

Is It Possible To Conclude A Story Like South Africa? We'll Try Again

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Surfers from all over the world consider South Africa to be the home of the "perfect wave," far superior to anything that California beaches have to offer - or even Hawaii.

Perhaps, one day, people from all over the world also will consider South Africa to be home of the "perfect democracy." But apparently there will be a long and protracted struggle.

Mr. Mandela understands this, thoroughly! But, do we? Already, some of the black media has concerns about the economic relevance of a horde of African American advisers and "operators" who would descend upon South Africa as the "new profit center for minority business." Our brethren abroad do not need the inept ministrations of these polished sophisticates in their \$800 suits, long on rhetoric and political skills, but unable to operate a 7-11 store successfully (they haven't done so at home.) But we have learned the jargon and B.S. as we see from the following quote in the black press.

"As his advisers disclosed, President Clinton has at his disposal consultants who are experts in all types of race relations skills, from group dynamics to motivation of the disadvantaged, from crash courses in learn-

ing how to read and write to developing curriculums of vocational guidance. This is the know how needed in South Africa" said a White House aide. Because of our history, we're the only country that has dealt with blacks in such ways and manners. We have a monopoly of training and experience."

May the Lord help his slow learners, please! In the meantime, nine white U.S. Senators have enlisted the services of a black man extraordinaire, the Rev. Leon Sullivan -- to design and implement a long-term economic development program for "CHINA." This is the genius who, beginning in the 1960s with his Zion Baptist Church congregation in Philadelphia, perfected the technique of bringing industry to the innercity unemployed while at the same time training them in the relevant skills.

Today, these "Opportunities Industrialization Centers" (Portland has one) are the "state-of-the-art" protocols for immersing populations into the economic mainstream. And Rev. Sullivan is a world-recognized expert in industrial training and enterprise formation. His centers are found in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, South America, Europe, India and Australia, etc. It was to be hoped that this was the type proven expertise the administration would engage to structure the U.S. economic contribution to South Africa -- Real-time business

persons, not a collection of politicians and social programmers who have never met a payroll or bottom line. It is this kind and their ilk who blocked "Marcus Garvey" and will block Rev. Sullivan if they can.

The "Perfect democracy" could be further delayed, by factors we have touched on before. That last minute surge of frantic activity by DeKlerk's white government and controlling industry saw many new international relations launched or enhanced. Not the least of which involves South Africa's arms industry. Tielman de Waal, executive manager of Armaments Corp. of South Africa (Armscor) said "selling more military gear abroad is the key to survival for state industry, since the blacks are preparing to cut military expenditures in favor of social programs we must double our exports to other parts of Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Israel."

In other words, these cold blooded exploiters of the black race for 400 years -- and merciless exporters of death as a client of a misdirected American foreign policy according to several members of Congress -- have found a perverted way to blame the real African people for further holocausts. The United Nations has just announced, "We want the Rwanda killers punished." One should not be naive enough to suppose that the U.N. plans on indicting and placing on

trial all the world's intelligence services, arms dealers and government officials. The administration says "our manufacturers need to continue foreign arms sales so as not to slow down the recovery."

Few speak out. Rep. Cynthia McKinney, D-Georgia, has been very vociferous in opposing project increases in American Defense Industry Sales (but not all Black Caucus members). Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Oregon, has consistently opposed the merchants of death: "Six billion dollars, 10,000 dead and the people of El Salvador are worse off than ever."

We hope and pray that President Mandela's dedication and strength of purpose can keep all of his party on task and on goal. There are other assaults being fashioned or in process. International "Waste Management Firms" are seeking African repositories for industrial and nuclear wastes, seeking bribable or cash poor governments. The tobacco companies like Phillip Morris, which keeps a black "V.P. for African Markets" criss crossing the continent in a dedicated Lear Jet (Ebony), are gearing up for huge third-world campaigns as the major nations cut back on the death-dealing poison. Will our brothers and sisters survive? Will mankind survive, for it is a global village? Will a perfect democracy succeed the perfect wave?

CRIME STOPPERS Man Wanted On Sex Charges

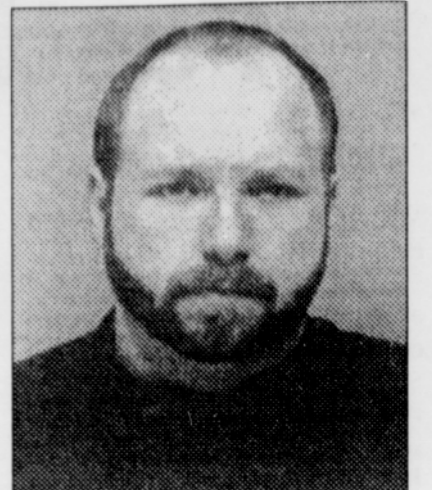
The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for help in locating Michael Patrick Smith. Arrest warrants charge Smith with Rape in the First Degree and other sex-related crimes.

