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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

The Mark Of A Winner

I soon became the "track mom" to all the other youngsters. A participant's age could range from three to eighteen years old. And later on I found out that there was an over-the-hill category. That meant--as long as you had the stamina, the wind, and the desire to participate, you could enter an event that required you to run, jump or throw.

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Jefferson presents Musical Comedy, Red Beans and Rice

Jefferson presents the 1980 hit musical comedy, Red Beans and Rice, a celebration and sampling of Afro-American music and dance written by local playwright, Rosemary Allen. Playing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 18, 19, and 20, at 8:30pm in the Jefferson High School Auditorium.

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Against The Odds - Whitaker Warriors C2

The first three years of the Whitaker C2 program, the team had a confirmed record of seven wins and fourteen losses. But this years team was vastly different, with a revamped offense installed by new offensive Coordinator Aleem Shabazz and improved play from the offensive line. A special teams thanks to Coaches Keith Perkins and Rich.

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Powerful Comedian Bernie Mac To Perform At Arlene Schnitzer

Making his last appearance in Portland in '93, the "Who Ya Wit" Tour gets fired up at 8pm, featuring Bernie Mac with his band, The Mac Men, and his female dancers, The Macaronis. Don't miss this unique tour.

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US West Solutions Sor Common Small Business problems

Most small business owners say business Voice messaging is a practical way to link up with other people. Studies show 65 percent of business people spend up to two hours a week just trying to reach others on the phone, and 45 percent of callers accomplish nothing on the first try, reaching a busy signal or hearing a call-back message.

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Portland Association Of Black Journalists

BY NOAH JACKSON

The Portland Association of Black Journalists (PABJ) held a media access workshop, "Lift Every Voice And Be heard" at the Matt Dishman Community Center on Saturday, November 6, 1993.

Area notables Judy Alexander, President PABJ and Ken Boddie, Vice President PABJ, truly exhibited the polish and poise that makes the Black Community proud of their own.

The workshop consisted of three sessions, addressing the "Access To Newspapers" with such panel heavyweights as Joyce Washington, editor, Portland Observer; Bobbie Foster, editor, Skanner Newspaper and Tom Gauntt, Associate Editor, The Business Journal.

Second, was the "Access To Radio And Television" session, where Ken Smith, reporter, Good Evening, KGW TV and Angie Jenkins, station manager, KBMS radio were among the panelists.

Third, the session on "How To Impact The Media To Reflect The Community" was a huge success for it's clarity on the understanding of what it's going to take to assist those who have bore the brunt of weight on behalf of this Black community and



Mrs. Kathryn Hall Bogle

not receive bonifide justice as it relates to their jobs. From the top level management of each perspective venue. Admittedly, tempers controlled as they were flared?

Portland Police Bureau's Derrick Foxworth was the keynote speaker, who addressed "Journalistic Ethics And Morals" in regards to the Police Bureau. Officer Foxworth stated that "you can help put the world back together, as journalists. You can lift the human spirit, you can empower people through information and motivate them to get involved and make a difference. The challenge is yours"

PABJ presented it's Lifetime Achievement Award to Mrs. Kathryn Hall Bogle. They also awarded two scholarships of \$500.00 each to Nueka Priestly, a senior at Grant High School; and to James Harris, who attends the University of Oregon.

Lunch was provided by Sweets Catering and not a soul left the session hungry. The ribs were succulent and the cakes were mouth watering.

To any and all future journalists. Do your networking and make the contacts and if you missed this workshop, be sure to make the next one!

Do You Like NAFTA? Don't 'Hafta'

BY PROFESSOR MCKINLEY BURT

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is like any other proposition suggestion that there is no cost. A loose definition (by the administration) is that this act is a tri-lateral agreement between the U.S., Canada and Mexico which will greatly enhance the economics of all three countries by lowering the trade barriers of tariffs and specific limitation on such imports as involve pesticides and other environmental concerns.

However, the proposed Legislation which must be approved by Congress has stirred up a firestorm of controversy that has approached the "Healthcare issue" in its intensity. As the time for a vote draws near, the shrill cries of opposition and the frantic search for support-

ers has reached a crescendo. Two leading protagonists, Vice President Gore and H. Ross Perot will have clashed on the Larry King talk show by the time this paper goes to press. The eccentric billionaire is the most vocal opponent the trade act has in this country. The trade unions rank close behind.

