

Nation Of Islam

The Gang Truce In L.A. Is An Example Of How God Moves Independently OF Programs and the Establishment. The black communities across America should support the peace treaty of the so-called gangs in Los Angeles, California. We (Nation of Islam) held our Pass Saviours' Day convention in L.A. on Oct. 9, 1993 to celebrate a New Day in Los Angeles. The Hon. Louis Farrakhan, who delivered the main address, spoke on healing the wounds. A subject appropriate for the down and out black communities and appropriate for the world, for humanity is wounded. Healing the wounds of people is a hard job. Healing the wounds is like the resurrection of the dead or, at least a very important part of the resurrection of the dead. "God's aim has always been the healing of wounds. Wounds that have been created from deviation from the path of correctness. The Bloods and the Crips want peace. But there can be no peace without submission to the will of almighty Allah (God). I

am asking the Bloods and Crips, and all so-called street gangs, if you want peace with one another, start first by making peace with Allah (God) because the people whom you have put to death in ignorance are the people of God. The peace can't be made with one another before peace is made with God because it is He whom we have offended." The above words are some of the words that the Hon. Louis Farrakhan delivered on that historic day in L.A. California. Scareface, a rapper from Texas, said that, "Ain't no set trippin cause we all cool" This is real. The truce is no joke. I, along with others, believe that ultimately the so-called gangs will serve in the liberation of the oppressed black people in America. Just IMAGINE black communities across America where the so-called gangs police our neighborhoods, protect our women and rid us of dope dealers. This will happen! But at present they need our guidance and support; 16,000 people came Oct. 9, 1993 to the Los Angeles

Sports Arena to give support. Some of those in attendance were Dionne Warwick, Joe Jackson and Jermaine Jackson, Johnnie Gill, Isaac Hayes, Ice T and Stevie Wonder. WOW! you didn't think that those celebrities would come to a convention held by the Nation of Islam in celebration of the gang truce. Well, you probably thought that Ice T would (smile). Is there any group of people in North America other than the Nation of Islam that attracts 16,000 and more to conventions in many major cities in America than the Nation of Islam? No! President Clinton does not even get crowds like the Nation of Islam and the Hon. Louis Farrakhan get. You owe it to yourself to study and observe the Nation of Islam in North America. You can visit the library or call the Portland Observer Newspaper to get my number. Before I end this--to all community stores, corporations and churches...please support this paper. Thank you for reading this, Your brother Elijah X.

New Feature Added To IRS Phone Service

Getting federal tax questions answered by the IRS may be a little easier for Oregonians this filing season.

The IRS toll-free telephone tax information center in Portland is switching to a system which features automated call routing, according to IRS Taxpayer Service Division Chief Jane Keating-Jones. The system went on line Monday, October 25.

"This system allows callers with a touch-tone telephone to be 'self-directed' to the information they need," says Keating-Jones. Callers using rotary phones will have their

calls manually routed by an IRS worker. The new phone system is similar to those used by department store, banks, and some health insurance providers.

"The new system has an automated response unit, so callers, can select from recorded menu choices, including a series of tax law topics, account-related or notice issues, or refund inquiries," she explained.

Quality, accuracy and efficiency are expected to improve as people get the help they need by selecting the topic and getting to a customer service representative who has been spe-

cifically trained in that area. "We are scheduled to answer approximately one million calls over the next twelve months so installation of the automated response unit just makes good business sense. Modernizing our business practices will help bring the IRS one step closer to our goal of providing 'one-stop' taxpayer service," Ms. Keating-Jones says.

If you need assistance with any tax matter, call the toll-free main information number, 1-800-TAX (829)-1040, or in Portland area, 221-3960.

Social To Fiscal Crisis: Education And Employment

Associated Oregon Industries (AOI) has a 25-year plus history of lobbying for, and developing plans to stabilize school funding in Oregon. We did not wait for the urgency created by the passage of Measure 5 to take action. "We were seeking stable funding as early as 1967 and we have taken positions of support on seven of the previous eight sales taxes placed before the Oregon electorate.

In early 1993, AOI and the Oregon Business Council developed and adopted the Ten Principles for Fiscal Reform and agreed to evaluate tax reform, proposals based on them. The principles acknowledge the need for fiscal reform and provide a practical framework for tax reform that is economically sound and education reform that makes our schools internationally competitive. The principles include eliminating tax burden shifts and continuing government efficiencies. Both groups share this common

base for fiscal reform.

So what is the reason AOI has chosen to not support this sales tax?

