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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Immigration Vs The American Black Family

As we prepare to assess the escalating impact of current immigration--this time from lands to the West and the South I would remind the reader of other research that has been published in these pages; Particularly, the series I did several years ago on "European" immigrants.

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United Way Funds To Help Prevent Weapons Use By Youth

The program is a cooperative venture developed by the Oregon Peace Institute, Emanuel Hospital and Health Center, Portland Public Schools and the Gang Resource Intervention Team (GRIT) of Multnomah County's Juvenile Justice Division. Representatives from each organization recently gathered for a news conference to announce the \$50,000 grant, which was recommended by United Way's Volunteer Community Investment Fund Committee.

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Lawerys Celebrates Kwanzaa With Savory Cornbread Dressing

Cornbread dressing, used in many dinner celebrations during Kwanzaa, enhances the magnificent meal that is the climax of festivities. Beginning the day after Christmas, Kwanzaa ends on New Year's day, culminating with a lavish feast (the Kwanzaa Karamu) features on December 31. The Kwanzaa Karamu features a variety of cuisines from the Caribbean African cooking has a strong influence as well as traditional United States dishes such as Cornbread dressing.

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Neighborhood Health clinics, Inc. Seeks Support

A local services agency for low-income and uninsured people is seeking financial support to help renovate two abandoned houses in a Northeast Portland Neighborhood. The Neighborhood Health clinics, Inc., which operates the Health Help Clinic in northeast Portland and Neighborhood in southeast Portland, purchased the houses, which are in the King Neighborhood to expand clinic and administrative services.

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Community Service Targets High School Dropouts

The Community Service Corps, one of two programs of the Oregon Youth conservation Corps, is made possible through the state's Amusement Device Taxes paid by operators of Video games, Video Poker machines and Jukeboxes. The Corps is administered through the Oregon Commission on Children and Families, the state's largest advocacy group serving young people.

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New Portland PayLess Drug Store

PayLess Drug Stores recently announced that Gregg Schmidt will be the manager of the company's new store located at 4346 Cully Blvd. in Portland.

"We're pleased to have Gregg representing us in the Cully Boulevard store," said Murray Todd, vice president of PayLess Drug Stores' Northern region. "He is very capable and personable. I'm confident he'll do an excellent job."

Joining Schmidt on the Portland store's management team is Rich Clanton, who will be assistant manager at the new store.

Grand opening ceremonies for the new store were held for November 17.

When the doors opened to the new PayLess Drug Store located at 4346 Cully Blvd. in Portland, they opened into a building that is state-of-the-art in terms of energy conservation.

"We want to be environmentally responsible in the way we do business," said PayLess President and CEO Tim McAlear. "That effects the way we construct our stores, and how we operate them once they open."

For maximum efficiency, new PayLess Drug Stores have insulation in the outside walls and roof which exceeds code. In addition the store air conditioners use what is known as "energy economizers." These economizers measure outside and inside temperature and, when possible, use outside air rather than refrigerated air to cool the store. The energy savings are evident in the lighting system as well. The fluorescent fixtures are equipped with energy-saving electronic ballasts and triphosphorus T-8 lamps. These



Cully Blvd. PayLess Drug Store: (Left) Rich Clanton, Assistant Manager; (Right) Gregg Schmidt, Store Manager of the New PayLess Drug Store In Northeast Portland

lamps produce more light per watt of energy than typical fluorescents. The fixtures are recessed, and have reflective backs to increase their efficiency.

The California Energy Code, also known as Title 24, sets the most stringent standards for energy conservation in the western United States. PayLess Drug Stores has adopted these standards as a minimum for all new construction, even outside California.

"In many cases, we go beyond Title 24 standards just to be as energy efficient as possible," said Joe Sweeney, Electrical Design Engineer for PayLess Drug Stores.

According to Sweeney, the company is continually breaking new ground in energy conservation. "For nearly 20 years executive management has given us a great deal of

latitude in trying out new options. Through Experimentation and study we have developed a store plan that is extremely efficient," said Sweeney.

