funding of this program in its inaugural year. This year, behind the leadership of Ted Winnowski, Key Bank helped enlist 6,000 other companies who contributed \$51,000 in support; enough to pay 17 teenagers in this summer's expanded version of the program.

BEST CITY EMPLOYEE

Henry Emrich, a Regulatory Specialist with the License Bureau, worked closely with representatives of the Oregon State Liquor Control Commission, the Portland Police Bureau, and many of Portland's neighborhoods in their efforts to lessen the negative effects of alcohol availability. Henry was effective in representing the City's liquor control policy relating to irresponsible marketing techniques, restricting problem products, and discouraging new liquor outlets in problem areas. Henry's dedication to improving the livability of Portland's neighborhoods made him an example to his peers and won the fanfare of citizens.

Barbara Krieg, Manager, Bureau

nance Division has received city-wide acclaim for the transformation of over 80 sites throughout the city into beautiful wildflower beds. These areas had been identified as having a history of causing expensive erosion and drainage problems. Her innovative thinking has not only saved the city and taxpayers thousands of dollars, but also brought special charm to Portland's landscape.

NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE YEAR

The Old Town/Chinatown Neighborhood Association has done a remarkable job of using its community and business resources to make measurable progress in its elimination of drug abuse and other related inner-city problems. Through the implementation of Volunteer Crime Reporters, community information services, the establishing of drug-free zones, and Hispanic community outreach effort this neighborhood has gained unparalleled cohesion and given itself an optimistic future.

The Mayor's Spirit of Portland Awards ceremony will take place at the Neighborhood Congress on Friday, October 8, at 8:30 pm, in the Smith Memorial Ballroom at Portland State University. Mayor Vera Katz, Commissioner Charlie Hales, and Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury will present the awards.

For more information contact Keith Witcosky at 823-4277.

National Health Care Campaign Launched

Democratic National Committee Chairman David Wilhelm and National Health Care Campaign Chair Governor Richard Celeste formally introduced the National Health Care Campaign (NHCC) and outlined goals for the group and showcased activities and materials of the campaign.

Wilhelm called the NHCC central to the DNC's agenda and said that the DNC was fortunate to have someone of Governor Celeste's caliber and commitment leading the effort to "empower people of all backgrounds so that their voices will be heard over the roar of the special interests who are lining up to block health reform."

Praising Celeste's qualifications, Wilhelm said, "As a former Governor who worked with a Republican-led Senate in his state, he has a proven record of forging bipartisan consensus on tough issues. From his years as a small businessman, he understands that small businesses are charged, on average, 35% more for insurance than the larger companies. And as a father of six, he had worried not just about his own insurance, but about cover-

age for his children."

Celeste sketched out three primary objectives of the NHCC: helping to keep the debate focused on the core principles that must guide any real health reform; empowering people across the country so they have an avenue to be active in the health care debate; and exposing the opponents of reform.

Celeste pledged to reach out to all people who share a commitment to reform that provides every American with quality, affordable health care, preserves a person's choice of doctor, control costs and simplifies the system.

"People across the country, from Augusta to Anchorage, want to see the healthcare system reformed. And there is even general agreement on what the reform should accomplish," Celeste said. "The challenge for the National Health Care Campaign is to help these people -- young and old; insured and uninsured; Republican, Democrat and Independent -- participate in the debate and communicate their concerns effectively."

Celeste continued, "We all have

a stake in passing reform that guarantees high quality, affordable care for every American. This isn't a partisan issue. It's a national issue."

Celeste said that the NHCC would be active in all 50 states and reported that people across the country are hosting more than 500 "watch parties" on Wednesday night to watch the President's speech with neighbors, co-workers, friends and family. He noted that the house parties represent the first step in opening the public dialogue on the issue.

Pointing to the Health Insurance Association of America's recent ad campaign distorting the President's plan before it has been announced, Celeste said that National Health Care Campaign would work to preserve an honest and informed dialogue on health reform and when necessary, would expose the opponents of reform. "The American people deserve to know who is behind inaccurate, misleading information," Celeste said.

The National Health Care Campaign is a special project of the Democratic National Committee.

Portland General Electric Supports Network

Big business is helping smaller Oregon businesses become more competitive.

Portland General Electric (PGE) has added its support to the Oregon Economic Development Department's Flexible Network with a \$10,000 merit grant to the Alltech Manufacturing Network.