Smith pled guilty in October 1992 to sex charges involving two young girls who were approximately 3 and 7 years old at time. One was his daughter.

He was scheduled to appear in court for sentencing in February, but never showed.

Smith is also known as Michael Patrick Fordham, a 36-year-old white male, 5 foot, 9 inches tall, 170 pounds, with blue eyes and brown hair that is balding.

According to recent information, Smith is reportedly living in Milwaukie with a woman and her two young children and working at a salvage or wrecking yard in North or



Michael Patrick Smith
 Northeast Portland.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash award of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime, and you can remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

Statistics On Gun Violence

The following information was compiled by Handgun Control, Inc., and the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence, and from New York Times' "Deadly Data on Handguns," March 2, 1994.

*In 1993, handguns were used in the murder of 33 people in Great Britain, 38 in Sweden, 97 in Switzerland, 128 in Canada, 60 in Japan and 13,220 in the United States.

- Every year, more than 24,000 are killed with handguns.
- A child or teenager commits suicide with a gun every six hours.
- The leading cause of death for both black and white teenage boys is gunshot wounds.
- Firearms kill more people between the ages of 15 and 24 than all natural causes combined.
- More than 1,000 people were shot to death at work in 1992.
- In 1993, 72 police officers were shot to death.

The following information was compiled by Oregon Health Division -- Center for Health Statistics: Deaths of Oregon residents due to external causes -- (Oregon residents that died in the state of Oregon.)

- *Firearms were used in 63 percent of all suicides in 1992.
- *In 1992, 24 percent of all unnatural deaths involved firearms. (unnatural = external causes)

Tri-Met Maps Summer Events

Tri-Met's new "Getting Around Town" map is available just in time for planning those summertime activities for kids, the whole family or just yourself. The brochure is free to anyone in the Portland metropolitan area, available at Safeway, Albertsons and most other Tri-Met outlets.

Getting Around Town includes a color map of the tri-county region, showing parks, shopping centers, and other popular summer destinations near Tri-Met. It also lists phone numbers and bus lines for music, theater and arts centers; exhibits and museums; community schools and centers; swimming pools; hiking trails; fishing spots; movie theaters; shopping areas and more.

Tri-Met fares are 95 cents for most rides; \$1.25 for the longest trips. Day tickets are \$3.25. Special for summer, Tri-Met is offering the discounted youth pass -- valid for unlimited travel during June, July and August for \$35. Tickets and passes are available at Safeway, Albertsons and most Tri-Met outlets.

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Restaurant Encourages Achievement

A student-of-the-month program sponsored by Buffalo Ranch restaurants had been added to Madison High School, Whitaker Middle School and Faubian Middle School.

The restaurant will provide the schools with certificates for free menu items to inspired students in each class.

"We have had wonderful comments about the program in other markets, and I'm sure it will be a success in Portland as well," said Bill Birmingham, Buffalo Ranch general manager. "In view of current concerns about school funding, it is important to encourage students. We're happy to offer an incentive."

The program is also in place at Applegate Elementary, West Elementary, Faubian Elementary, Hollywood Elementary, Powell Valley Elementary and Creston Elementary schools in Portland.

The Buffalo Ranch is a new western theme restaurant at 555 N.E. 122nd.

Commissioner Awards \$10,000 In Race Discrimination Case

In a recent final order, Labor Commissioner Mary Wendy Roberts ruled that the management of a Portland company, Northwest Fitness and Supply, discriminated against an employee because he is African-American. The complainant, Marquis M. McNeil, alleged that the company's managers discriminated against him and finally fired him because of his race. The commissioner upheld McNeil's allegations of discrimination, but found that he was fired for reasons unrelated to race. She ordered Northwest Fitness and Supply to pay McNeil \$10,000 in compensatory damages for mental and emotional distress.

Testimony revealed that a racially negative atmosphere existed at the Sandy Blvd. store. For example, the store's retail manager instructed all employees to call a "code 22" whenever two or more African-Americans entered the store. Code 22 is an employee alert that a suspected shoplifter is entering the store. Management would not allow McNeil, who was the advertising manager, to place ads in The Skanner, and African-

American neighborhood newspaper, because it "did not want to attract the clientele The Skanner, would reach." When McNeil suggested that they hire two African-American students from Benson High School who were regular customers, his manager said that they already had their "quota of blacks."

In her opinion, Commissioner Roberts writes that McNeil "endured frequent and repeated suggestions through his supervisor that persons of the Complainant's race were untrustworthy as both customers and potential employees." However, she rejected the argument that discrimination was the cause of his discharge. Evidence showed that management warned McNeil that the interpersonal relationship he had with a coworker was disruptive. Witness testimony confirmed that the employees' attention to each other took them away from their duties. Management fired McNeil and the coworker, who is white, at the same time.

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