

## The Earning Capacity Of A Stockbroker

Did you know that a National Survey indicates that stockbrokers consistently earn one of the highest salaries in the country.

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The first step in becoming a licensed stockbroker is to prepare yourself by taking a series of 7 stockbroker courses. These courses are not very difficult and they only cost you \$350 to \$400 dollars to take. Once you complete these courses, then you are ready to take the National Association of Securities Dealer Examination. When you pass this examination you will receive your license as a registered representative. You can then become employed by a broker dealer as a stockbroker.

After you become licensed to practice, you can practice this profession in any state without having to take another examination unlike attorneys or real estate brokers who would most likely be required to re-

new their license in order to practice in another state.

If you have ever wanted to become one of the "movers and shakers" in this country, this course and examination is what you should focus on.

Can you imagine moving large sums of money in seconds, hundreds of thousands, even millions of dollars. This is what full time stock and bond traders, and professional money managers do. You can become one of the people what are involved in this money making profession.

You are probably not aware that mutual fund portfolio managers, merger and acquisition managers are specialists that represent the pinnacle of success for stockbrokers. They are the million dollar earners that shape this industry and exert tremendous influence on the economy system.

Now that you have this information, you can become one of these brokers and become extensively involved in the economic system of this country.

If you enjoy guiding people with your investments, this is your opportunity.



By Omari Kenyatta, J.D.

## Don't Sell America Short On July Fourth

BY GEORGE R. CRAMER, NATIONAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Independence Day is a day to reflect on America's history and present situation. If we follow the politicians, special interest groups and the news media we could be convinced that America is sliding into oblivion.

Here are some of their bleak snapshots:

- A recent survey of our criminal just system showed the average convicted murderer serves only 16 years in prison. The average sentence for rape is 60 days and the average criminal commits 186 crimes before the person's first conviction.

- On other fronts, America's students aren't keeping up with their counterparts worldwide. American technology has been surpassed by Japan and Central Europe. Our health care is inadequate and unavailable to those who need it most. American workers aren't productive and quality is below world standards.

If we listen only to these sensational stories, it can become pretty depressing. Fortunately, the facts don't support all this gloom and doom.

The United States continues to be the world's largest producer of goods and services - 66 percent more than Japan and equal to all the European nations combined. American workers still have the highest output per person. Our unemployment is currently one of the lowest of any nation. And our economy is the healthiest in the world. Japan, Germany Great Britain, Canada, and others are in recession.

Concern over health care has skyrocketed since the Clinton took office. But the fact is American health care is the envy of the world. We spend 14 percent of our nation's economy on health care. Canada and Sweden spend only 9 percent, Japan 7 percent, and Great Britain only 6 percent on health care.

A greater percentage of American children are in school than in any other nation. Foreign leaders and those of means send their children to be educated here.

We still have much of which we can be proud. We will not stand idle and watch our nation be sold out by those who constantly tell us how badly we've messed up. This July 4th, take time to remember the heritage of family unity and traditional values that have made America great. Perpetuate these values in your family and community and America will continue to be the greatest place to live in the world.

## Metro Receives National Award For Most Livable Community

Metro Council Presiding Officer Judy Wyers and Councilor Sandi Hansen today received an award in Washington, D.C., on behalf of the regional government for creating a community that is among the country's most livable.

Partners for Livable Communities, a nonprofit international network of more than 1,000 organizations and city governments, honored the Portland metropolitan region during Thursday's day-long event. The day included an award luncheon at the National Press Club and a congressional reception on Capitol Hill.

The Portland region was among 16 cities and counties selected for initiative in addressing community problems and improving the quality of life for residents. The region was selected for the effectiveness of Metro, the country's only directly elected regional government. The Partners for Livable Communities names livable communities once every decade.

"This award is an important recognition for our region because it takes into account all the factors that make a community vibrant, successful and livable," said Wyers. "Even more remarkable is that an agency as young as Metro has done so much to create one of the best regions in the United States. This is the entire region's award because there are many local governments, businesses, organizations and citizens who work together to make this region special," she said. "The council is very honored to be recognized with this award."

Wyers and Hansen also met with members and staff of Oregon's Congressional delegation during the trip to Washington, D.C.

## Kids Day Camps

Preschoolers can take arts and crafts, science experiments, nature walks, water play, cooking, drama and music at summer daycamps by the Vancouver Parks and Recreation Dept. Classes are from 9 a.m. to noon, on a two-day or four-day-a-week schedule at the Marshall Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. and Bagley Center, 4100 Plomondon. Call (206) 696-8065 for more information.

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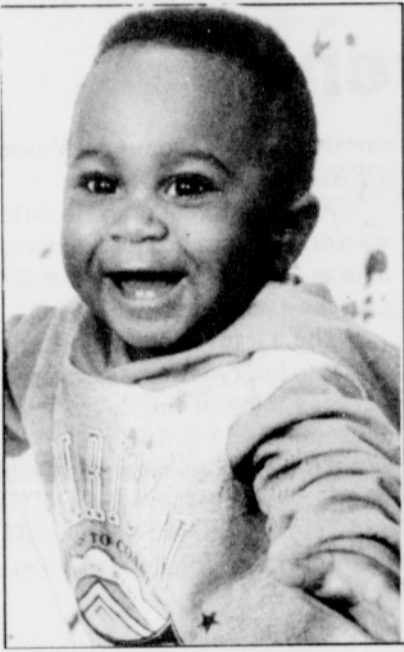
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## Happy Birthday



Khayrie Jaquiesse Rivers-Watson

Many bells ginged and angels sing birthday songs for smiling Khayrie as he celebrates his happy first birthday.

Many more happy birthday wishes from your friends... Promise King, your mom, Nichole Watson and the rest of the family. Happy cheers especially from grandma.

## Visitors Sought Through Minority Network

Oregon Convention and Visitor Services Network is offering 300 one-year memberships to qualifying minority businesses and professionals interested in participating and benefitting from Oregon's growing convention and tourism industry.

The network was recently awarded a contract by MERC/METRO to help enhance ethnic minority convention and tourism business for the city and state.

Roy Jay, president and chief executive officer of the network, said ethnic minority businesses have not been traditionally involved in Oregon's mainstream convention and tourism business.

"This is just the first step in making sure that ethnic minority businesses are able to receive leads and referrals from the growing number of conventions and tourists that are in needs of goods and services as well as other information and opportunities,"

## Advance Payments For Child Tax Credit

Oregonians who earn less than \$23,760 and have a child at home could take home up to \$100 extra each month in their paychecks. This is the qualifying limit for the Advance Earned Income Credit of the Internal Revenue Service.

Persons eligible are generally those with at least one child and an expected earned income and adjusted gross family income of less than \$23,760 for 1994.

If you qualify, fill out Form W-5, "Earned Income Credit Advance Payment Certificate," and give it to your personnel office at work.

For further details, see the instructions for Form W-5 and Publication 596, "Earned Income Credit."

Jay said.

Minority professionals or businesses, regardless of size, should call the convention network at (503) 244-5794, ext. 22 for details on how to apply.

Jay said Portland and Oregon has received favorable attention, both locally and nationwide, for the recent decision by regional government officials to separately contract with a minority owned firm to enhance existing convention marketing efforts to ethnic minority conventions and meeting planners.

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