"The muscle needed to win in global markets will come from smaller, more agile Oregon companies pooling talent and resources. PGE is pleased to support the Alltech Manufacturing Network, which is an excellent example of progressive small companies working together to become more profitable," said Dick Reiten, president of Portland General Electric.

The \$10,000 merit grant awarded by PGE matches a \$10,000 state lottery grant provided Alltech through the Flexible Network Program. To date, the Oregon Economic Development

Department has funded 31 networks through its Key Industries Development Initiative. These flexible networks are alliances among three or more private companies to develop new markets, produce new products and increase profits.

"Portland General Electric's merit award is an excellent example of big companies reaching out to support the competitive growth of smaller companies. We appreciate PGE's support of Oregon's key industries, which are receiving national recognition," said Oregon Economic Development Department Director Bill Scott.

Alltech is a Portland group of three metals manufacturers, a mechanical engineer and a metals industry consultant. The network expands the individual capabilities to manufacture precision machined parts and to design, assemble and install complete products. For example, Alltech manufactures precision tooling and

fixtures, and machines fastener components for earth moving equipment and complete machines for automated assembly lines.

"Our network is focused on new market opportunities, and large companies are our targeted customers. Collaboration between companies improves our commitment to quality and the production systems in all companies. In our network, the whole is certainly more than the sum of its parts," said Mike Collins of Alltech.

The Alltech companies include D.W. Fritz, Inc.; McGarry Machine, Gebhardt Machine Works, Inc.; Protum, Inc.; and MPC Consulting Services.

"Networks like Alltech help create wealth and jobs for Oregonians. PGE's grant award recognizes this outstanding manufacturing network, which promotes innovative partnerships and exceptional strategy, and captures markets for Oregon products," said Reiten.

Letter To The Editor

Dr. R.D. Pamplin Jr. has been our strength for 40 years are more. When we first started our day care center in order that we could comply with state licensing requirements, we spent our money before we had it. We were so deeply in debt that they were going to close us down. Dr. Pamplin became aware of this situation and he sent

funds to liquidate our debts. Since that time he has sent checks regularly to keep our book's balanced and at times of special needs, he has sent extra. He sends large quantities of food regularly.

Dr. Pamplin drives an ordinary car, lives in an ordinary house, and he lives like ordinary people, and he sends his wealth to help the

less fortunate.

Dr. Pamplin is to me one of the greatest, or should I say the greatest person, I know. I could go on and on speaking on Dr. Pamplin.

Respectfully Yours,
Evelyn Collins
Founder Director of Grace Collins Memorial Center

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Furse Wins Fight Over "Star Wars" Funding
Freshman saves \$150 million; first-time ever funding cut approved during floor amendment

Representative Elizabeth Furse, who promised to cut additional spending after supporting President Clinton's five-year deficit reduction plan, delivered on that promise by cutting \$150 million from the FY94 Defense Appropriations bill. Furse won approval on the House floor for her amendment to cut "Star Wars"—now called Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD)—funding \$150 million in the appropriations bill. Furse sponsored the amendment with Rep. Tim Penny (D-MN), also a fiscal conservative.

This is the first time in its 10-year history that "Star Wars"/BMD funding has ever been cut during the floor appropriations process. While other lawmakers had given up hope on cutting this funding, Furse continued her fight. Two weeks ago, she, along with 8 other members, kicked off a campaign to cut the FY94 and FY95 Defense Appropriations to reflect the post-Cold War era.

"This cut of \$150 million is a clear victory for the American people who want an end to business as usual," Furse said. "Taxpayers want Congress to cut spending and this is a good first step in changing the spending priorities of Congress, and it lays the groundwork to reduce more funding next year. I'm willing to spend every penny we must for a sound national defense, but not a penny more." In this appropriations bill, BMD funding was set at more than \$3 billion, the Furse-Penny Amendment reduced it by 5 percent to just under \$2.9 billion. The lawmakers established legislative intent to put the \$150 million savings toward deficit reduction.

Furse said these cuts will still keep our military the strongest in the world, and are more consistent with the overall findings of Defense Secretary Les Aspin's recently released Bottom-Up Review, which calls for cutting BMD funding from \$39 billion down to \$18 billion for FY95-99.

The FY95-99 Defense Appropriations bill now goes down to the Senate for consideration.