

Eugene's Guard to spend \$11.4 million

BY SHERRI BURI, THE REGISTER-GUARD, EUGENE, ORE.

Guard Publishing Co. is moving a step closer to reuniting its downtown operations with its production center in northeast Eugene.

The company, publisher of The Register-Guard, broke ground last Monday on an 81,000-square-foot office building west of the newspaper's printing facility at 3500 Chad Drive. The company also plans a 5,000-square-foot addition to its warehouse north of the production facility.

Tony Baker, the newspaper's publisher and editor and president of Guard Publishing, announced the plans at a ceremonial ground breaking Wednesday.

The project, with a price tag of \$11.4 million, is one of several proposed media-related developments in that area.

The Register-Guard's downtown work force of 358 people is expected to move to the new two-story building by September 1997. Currently, 92 employees work at the newspaper's 80,000-square-foot production

complex.

"We view this as light at the end of a nine-year tunnel," Baker told a group of about 50 employees, family members and associates at the ceremony Wednesday. "It was 1988 when we decided and recognized that we needed a new press."

As soon as the production center was completed two years ago, the company set its sights on a new office building, he said.

The newspaper's staff has outgrown the cramped building at 975 High Street. "Also, we wanted all our

operations in one location because it's less expensive and more efficient," Baker said.

When completed, Guard Publishing's 166,000-square-foot complex will have about twice the space of the downtown facility.

Baker announced last October that the company would leave the High Street location it has occupied since 1952. In January, the University of Oregon moved its printing operation into The Register-Guard's vacated press building. The university has signed a 10-year lease to take over

the rest of the downtown complex when the newspaper moves out.

Meanwhile, the company continues to work on plans to build a \$5 million, 60-unit apartment building on a company-owned parking lot at 10th Avenue and High Street.

"There are still some loose ends to tie up," Baker said. "We're waiting for an appraisal, and if all goes well, we'll break ground by the end of the month." The company hopes to start renting units by next July or August.

The Register-Guard's Summer

Oaks complex west of Interstate 5 is just one of several new developments expected to spring up along Chad Drive.

Guard Publishing officials expect the company's office construction project to employ at least 32 local contractors and 160 to 200 workers.

Chambers Construction Co. of Eugene is the project's general contractor. McCluer ArchitectureEngineering Group of Chicago is the lead architect and TBG Architects of Eugene will serve as the local architect.

New Thriftway coming to town

BY LEE PERLMAN

A proposed new, larger Thriftway market at Northeast 33rd Avenue and Killingsworth Street has cleared its first hurdle with approval for a needed zone change by a city hearings officer.

The action must now be reviewed by the Portland City Council. Planner Susan McKinney says a hearing is tentatively set for September 18.

United Grocers is seeking to build a 40,000 square foot Thriftway market to replace a 25,000 square foot store that used to occupy the site and closed in 1994. They asked that the site, now zoned CN1 and R5, be rezoned to CN2. Instead, hearings officer Elizabeth Normand, on McKinney's advice, recommended it be zoned CS. This zone also allows commercial use, but means that United Grocers will have to go through an additional process to get the 137 parking spaces they want.

In addition, United Grocers must hope that a zone change request by HOST, Inc., for a housing development in St. Johns is approved. The city requires that the development potential of residential land be replaced before the land is rezoned for commercial use. UG proposes to meet the requirement by linking its own zone change to HOST's.

In yet another hurdle, UG must secure the vacation of Northeast Emerson Street between 33rd and 34th avenues, linking a satellite parking lot to the main site.

UG's plans are supported by the Concordia Neighborhood Associations and many residents of the area, who say that a full-service grocery store in the neighborhood is badly needed. It is opposed by some residents of Northeast 34th Avenue, who say it would add to through traffic, parking congestion, crime and anti-social activity in the area.

Normand sided with the neighborhood position in her decision. "A grocery store of the scale and location proposed is part of the necessary foundation for the area's revitalization," she wrote. Conversely, she wrote, leaving the site vacant would be detrimental to new development and public safety. She did include a condition that the new store have no direct access to Northeast 34th Avenue.

Polls show Dole nearly even with Clinton

Republican nominee Bob Dole received a substantial boost from last week's Republican convention and is now within striking distance of President Bill Clinton, according to two new polls released on Monday.

