

GOVERNOR NEIL GOLDSCHMIDT, PREPARED REMARKS  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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Gov. Arnold Goodfish

If your plane crashes & you  
survive you should get your money back  
thought you would

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ~~WOULD~~ ~~RATHER~~ BE WATCHING

THE WORLD SERIES RIGHT NOW, IT WAS LEO DUROCHER WHO

ONCE SAID, "BASEBALL IS LIKE CHURCH. MANY ATTEND.

FEW UNDERSTAND."

NOT MANY PEOPLE KNOW THAT BASEBALL IS IN THE

BIBLE. AND IT'S RIGHT UP FRONT, TOO. "IN THE BIG"

INNING..."

Jim Getterberg  
Marlowe Lemon - wife Jane  
Chuck & Kathy Diamond  
Marion & Ruth Ann Dodson  
~~Barbara Dodson~~

IN THINKING ABOUT WHAT I WOULD SAY TONIGHT, I  
REFLECTED ON YOUR FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN'S THEME, "FROM  
DREAM TO REALITY."

*I am great I was  
at least figuratively following LARSON here  
to the LECTURE*

MARK TWAIN, AS USUAL, HAD THE LAST WORD ON THE  
SUBJECT. HE WAS ONCE ASKED HOW TO COMBAT THE NEW  
MENACE OF SUBMARINES. "THAT'S EASY," HE SAID, "BOIL  
THE OCEAN." WHEN ASKED HOW TO GO ABOUT BOILING AN  
OCEAN, HE REPLIED, "LOOK, IT'S ENOUGH FOR ME TO DREAM  
UP THE SOLUTION; IT'S UP TO YOU TO BOIL THE WATER."

FAILING TO BOIL THE WATER HAS BROUGHT DOWN MANY  
A POLITICIAN.

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IN PROVERBS IT IS WRITTEN THAT, "WHERE THERE IS  
NO VISION, THE PEOPLE PERISH."

BUT HOW DO WE AS A COMMUNITY MAKE REAL THE  
VISION OF A "CITY ON A HILL" IN WHICH WE CARE FOR ONE  
ANOTHER AND REJOICE TOGETHER IN A SENSE OF BELONGING  
AND OBLIGATION?

*We've all seen A LOT OF changes*

~~I'VE SEEN A LOT OF CHANGES IN MY TIME. I WENT~~

~~TO SCHOOL WHEN ANYONE OVER FIVE FOOT TEN WAS CALLED~~

~~"STRETCH."~~

ONE OF THE DISTURBING CHANGES I'VE SEEN OVER THE YEARS IS THAT MANY OF THE INSTITUTIONS THAT WE USED TO IDENTIFY AS HAVING MORAL VALUES NO LONGER EXPRESS THEMSELVES IN WAYS THAT ARE HEARD.

THE STRUGGLE TO MOVE FROM DREAM TO REALITY BEGINS WITH MORAL VALUES.

VALUES LEARNED FROM THE BIBLE: LOVE, JOY, PEACE, GOODNESS AND MERCY.

VALUES LEARNED FROM THE CHURCH ITSELF -- A SENSE OF IDENTITY; A SENSE OF SELF-ESTEEM; A SENSE OF ONE'S IMPORTANCE IN THE SCHEME OF THINGS.

*A need  
to give to the church / 50%  
ABT 3 children*

VALUES APPLIED TO THE WORLD OUTSIDE THESE DOORS:

FOR THE METHODISTS, IT'S THE SPIRIT OF THE WESLEYS  
AND THEIR CONCERN FOR THE SOCIAL ISSUES OF THE DAY,  
AND FOR THE LIVES OF PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.

*Values — 502e*

IN THE PAST, THE CHURCH PROVIDED THE SUPPORTIVE  
COMMUNITY THAT EVERYBODY NEEDS -- FOR MARRIAGE,  
BIRTHS, SICKNESS, DEATH, AND COMPANIONSHIP. TO  
FORGIVE EACH OTHER'S FRAILTIES, TO CELEBRATE THE  
HAPPY TIMES, AND WHEN THE SAD TIMES COME, TO WEEP  
TOGETHER AND COMFORT EACH OTHER. IN OTHER WORDS TO  
BE A FAMILY.

SOCIETY NEEDS THAT SENSE OF FAMILY NOW MORE THAN  
EVER. TOO MANY CHILDREN ARE DENIED THE VALUES  
LEARNED IN OUR CHURCHES AND SYNAGOGUES; FOR THEM, THE  
DREAM OF FAMILY IS JUST THAT -- A DREAM, NOT A  
REALITY.

WHEN I TALK ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S AGENDA, SOME  
LEAP TO THE CONCLUSION THAT I'VE DREAMED UP SOME  
CLEVER PLAN BY WHICH GOVERNMENT ALONE WILL SAVE OUR  
CHILDREN. THAT DREAM COULD NEVER BE REALITY.

YOUR CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIVISION HAS HUNDREDS  
OF CHILDREN WAITING FOR ADOPTION. AND THOUSANDS MORE  
IN FOSTER HOMES. AND THESE NUMBERS ARE GOING UP, NOT  
DOWN.

