

Business Leaders Reach Out To Inner City Youth

Portland area businesses are demonstrating their support for the efforts of inner city youth to keep their lives on track. These businesses are sponsors of the "working Kids Luncheon," a Volunteers of America of Oregon program that honors 200 youth from Portland area high schools who contribute to the community through after-school jobs, volunteerism, or community involvement. The luncheon takes place Thursday, March 9th, 11:45 a.m. at the Portland Marriott. Mike Donahue of KOIN-TV will emcee the event.

Portland Chief of Police Charles Moose is event chairman. "Many of these kids are beating the odds. They are constructive participants in society despite enormous pressure to drop out or conform to a lifestyle of gangs, drugs, or other criminal activity. In recognizing these kids, we support

their efforts to reach out and broaden their perspectives.

Encouraging these kids is an excellent way to address the problems facing inner city youth today," said Moose. In addition to a talk by Chief Moose, the program features a musical performance by Niamia Booker, a student at McCoy Academy, and includes a talk by Tory Campbell, student body president at Marshall High School.

Funding for the event is provided in part by local businesses and organizations. Event coordinator Rachael Mortensen said the luncheon celebrates community spirit. "The Working Kids Luncheon bridges one segment of the community with another. By supporting the event and honoring these students, business leaders are investing in tomorrow's

society and encouraging productive participants," said Mortensen.

Sponsors for tables at \$600 or individual students at \$60 are still needed. Those interested in supporting the Working Kids Luncheon should call 235-8655. Proceed from this benefit luncheon will support the social services offered by Volunteers of America of Oregon.

Volunteers of America is a nationwide social service organization with branches in more than 200 communities. Volunteers of America of Oregon, Inc. serves the community through child care, child abuse prevention, a shelter for homeless women with children a senior center, senior health clinic, adult day care program, residential alcohol and drug treatment facilities, a shelter for homeless adolescent girls, and a holiday assistance program.

The State Of The Nation II: Batman And Robin

BY PROF. MCKINLEY BURT

If a little light has clicked on in your head in respect to that dangerous duo, New Gingrich and Bob Dole, "I'm-sure-you're-right". The antics of this team of Republican contenders for the 1996 presidential election certainly fit the psychological profile of the masked marvel and his juvenile cohort.

A blustery, cold-blooded Gingrich launches a series of no-hold-barred attacks on the poor, the entitled and the unentitled--while, suspiciously, Bob Dole, in the Senate, speaks in softer tones; "There are some people who can't find work" (After all, as a county attorney he found himself authorizing welfare payments to his own grandfather, a tenant farmer: (share-cropper to you). Never-the-less, America's poor, the children, the senior citizen, and minorities may find little surcease with either of these two minions of reactionary law.

Last week we described the lifelong, personal career of Sen. Phil Gramm at public entitlement troughs (from birth to Senate). We, probably, could use pages of this newspaper to describe the hypocritical postures of many more of these hungry politicians who have denied the realities of the American way of life. It must have been terrible for them to have been born poor in the racist south and to the 'favored race; and then have one's pride, psyche and

personality forever warped -- seeing that some African Americans had made it past all your obstacles and prejudices to become successful in Productive Enterprise.

"Loser-Pays, Tort Reform, Liability Cap": What ever you call this monstrous intrusion upon state laws and the health and well-being of America's citizens, the Republican push for this legislation exhibits the depth of depravity to which both old and neophyte politicians have sunk - trying to build banks of deep-pocket, corporate campaign contributors for future elections (yesterday the little rascals wanted money, power and clout returned to the states. Now, they want a "nation-wide" federal cap on awards in civil suits).

The grand rush to limit the amount of damages which an injured party may recover at law - either actual or for pain and suffering - will no doubt be accelerated by the recent national exposure of two horrendous 'accidents' at a Florida hospital. First, a man has the wrong leg amputated; a week later, the very same facility kills a patient by 'mistakenly' removing his breathing apparatus. The house measure which for the first time set limits in "All of The Nations Courts" on damages awarded in all civil lawsuits is being enthusiastically backed by many associations and industries.