The issue, of course, will not be decided by debates on talk shows but more likely in the little private offices of individual congressman as they pick up phones to answer President Clinton's fervent pressuring for a favorable vote from the 'undecided? Many legislators are desperately afraid that if the NAFTA act is passed (with the aid of their vote) and there follows an almost immediate flight of even a small number of U.S. manufacturers to

Mexico, their hopes for re-election are doomed.

And there lies the heart of the debate, will more U.S. manufacturers head south of the border to take advantage of low wages that are in many cases 1/5 or 1/7 of comparable American compensation? It is pointed out that Leo Iacoco, the recently retired chairman of Chrysler and a fervent advocate of the Free Trade Act, has also complained that General Motors had unfairly competed against his firm by virtue of its Mexican auto manufacturing facilities. This fact is not lost upon the auto unions and other highly skilled and well paid American workers.

Adding to the fears of such workers, already traumatized by the specter of even more layoffs under present conditions, is the

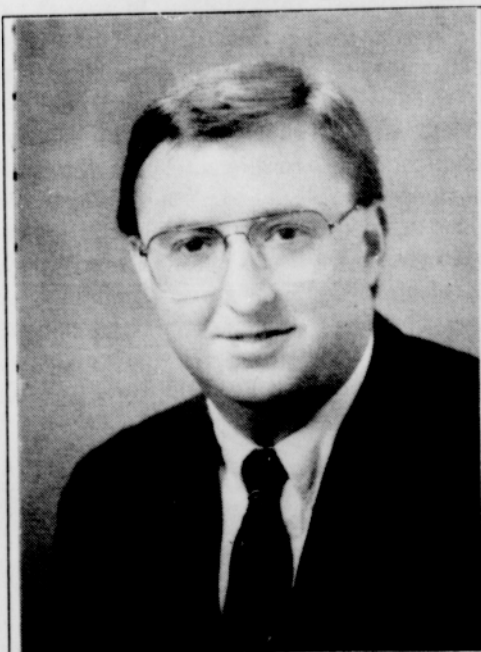
growing realization that "free trade" means exactly that: tariffs will be drastically cut or eliminated completely on Mexican goods entering the U.S. To make matters worse, labor (and many other taxpayers) are loudly questioning the administration as to how the tens of millions lost revenues due to tariff reductions are going to be made up. And many congressmen, feeling heat from their constituency, also ask how this shortfall is to be rectified...with a deficit still out of control and prospective increases in Health Care costs? The administration fumbles for an answer.

And adding to the fears of long-term consequences following from this rush act with its many "side agreements" in which congress had no input are the environmental considerations. Many are understandably frightened when on the one hand they have been made aware of how so many American corporations have degraded the environment almost at will, polluting field and stream, air and neighborhoods--and, then, their television shows scenes of unbelievable horrors heaped upon the Mexican landscape just south of the border. A county that has few effective controls.

Again, the administration cites "side agreements" as though this patch work of hastily conceived fingers-in-the-dike can correct the many glaring flaws and omissions in the basic structure of the Trade Act. A case in point are hastily called press conferences designed to convince American consumers that a rapidly increasing quality of fruits and vegetables imported from Mexico will be subjected to rigorous inspection--that is on this side of the border, for many have written off the Mexican governments will or ability to adequately screen for residues of pesticides and other chemicals.

Given all these caveats, just from the south and not even touching Canadian issues such as beer exports to the U.S., there seems little doubt but what the legislation is in a world of trouble. And if somehow it does pass--then what?

CODA Elects Board Officers



Chair, Kevin McDonald



Vice Chair/Secretary, Charles Moose



Treasurer, Brad Tuski

The Board of Directors of CODA (Comprehensive Options for Drug Abusers) has elected officers for 1993-'94, CODA's 25th anniversary year. CODA is Portland and S.W. Washington's largest and most comprehensive non-profit drug treatment, education and prevention agency. Since 1969, over

50,000 individuals and families have received substance abuse treatment services at CODA. CODA provides outpatient, residential and transitional-living treatment services, education, prevention and employee assistance program services. CODA also offers specialized services for families, women, women with

children and pregnant, addicted women and their babies.

Officers elected are: Chair, Kevin McDonald, Deputy General Counsel, Tri-Met; Vice Chair/Secretary, Charles Moose, Chief of Police, Portland Police Bureau and Treasurer, Brad Tuski, CPA, Price-Waterhouse.

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