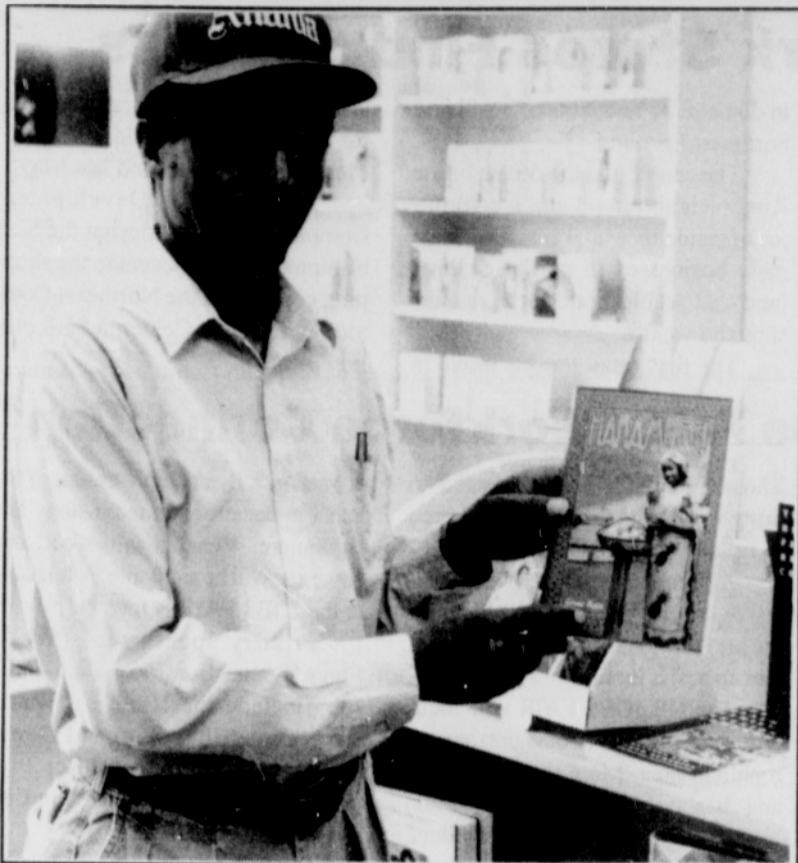


MINORITY DEVELOPMENT



O.B. Hill, co-owner of Reflections Coffee, Books and Gifts, shows some of the latest releases and best sellers available at his store in the Walnut Park Retail Center. (Photo by Michael Leighton)

Event Focuses On Diversity Of Engineers

Industry, government and academic leaders are identifying ways to diversify America's engineering workforce at Hampton University in Virginia.

The fourth annual Advancing Minorities Interest in Engineering Conference is being held this week, designed to create tangible solutions for diversifying corporate America.

The conference brings together the Council of Engineering Deans of the historically black colleges and universities, with engineering and human resource executives of top corporations such as General Electric, Abbott Labs and DuPont.

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Minority Owned Businesses Honored

The 13th annual national observance of Minority Enterprise Development Week (MED Week) kicks-off September 24th. Locally, supporters of minority business entrepreneurship will gather to recognize the achievements of Oregon and Southwest Washington minority-owned businesses on Thursday, September 28th during a business awards luncheon at the Red Lion Jantzen Beach.

Dr. Arthur Fletcher, a Commissioner and former Chairman of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, will be the keynote speaker for the luncheon. Nationally recognized for his public service and civil rights activities, Dr. Fletcher currently serves as

the Director of the International Institute for Corporate Social Policy at the University of Denver.

Awards will be presented by the MEDWeek Committee, the Portland district office of the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Opportunity Committee of the Portland Federal Executive Board.

Kaung Fen "Max" Chan, President of Northwest Micro, Inc., Sal Kadri, President of Kadri International Company (also doing business as ValueCAD), and Clyde L. Stryker, President of Spirit Communications, Inc., are being honored by the MEDWeek Committee.

Established in 1987, Northwest Micro, Inc. a Beaverton headquarter-

tered personal computer assembler, servicer and systems integrator. The firm also sells software and installs and services computer networks. In 1992, Northwest Micro, Inc., was named one of the fastest growing companies in the country by Inc. Magazine. In 1994, it was the first to introduce "green", energy saving PC technology to the local area. Over the past two years.

Tickets for the 1995 MEDWeek Businesses Awards Luncheon are \$25.00 per person. For information or reservations, contact IMPACT Community Development Corporation, (503) 245-9253. A business card exchange will precede the 11:30 luncheon.

America Works Because Federal Employees Do

As Congress attempts to slash important government programs and debates various budget resolutions that could force a government shutdown and lock out thousands of federal employees from their jobs, federal employee leaders represented by the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) are available to discuss all federal employment issues including the impact of job cuts on the delivery of essential services to taxpayers.

"From lock outs to security issues, federal employees face urgent problems and uncertainty in the workplace that threaten to diminish the scope of services the American public demands and expects," said AFGE President John N. Sturdivant who is among the spokespeople available to react to reporters' inquiries about all issues confronting federal workers.

"We don't intend to be victims or held hostage during the Congressional budget fights," said Sturdivant. "We intend to be part of the debate that determines what kind of America we all will live in. Partisan political squabbling over the past decade has resulted in the steady decline in real income for working families, while at the same time, corporate America's profits are soaring. Instead of targeting the true source of discontent -- growing income inequalities in the U.S. -- the government itself has become the bullseye for the arrow of despair shot by Americans who think this country is no longer working for them," he said. Government employees are productive, efficient and are doing their jobs to the best of their ability. They are friends, family members and neighbors. Most importantly, they are taxpayers as well," he said.

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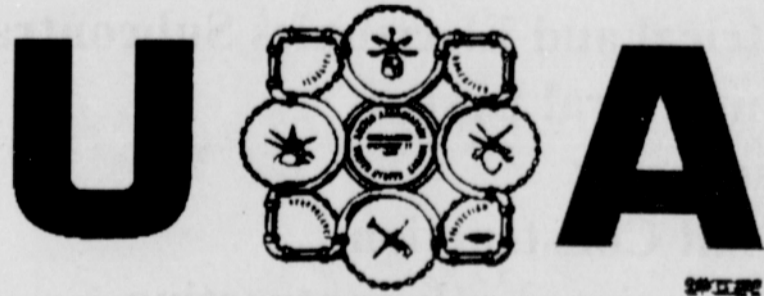
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