An ABC television poll put Clinton only 4 percentage points ahead of Dole, 44 to 40 percent. Independent Ross Perot received 11 percent.

Dole actually led Clinton by 10 points among white men and five points among white women, but the president had the support of 80 percent of black voters in the poll, which had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percent.

Clinton led Dole 48 to 41 percent in a CNN/USA Today poll, in which Perot trailed with 7 percent. Two weeks ago, Clinton led Dole 52 to 30 percent with Perot at 12 percent.

Pioneering affirmative action anthology released

Far more whites benefit from alumni preference slots and other special programs than African-Americans and Hispanics who enter college under affirmative action, according to *The Affirmative Action Debate*, an anthology edited by Emerge magazine's editor-in-chief George E. Curry and just released by Addison-Wesley Publishing Co.

The book, a paperback original, is written from the perspectives of women, African-Americans, Asians, Latinos and other disadvantaged groups as well as liberals and conservatives.

Judy Lichtman, president of the Women's Legal Defense Fund, writes, "Any honest critic of affirmative action must also acknowledge

that factors other than pure merit often influence decisions about opportunities."

She points out that in 1994, 40 percent of the children of Harvard University alumni were admitted, compared to a 14 percent admission rate for students whose parents were not alumni of Harvard.

Moreover, a U.S. Department of Education report disclosed that the SAT scores of alumni children admitted to Harvard averaged 35 points below that of other students.

Yet, no one claims that they are stigmatized because of their special treatment.

"Another recent research report on higher education concluded that

far more whites have entered the gates of the ten most elite American academic institutions through 'alumni preference' than the combined numbers of all the Black and Latinos entering through affirmative action," Lichtman writes.

Cornel West writes that in order to appreciate the value of affirmative action, it should be placed within a larger context.

"The vicious legacy of white supremacy institutionalized in housing, education, health care, employment, and social life -- served as the historical context for the civil rights movement of the late 1950s and 1960s. Affirmative action was a weak response to this legacy," West observes.

Making an issue of it

The abortion issue, virtually a non-subject once the Republican National Convention began last week, made its reappearance on the campaign trail Sunday — three days into the presidential campaign.

Republican vice presidential nominee Jack Kemp got several thousand supporters booing when he attacked President Clinton's veto of a bill prohibiting late-term abortions, saying it was not a fitting fit for a "shining city on a hill," Ronald Reagan's term for a civilized society, to do. But presidential nominee Bob Dole did not follow Kemp's lead at a rally in a park here, zeroing in on how he wants to give every American, including President Clinton, a tax cut. To do it in Clinton's case, he said he would have to beat the president in November.

Dole aides said both men had planned to raise the issue at a Polish Pulaski Day parade in Buffalo earlier in the day but did not get a chance to do so because of scheduling problems.

Charlie Black, a Dole campaign aide, said the question of late-term abortions will be raised in states with heavy Catholic populations fairly often because it is a subject that separates Dole and Clinton.

He also admitted that while a majority of Americans support abortion rights, they oppose late-term abortions.

There were fierce fights about abortion in the days leading up to the Republican convention, with abortion rights campaigners threatening a floor

fight on the issue.

In the end, the party platform called for a constitutional amendment banning abortion and carried an appendix with the comments of opponents. Then when the convention started, the issue was hardly mentioned again, at least not in prime time when the convention was televised. Dole and Kemp began their day in Buffalo with a visit to the city's cathedral where Bishop Henry Mansell made a delicate pitch against abortion.

Without mentioning the word, the bishop said, "We are in service to life... protecting life in all its forms, particularly at its weakest and most vulnerable."

The bishop also declined to make any political prediction. He welcomed Dole and Kemp and a clutch of top New York Republicans with the following comment: "We don't confer titles. We don't know what the situation will be in a couple of months. That's in God's hands."

The bishop's parishioners were less demanding. They applauded Dole as he left the church. One man even took communion and then on the way back took a snapshot of the Republican nominee.

When he finished his numbers riff in a Buffalo speech, Dole added a flourish, noting that the last two numbers of 1996 add up to 15. Then he turned to Kemp and asked, "Have I left anything out, Jack?" For once, the talkative Kemp was quiet.

Tropical Storm Dolly in Caribbean

The fourth tropical storm of the Atlantic hurricane season formed in the northwest Caribbean on Monday and seemed likely to continue strengthening as it headed toward the Gulf of Mexico, the National Hurricane Centre said.

