

# SPORTS

## MOTION PICTURE RIGHTS FOR THE HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

Start whistling "Sweet Georgia Brown," America's world famous "Magicians of Basketball" will soon be hitting the big screen...

Columbia Pictures has optioned the motion picture rights for the Harlem Globetrotters story.

Under development, the project will be produced through Davis Entertainment in association with Lord/Weaver Productions. Producers John Davis ("The Firm," "Grumpy Old Men"), Tony Lord and Mathew Weaver, approached Harlem Globetrotters' Chairman/owner Mannie Jackson about the prospect

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Highlighting the courageous contributions of the pioneers of basketball, the Harlem Globetrotters' story will dramatize the role of African Americans whose influence on the thriving basketball industry and an ever-changing society will not be forgotten. A contemporary commercial project of an historical significance and rich with drama, the film

promises an emotional look at a true American story that goes beyond sport to impact our culture and people the world over.

Under Jackson's leadership, the Globetrotters of today have discovered an entirely new legion of fans and will tour 30 countries this season. The Globetrotters have renewed their contract with "ABC Wide World of Sports," and appeared in a national television commercial for Target stores, as well as on a Wheaties cereal box.

"Over the past six decades the Globetrotters have crossed

cultural, gender, geographical, and racial boundaries to entertain more than 100 million fans around the world. Their story is as unique as their style of play, and the movie will offer insights into the pride and essence of what it means to wear the signature red, white and blue uniform," says team owner Jackson, himself a former player and an executive producer of the film.

Form the original Globetrotters team of five players barnstorming from city to city packed in a 1927 Model T, to commanding the largest

audience of over 75,000 fans in Berlin's Olympic stadium, and the first black athlete to play in the NBA, the Harlem Globetrotters legacy has all the scoring elements of an unforgettable Hollywood motion picture.

Producers Davis, Lord, and Weaver reveal, "When we initially discussed the project we viewed it as a sports movie. As we researched further, we discovered that it is so much more. It has significant social values that intertwine with a dramatic story and powerful characters. Our collaborative relationship with Mannie gives us the opportunity to

tell the story of the pioneers of basketball and the courageous Globetrotter athletes that turned dreams into reality."

John Davis is currently producing "Ritchie Rich" for Warner Bros., starring MacCauley Caulkin, and "Waterworld" at Universal with Kevin Costner. Davis and Lord/Weaver are also producing "The Ice Queen" at Columbia Pictures, starring Michelle Pfeiffer.

For the Globetrotters story, writers are under consideration for story adaptation, with production slated to begin in early 1995.



**MAGIC SMILES**-- Basketball superstar, Magic Johnson, joined Miss Hennessy, Renee Rice at a recent Hennessy Martini promotion at the Shark Bar in New York City. Miss Hennessy is currently on a 20-city tour on behalf of Cognac Hennessy.

## PORTLAND SOCCER TEAM WINS NATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

F.C. Portland, Oregon's under 18 boys state championship soccer team demonstrated its hunger to win at the Snickers U.S. Youth Soccer National Championship, Snickers Cup, the premier youth soccer tournament in the United States.

F.C. Portland defeated Dallas Inter from Texas in a 2-1 overtime victory during the final play-offs at the national Sports Center in Blaine, Minnesota, site of the 1994 Snicker Cup held July 27-31. F.C. Portland, led by forward Andrew Gregor's spectacular solo-effort goal in the 115th-minute, became the first team from Oregon to win a U.S. Youth Soccer National Championship.

Both teams swapped first-half

goals, but the game's best action occurred in the final minutes of regulation. Gregor, a two-year veteran of the youth national team player pools had an opportunity to end the game early but his 84th minute penalty kick rattled off the crossbar. The next six minutes saw Dallas Inter goalkeeper Vincent Cantu make two world-class saves and F.C. Portland hit another crossbar. Gregor's magic came just five minutes before the game would have been decided by penalty kicks. Deep in his offensive corner, Gregor gathered a short throw in and dribbled laterally through three defenders, before unleashing a six-yard shot over the shoulder of Cantu.

Snickers Cup makes it possible for outstanding athletes from across

the country to compete for the youth soccer championship of the United States," said Dr. S. Robert Contiguglia, Chairman, U.S. Youth Soccer. "We believe that this event show youth soccer at its best and will allow it to become the preeminent sport in the United States."

In an effort to support the nation's youth, the Snickers Brand has made a 20-year commitment to U.S. Youth Soccer to be the title sponsor of the Snickers U.S. Youth Soccer National Championship. The 20-year agreement coincides with the Snickers Brand's long-term goals to encourage athletic excellence and help develop the nation's youth to their full potential.

