

"Turkey-Man" Flies Again

For their third annual turkey drive for FISH Emergency Services, the Scientology Ladies Society once again untethered their 165 pound live turkey (also known as Portlander Kevin Campbell) to help deliver the goods.

Campbell, known as a local artist, sign painter and car decorator extraordinaire, dons the life-like turkey outfit each Thanksgiving to help deliver the Ladies Society's Thanksgiving contributions and add a little light-heartedness. "The holiday season is not full of joy and goodwill when you are cold, hungry and unsure of where you're going to put your kids to sleep," Campbell stated. "My job is to lift a few spirits and let FISH clients know that they are now safe, warm and with good people who will help them. Their road out won't be easy and may not be short, but they are at the right place to start. And the more fun and creativity they can muster, the easier it will be to overcome barriers and get back on their feet."

But the Ladies Society brings more than just a few laughs to FISH.

This year's efforts also brought 30 turkeys and hundreds of pounds of fresh and canned food for Thanksgiving dinners, enough for about 200 people.

FISH helped an estimated 17,000 people last year, 43% of whom were children. Gloria Colvin, Executive Director of FISH, points out that most people seeking their help are capable individuals in temporary need of help. "Recently we helped a fellow who was working at a gas station that got closed down. He and his family were immediately at risk and in need of help. He was able to get enough food and supplies to see his family through until he could get another job."

FISH's theory is simple: if you collect in what some neighbors have an excess of, and give that to the neighbors who need those items, then the community would be better as a whole and hopelessness, starvation and crime would be next to non-existent.

Since its founding in 1967, this motto of "neighbor helping neighbor" has provided hundreds of thousands of people with food, clothing and personal supplies to see them through slim times. "People need to remember that their neighbors are periodically in temporary trouble and need their help," Colvin stated. Colvin says "help" can include anything from donating food and clothing to volunteering at the center. This time of year finds FISH with a large influx of people seeking help due to the colder weather. "What we need the most right now is warm clothes for men, women and children and volunteers to come and help sort clothes and food to give out," said Colvin. "Without the volunteers getting the items to give out, it's impossible to help someone once they get here."

The Ladies Society was formed four years ago by women scientologists who wanted to do community action. For more information about the Society contact the Church of Scientology. FISH Emergency Services is located at 13th and SE Hawthorne



Gini Nellis, assistant director of FISH Emergency Services, receives over 600 lbs of fresh vegetables and Thanksgiving Turkeys from the Church of Scientology's "Turkey Man", Kevin Campbell

Viewing The Education Process Through The Eyes Of A Very Gifted Woman

By Prof. McKinley Burt

Well, let me get my manual off the shelf, "Covering Education: A Reporter's Guide To Education In Oregon." And I might as well get out "The School Tool", a guide distributed by Portland Public Schools: "...is a resource that describes many of the programs and policies of the district...and helpful information about each school."

Good show, but, really, what is at the top of my mind is a very revealing book that I have just reread for the third time, all 464 pages: "The Chicago Schools: A Social and Political History", by Mary J. Herrick, Sage Publications, 1971. I always review some relevant part of this gem before embarking on any serious discussion of the contemporary education scene. It is essential that one keeps his/her perspective and mind set in tune with reality, not wavering in the winds of

politics and rhetoric.

Keep in mind that this comprehensive evaluation of a major urban school system was written almost a quarter century ago. It is as contemporaneous as universal when considered against the chaos and disarray of many of the nation's innercity systems. The following three paragraphs of the introduction should make my point. Like, written yesterday.

"By 1970, dissatisfaction with the quality and effectiveness of public school education, especially in the 'inner city', had reached unprecedented levels. The decade of the 1960's has seen experimentation in the form of demonstration projects in education, federal aid to low income schools, widespread efforts at preschool education and integration by means of busing. It was a period of marked increase in unionization by teachers and a gradual increase in per

pupil expenditure."

"But the results have hardly been impressive and the demands for basic changes in the school system persist and grow in intensity. One cannot escape the question: are the problems of public education in the United States now so deep and so fundamental that the nation is truly facing a unique crisis? Is the crisis actually raising the specter of a collapse and a fundamental transformation of the system of public education."

"There are many who believe that such is the case. A new system and a new approach are required. Somehow parents must gain new power and influence over the professional administrator and the unionized teacher. One approach is the demand for comprehensive community control. Another is the idea of a voucher system in which the government would give hard cash to each

parent who would then purchase education on the free market. These solutions -- realistic or utopian -- are actually being tested in one form or another. Should they succeed, they would transform the public school system as we now know it."

Now, "how you like them apples", as the old saying used to go? This brilliant woman correctly assessed the traumatic problems in both the teaching and administrative structures and made an accurate forecast of today's scenario. The author was equally adept in her survey of the politics of both city halls and school boards -- not to mention state legislatures. I owe so much of my understanding I have of the current education scene (and sometimes and ability to make chaos intelligible) to Ms. Herrick's analytic 'guide book'.

It is my sincere hope that if the reader is truly interested in contem-

porary public school education he will be able to locate it in public or teacher's reference libraries. I would expand on the background and experience this gifted educator brings to bear -- which includes a stint as classroom teacher at Chicago's black DuSable High School, long the nation's largest. I have kept the book at hand for years, gaining insight and balance in my observations made in school systems and workplaces around the country.

This daughter of a Chicago school principal has given us a vivid and detailed observation of classic inner city school system, her views, as teacher, principal, union official, city councilwoman, administrator, parent, researcher and historian. Next week I will write again on the Oregon scene and matters of immediacy. I hope to employ some of the Herrick wisdom and perception.

Department Reviews Housing Strategy Performance

The Housing and Community Services Department (HCS) has completed a draft of the Annual Performance Report (APR) for Oregon's FY93 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS). The CHAS is a planning document for the allocation of federal housing dollars and funds used in conjunction with federal housing dollars. The National Affordable Housing Act (NAHA) of 1990 requires every state to review its use of federal housing resources annually. The APR provides information on federal affordable housing programs administered by the State and information on how resources are used to assist persons in need of affordable housing. The APR also provides information on the affordable housing activities, including initiatives related to regulatory barriers, the institutional structure, fair housing law.

HCS will accept public comment on the draft Annual Performance Report for the FY93 CHAS through December 22, 1993. Copies of the document are available from the Department. For more information about the CHAS process and the draft APR, interested persons should contact David B. Foster, HCS Community Housing Planner, at (503) 986-2112.

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Young Professionals Present Talk On "Starting Your Own Business"

The pitfalls and potentials of "Starting Your Own Business" will be the focus of a panel discussion presented by the Urban League Young Professionals on Wednesday, December 8, 6pm, at the State Building in Portland, 800 NE Oregon Street, Room 140. Admission is \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members.

The panel will represent a cross-section of local businesses. Ora Hart owns Albina Progressive Realty. Sandra Bell-Johnson owns Ja'Bell's Beauty, Barber & Nail Supply. Mark Green owns and operates a home-based multi-level marketing organization. Carnell Foreman owns Rip City Diner. Also joining the panel will be Sam Brooks, director of the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs.

This broad-based group will explain what owning a business is like. Whether you want to sell cookies from your home or own a multimillion dollar conglomerate, this seminar is for you. Plan to attend!

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