At 5 p.m. EDT (2100 GMT), the centre of Tropical Storm Dolly was near latitude 18.7N, longitude 83.6 W, or about 250 miles (402 km) east-southeast of Cozumel, Mexico. The storm was moving west-northwest near 14 mph (23 km/h) and that motion was expected to continue on Monday night.

Maximum sustained winds were near 50 mph (80 km/h) and further strengthening was likely

Monday night, forecasters said.

A tropical storm warning was posted for parts of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and the northern coast of Belize. A tropical storm watch was in effect for far western Cuba, including the Isle of Youth. Forecasters said Dolly's expected track would take it toward Mexico's border with Texas later this week.

"Interests in the western Gulf of Mexico should monitor the progress of Dolly," the National Hurricane Centre said.

Rainfall totals of five to 10 inches (12.5-25 cm) were expected along the depression's path.

Tropical storms become hurricanes when such winds reach 74 mph (119 km/h).

Alleged diplomat abuser withdrawn

Gambia withdrew a diplomat from the United States at Washington's request following allegations that he beat his wife, the State Department said on Monday.

The Gambian Embassy said Tombong Saidu, the interim chargé d'affaires, left on Friday for a posting in London and had no other information. "He's been posted to the Gambia High Commission in London," an embassy spokeswoman said.

"He was actually withdrawn by the government of the Gambia but with-

drawn at our request," State Department spokesman Glyn Davies said. "So we didn't have to kick him out."

Davies told reporters Saidu was "accused of spousal abuse — wife-beating being the old term for that." Davies was unable to say whether Saidu had been charged.

Another State Department official said Saidu had allegedly committed two acts of assault. It was unclear whether both involved his wife and further details were not immediately available.

Police News Bank Robbery Suspect

The Portland Office of the F.B.I., in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in identifying and apprehending a bank robbery suspect.

Between Monday, May 13, 1996, and Thursday, June 20, 1996, five bank robberies and one attempt bank robbery were committed by the same subject in the Portland Metropolitan Area.

The suspect (pictured in the bank surveillance photo) is described as a male white, late 20's to early 30's,



5'9", approximately 160 pounds, with dark black hair and a mustache.

If you have any information regarding this, call the Crime Stoppers Program. Crime Stoppers, in cooperation with the F.B.I. and the Financial Institutions of Oregon, is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to an arrest in this case and you do not have to give your name.

Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

New Japanese-American judge to hear Simpson case

A new judge was named to preside over the wrongful-death civil case against O.J. Simpson a week after the ex-football star's lawyers objected to the judge originally scheduled to hear the suit.

A spokeswoman for Santa Monica Superior Court said the civil lawsuit, which is expected to come to trial later this year, would be heard by Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki, who replaced Judge Alan Haber.

Haber, who had handled all pre-

trial motions and hearings in the civil case, was taken off the case last Wednesday after Simpson's attorneys filed a motion claiming the judge was prejudiced against the defense.

California law allows each side in a civil case to disqualify one judge in their case without stating a reason.

A criminal court jury last October found Simpson, a former football hero and actor, not guilty in the June 1994 murders of his ex-wife, Nicole

Brown, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. The families of the victims have filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Simpson.

Fujisaki is a Japanese-American, like the criminal trial judge Lance Ito. It was not immediately known if he would attend the next scheduled pre-trial hearing.

The change in judge could force a delay in the trial, which was scheduled to begin with jury selection September 9.

Charity fraud

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of charity and the only persons to make money were the defendants.

The defendants told potential investors that AFRG had made donations in excess of \$287,000 to charity and that AFRG investors would make up to \$200,000 a year in the scheme. Investigators found none of this to be true.

The complaint seeks to dissolve the charity by court order and obtain refunds for those whose participation was based on the promise that a percentage of the money earned would go to charity.

The lawsuit also seeks \$25,000 in civil penalties from each defendant for each violation of the law, attorneys and investigative costs and an order permanently prohibiting Haley and Severance from conducting sales or investment activities or charitable solicitations of any kind in Oregon.

Oregonians wanting more information about pyramids and charitable giving in general should call the Attorney General's consumer hotline, (503) 378-4320 or (503) 229-5576 (Portland only) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

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