Super-intense lobbying, of course, comes from hospitals who along with physicians and pharma-

ceutical companies have succeeded in being gaddled to the house bill. The American Medical Association is spending millions on radio and newspaper advertisements. Are they afraid that the public will forget the deliberate and deadly withholding of known facts concerning Asbestos? Thalamolide? Breast Implants? Deadly Hamburgers?

I hope we are not fooled by a few highly-publicized examples of excessive damages like the recent million-dollar hot coffee incident. In concert with these attacks upon the public's right to fair and just compensation for injury, loss of income and for pain and suffering, we have parallel assaults upon the Food And Drug Administration (FDA) by the pharmaceutical companies. If, two decades ago, the FDA had been crippled as the Republicans wish, they would have approved the drug Thalamolide and here in America, we too would have had the many thousands of horribly deformed babies as in Europe.

No, our system of law is not perfect but it is so superior to that in the rest of the world that even a fool (or Republican) should think twice before arrogantly tamper with it. Nothing said here should be taken as blanket endorsement of Democrats; they have their rascals too, many of the weaker ones joining the right wing assault. Batman and Robin drive on in their political Batmobile.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

New Cascade Business Center Opens

Mary Omereife has done what some may be too afraid to do, she has started her own business.

In January, Mary opened the doors of the Cascade Business Center at Cascade Plaza, with the help of the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs.

The business offers office management services, including photocopies, computer rental, records management and much more.

Omereife said she can provide



Mary Omereife

support services for local small businesses, home based businesses, students, non-profit organizations and the general community.

The focus is on "flexibility, personal attention and catering to individual needs," she said.

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2. (b) is correct. Moisture, a conductor of electrical current, can do weird things to the electrical and ignition systems. Among other things, it can short out one or more of the spark plugs by diverting the current.

3. All three are correct. (a) The heater derives its heat from the engine cooling system, a cold running engine results in an uncomfortable car in the winter. It also means poor fuel economy and, eventually, increased wear of internal engine parts. (b) A malfunctioning air flow valve allows cold air to mix with heated air. (c) Similar discomfort results from a faulty valve that controls coolant flow to the heater.

Michael Jordan Soars Again

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play with the best players in the league, "the love of the game," Jordan said.

Jordan returned Sunday to the NBA after setting down his bat and glove and hassles of attempting to play major league baseball to score 19 points and create one of the biggest sports happenings in months.

Jordan is one of the most recognizable faces in the world and his marketability is one of the most powerful in business.

The Chicago Bulls lost the game in overtime, 103-96 to the Indiana Pacers as Jordan struggled from the field going 7-28 in 43 minutes.

"Everybody was treating me like a god," said Jordan, on the way the media and fans reacted to his comeback. "I was kinda embarrassed, but I can't tell you guys how to do your job."

Your right Michael, the media does spend too much time on focusing on comebacks, but you are the biggest name in sports. To come back to the NBA as the greatest player in history, your Bulls may have lost the game, but the fans have won by your return.

Don't think for a minute that Jordan doesn't strive on the media exposure, it was after all his choice.

Jordan's presence in the NBA is unmeasurable. The stock market had billions trading on his return, NBC hit the top of the ratings and all the teams in the league will gain.

Chicago, however, might not rise as much as everybody thinks. The goal for his team will be to bring back the trophy and anything short of a championship would be questioned.

The Bulls are still weak in the paint. With the absence of Horace Grant and Bill Cartwright they have trouble with bigger and more physical teams, like New York and Orlando.

Jordan's legacy is one of the greatest in the game's history and you can't take that away from No. 23, but No. 45 (Jordan's new number) has an incredible task ahead.

If Jordan and the Bulls can pull this one off, he could be the first player in NBA history with two numbers hanging from the rafters.

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