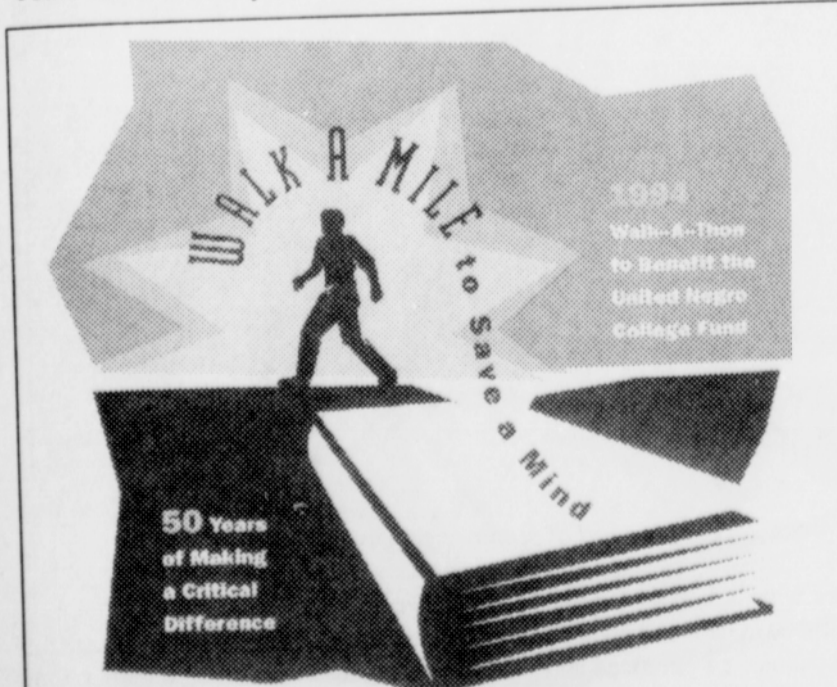
## OREGON DONOR PROGRAM'S BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Oregon Donor Program will hold its first Benefit Golf Tournament on Friday, September 23, 1994 at Glendoveer Golf Course. It will be a team scramble with a BBQ to follow along with spectacular prizes all for the entry fee of \$55.00.

All of the funds raised at the tournament will be used to increase awareness and education to encourage more people to become donors. Each year there are

more than 500,000 bone grafts nationwide, over 35,000 cornea transplants, and more than 15,000 internal organ transplants. Yet there are still over 34,000 men, women and children in the U.S. waiting for an organ transplant, and nearly one-third of them will die before a suitable organ is available.

For more information, please call 1-800-452-1369.



## UNCF 1994 Walkathon

We hope you will give us your support and work with us on this year's UNCF Walkathon scheduled for September 24, 1994. Please, Please join the effort by agreeing to form a team to walk in the Walkathon. Call Katy Cash at 284-4638 (Res.) or 232-9575 (Bus.).

### The Portland Observer

## Leisure Hour Golf Club 50th Anniversary 1944 - 1994 August 12, 13 & 14

### Schedule of Events

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Fish Fry & Jam Session  
Soul Syndicate Band  
Blues and R&B  
6 PM...until. \$10.00

#### SATURDAY MORNING

6:30 AM to 7:30 AM  
Buffet Breakfast \$6.95  
Tee-off 8:00 AM

#### SATURDAY EVENING

Presentation Dinner & Awards starting at 6 PM

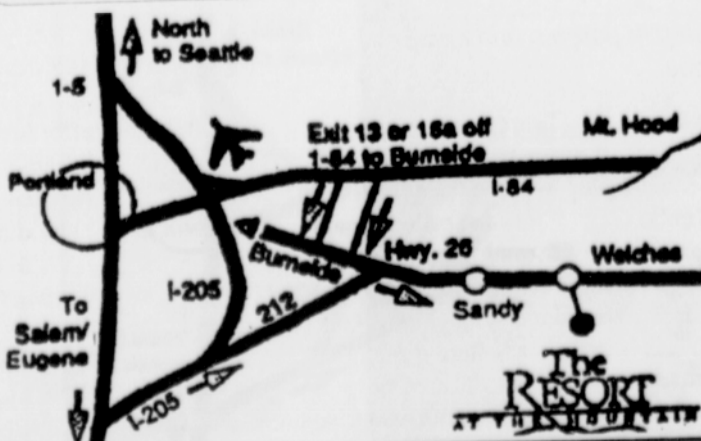
Dance starts at 9 PM to the music of Norman Sylvester Blues Band in St. Andrews Hall. Dinner and Dance \$34 Dance only: \$10

### Buffet Dinner Menu

Baron of beef, choice of fish. RSRV for tickets. Make check or money order payable to: LEISURE HOUR GOLF CLUB, Tournament Headquarters, P.O. Box 11942, Portland, OR 97211. 1-503-287-5212. Your donation goes toward the Junior Golf Fund and College Scholarship Fund. NO REFUNDS.

### LODGING RESERVATIONS

Please make all arrangements for lodging directly with "The Resort At The Mountain," telephone 1-800-669-7666.



## Did You Know?

... that an essential step to becoming better organized and making the best use of your time is to each evening take a few minutes to plan, organize and put things in place for the next day. Planning expert Dolores Cotter Lamping adds that the next day's activities should be written down on a "Things to do list" and you should refer to the list several times a day.

## SHOOTOUT FOR CHRIST!

### THREE-POINT SHOOT-OUT CONTEST

128 NE Russell, Saturday, Aug 13, 1994 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**FREE Chicken & Hamburgers**

**Speaker: J.W. Friday**

Portland Public Safety Dept.

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ages 9 - 20 plus

for info. call Danny at 249-3750 all participants must stay for complete program for food & prizes

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### T.C. ROCKMASTER

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Saturday, August 6th, 1994, 9:00 pm until . . .

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