One of the major features of the energy savings program is a computer monitored energy management system. The operating

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Measuring Our Concern



Report Card

Report on: The Status of Children in the State of Oregon

Ages: 0-18 Year: 1993

Parents/Guardians: Citizens of Oregon

This report card is intended for the citizens of Oregon as a simple, accurate account of the status of children in the state. If you care about your children, please acknowledge by signing and returning the attached card.

Oregon has been graded C- for 199 3

Dated this 11th day of October, 199 3

Measuring Our Commitment

This second annual Report Card on the Status of Oregon's Children objectively assesses our children's well-being. We find a few positive improvements from 1992's performance, as well as some areas for concern.

The 1993 Report Card has twenty indicators, most of which are established "benchmarks" (policy goals) set by the State of Oregon. This reflects Children First's partnership with the Oregon Progress Board in the "Oregon Kids Count" project.

Most Oregon children are born healthy and full of life. Our rates for pre-natal care and infant mortality are improving, and better than the national average. But the problems faced by older children are becoming increasingly severe.

In recent years, we have seen increases in child abuse, child poverty, teen pregnancy and juvenile crime. Our future depends on solving these problems - today's children must be healthy, safe, and well-educated to become the caring adults, productive workers, and community leaders needed for the 21st century.

Children First believes that it is time for our actions as a society to match our claim that we value children. Children First is a statewide, independent, broad-based child advocacy organization working to establish children as Oregon's first priority. We seek your participation and ask that you join us as a member of our children's movement.

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This report has been endorsed by the following panel of distinguished citizens:

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What would you do if your child brought home a report card full of C's and D's? Would you look for ways that you could help your child improve? Would you step up your involvement? Would you look for ways to involve others?

The following report card begs for you and all citizens of Oregon to do just that. It is time for action. As you can see from the Report Card there are areas where as a state we are doing well. But in other areas we have a long way to go.

Mark compares most recent data to prior year:
(+): improvement (i): incomplete data
(-): condition worsening (n): no change

Children First For Oregon

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Children First to be held on Thursday, December 2, 1993 from 12 noon-2pm at the Monarch Motor Hotel in Clackamas (Exit 14, off Interstate 205). Prior to Annual Meeting, from 10am-11:45am, we will convene three state wide Action Committees responsible for implementing our "Be For Tomorrow-Put Children First" Action Agenda. These Action Committees will focus

on Strengthening Families, Investing in Children and Stopping the Violence.

The Annual Meeting and Luncheon (\$15) will feature keynote speakers Governor Barbara Roberts (invited, but not confirmed) and Margaret Brodtkin (Executive Director of San Francisco's Coleman Advocates for Children). Ms. Brodtkin is one of the nation's premier child advocates and Coleman Advocates is the organization responsible for pas-

sage of San Francisco's Proposition J, which dedicates an increasing portion of future county property tax revenue for children's programs. Prop. J is being seriously considered by Children First for its possible replication in Oregon communities. Coleman Advocates is a successful model for the type of powerful local chapters which Children First aims to develop in the months and years ahead.

We urge your attendance for both

activities-the initial meetings of the Action Committees and the exciting Annual Meeting. The Luncheon Meeting will also include a State of Children First speech by outgoing President Carol Metzler, volunteer leadership recognition, election of at-large and regional Board members, and voting on by-law

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Editorial

Legal Aid: Repossession

:One way to avoid repossession is to sell the item you owe money on and pay off the remaining debt.

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Metro Life

"New " Abandoned Auto Program Brings Change

:The sweep was focused in three neighborhoods - St Johns, Concorida and Lents - and had the participation of six adjoining neighborhoods.

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Religion

Sowing & Reaping Revealed Through Christ Jesus

If I steal, I am a thief. If I tell untruths, I am a liar. If I kill someone, I am a murderer.

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Business

Business Woman comes Home

Carmen Thompson recently opened a State Farm Insurance agency at 1033 E. Burnside, on October 1, 1993.

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