AOI has a long-range stake, not only in Oregon schools, but in Oregon. We will not settle for a proposal that is "all we've got" when it comes to fiscal reform or the education of our youth. Our state and our children deserve better.

Oregon could have the best funded school system in the nation. But then what? Where will those young people go for jobs? We believe those young people want to stay in Oregon and will, if they are financially secure.

We believe that funding education and preserving government services, and a strong, healthy private sector are inter-dependent. Our citizens need both quality education and quality work. Without work in the private sector, citizens can't pay for the necessary services of the public

sector.

The solution to stable school funding in Oregon will consider both private and public sector needs. It will both educate and employ. The sales tax measure destined for the November ballot does nothing to provide job growth, economic stability or, particularly, the ever scarce, family-wage job.

It is our hope that those who have chosen to support this referral will respect the right of the members of Associated Oregon industries who disagree. Polling indicates very little public support for it, and if it fails in November, we will need each other. We will need to respect differences and come together once again to debate and find a solution. No matter how much we disagree on this particular sales tax referral, we all agree upon one thing, something must be done for our children and our state. And they both deserve the best that we can offer them.

Electrical Construction Company (E.C.) Awarded Massive Airport Project

JFK, LAX, O'Hare...PDX! Portland International Airport handles more than 7 million passengers annually; projections for the next 10 to 20 years indicate it should be prepared to handle 15 million by 2010. With Phase I of the Port of Portland's \$111 million Terminal Expansion North Project now complete, Phase II is now well underway.

Electrical Construction Company (E.C.) recently was awarded the electrical contract for Phase II. Handling construction for the \$25 million, 300,000 labor hour, 150,000 square foot, project is Baugh Construction Oregon, Inc. Phase II, which began in August of 1993, constructs a new Concourse D. The new concourse extends from the glass-enclosed north lobby of the airport to the recently completed Delta Air Lines international terminal. Phase II is due for completion in early 1995.

Baugh Project Manager, Ross Vroman, explained, "This is a massive project--the systems E.C. will be responsible for in Phase II are 'key' to some of the most important functions of the airport."

Challenges include installation of one of the most advanced, security, fire alarm and paging systems in existence in the country. Steve Steller, E.C. Construction Superintendent, explained, "The entrance control security system E.C. will provide and control all entry ways and levels of access to the new Concourse D. A very expensive fire alarm, and dual voice coil speaker/paging system will also be provided by E.C. electricians, as well as an energy-efficient lighting control system to be installed in the latter stages of construction."

Added Vroman, "E.C. is quite capable of performing a job such as this; they have a solid track record and they've already performed a great deal of work on other projects at PDX--we're pleased to have them on board."

Highly diverse, Electrical Construction Company is composed of five separate divisions handling projects that range from heavy-industrial, to commercial, to high-tech, to small office and retail. Restructuring in recent years, combined with strong leadership, has catapulted E.C. from a firm with annual revenues of less



Superintendents Steve Steller and Bob Jordan

than \$23 million in 1988, to a level of over \$42 million in 1992. Chief Operating Officer, Bob Moyer, attributes this success to: "Ordinary people achieving extraordinary results...the right people doing it the right way."

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Meeting The Needs Of Difficult And Unusual Children

On Nov. 17 K-3 educators from across the state will attend a one-day conference on improving discipline and self-esteem at the Shilo Inn Suite - Portland Airport in Portland.

The conference, sponsored by The Society for Developmental Education, features author and special educator Esther Wright of California.

Wright's presentation, "Meeting the Needs of the Difficult Child," includes techniques to meet the diverse needs of difficult and unusual children, ways to create a caring atmosphere in child-centered classrooms, and how to effectively reduce classroom interruptions and increase learning time.

Registration and displays open at 7:45am. Conference sessions run from 8:30am to 3:30pm.

For more information, contact SDE at 1-800-462-1478.

Jesuit High School

You are invited to Jesuit High School's Open House, Sunday, November 7th from 1-4pm.

Jesuit is a coeducational Catholic, college preparatory school for grades 9-12. Applications are being accepted for the fall of 1994. Jesuit is currently involved in a \$12.5 million expansion project. Visit our newly completed Knight Physical Education Center, new classroom wing, tour the campus, learn about our programs and meet our staff and students. Jesuit is located at 9000 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway. Please call 291-5423 for further information.

Happy Birthday! Chaka

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Chaka Washington 13 yrs. old

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Did You See It In The Observer? Say So!

Quilters Market Will Hold Their Semi-Annual Quilt Sale On Saturday November 6th From 10 A.M. To 4 P.M.

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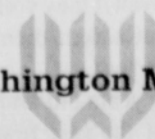
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