WE ARE SEEING A NEW HORROR -- DRUG-EXPOSED  
BABIES, POISONED BEFORE BIRTH, BORN TO MOTHERS  
INCAPABLE OF CARING FOR THEM. FACING A CHILDHOOD OF  
PHYSICAL AND PERSONALITY PROBLEMS THAT COULD MAKE IT  
IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO LEARN AND ACHIEVE.

IT'S EASY TO LISTEN TO THESE HORROR STORIES AND  
AGREE THAT SOCIETY SHOULD DO MORE FOR CHILDREN. IT  
IS HARD TO STEP FORWARD AND SAY "THIS CHILD IS MINE.  
I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS CHILD."

IN THE END, THESE ARE NOT SOMEONE ELSE'S  
CHILDREN WE SPEAK OF -- THEY ARE OURS.

GOVERNMENT CANNOT PROVIDE WHAT EVERY CHILD NEEDS  
AND DESERVES: LOVE, AFFECTION, A HOME, A FAMILY.

(EXAMPLE: ONE CHURCH, ONE CHILD)



REFUSE TO SAY, "LET SOMEBODY ELSE TAKE CARE OF  
IT."

TO EXPECT GOD TO DO EVERYTHING WHILE WE DO  
NOTHING IS NOT FAITH, IT IS <sup>ANNOUANCE.</sup> ~~WOLLY~~.

IT'S LIKE THE MAN WHO PRAYED EVERY NIGHT FOR  
DIVINE INTERVENTION TO HELP HIM WIN THE LOTTERY.  
NIGHT AFTER NIGHT HE SENT HIS PLEAS ON HIGH WITHOUT  
RESULTS. FINALLY, IN DESPERATION, HE CRIED TO THE  
HEAVENS, "LORD, PLEASE LET ME WIN THE LOTTERY. GIVE  
ME A BREAK!"

THEN, THROUGH A ROLL OF THUNDER AND FLASHES OF LIGHTNING, CAME A BOOMING VOICE FROM ABOVE, "YOU GIVE ME A BREAK! BUY A TICKET!"

I THINK PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF BEING TAKEN FOR GRANTED; TIRED OF BEING ASKED TO DO TOO LITTLE -- TO CARE TOO LITTLE.

AS WE APPROACH THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN KENNEDY'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS, WE WOULD DO WELL TO REMEMBER THE CLOSING WORDS: "...LET US GO FORTH TO LEAD THE LAND WE LOVE, ASKING HIS BLESSING AND HIS HELP, BUT KNOWING THAT HERE ON EARTH GOD'S WORK MUST TRULY BE OUR OWN."

(Can ELABORATE)

LONG AGO IT WAS WRITTEN THAT TO EVERYTHING THERE  
IS A SEASON, AND A TIME TO EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN.

OUR PURPOSE MUST BE TO MAKE THIS DREAM A  
REALITY: THAT A GENERATION OF OUR CHILDREN WILL GROW  
UP HEALTHY, STRONG AND INDEPENDENT. THAT ALL OUR  
SONS AND DAUGHTERS WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO REACH  
THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AS CHILDREN OF GOD.

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THIS CHURCH MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CHANGE THE COURSE  
OF HISTORY ON ITS OWN, BUT TOGETHER YOU CAN CHANGE  
THE COURSE OF A FEW HUMAN LIVES FOR THE BETTER.

TALMUD: "IF YOU SAVE ONE LIFE, YOU CHANGE THE  
WORLD."

Governor Neil Goldschmidt, Prepared Remarks  
Summit on Exceptional People  
Rippling River, October 22, 1990

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When I first heard that this would be a Summit on Exceptional People, I was reminded of H.L. Mencken's opinion of Oregonians: "Oregon is seldom heard of," he wrote. "It's people believe in the Bible, and hold that all radicals should be lynched. It has no poets and no statesmen."

This is the SECOND summit on exceptional people I've been to in the last week. The first was called Children's Day at the capitol. As you plan the future of Oregon, keep in mind these suggestions from our younger citizens about what should be a law:

- o Flies should be eliminated
- o All crosswalks should glow in the dark
- o Cars should not be allowed to park in front of basketball hoops
- o Nobody should talk about sports on Wednesdays
- o If you survive a plane crash, the airline should refund the price of your ticket

I'm very glad to be here with you on the week before Halloween. You know, Halloween is one of two late Autumn evenings on which people who have had their doorbells constantly rung by weird-looking creatures settle down to watch something scary on T.V.

The other is election night.

Actually, I'm going to miss politics. It was Will Rogers who said that once a man holds public office he is absolutely no good for honest work.

I have found that governors are sometimes treated like the body at an old-fashioned Irish wake. It's necessary to have you in order to have the party, but you are not expected to say a great deal.

But I do treasure this fan letter from a satisfied constituent: "When you visited Pendleton, there were a lot of sixth graders crowding around you. You elbowed me in the forehead. It was one of the most exciting events of my life."

If I wanted to make this country poorer and weaker, here's what I would do:

~~First, I would have children show up in school incapable of learning.~~

Second, I would make sure they got off to such a rotten start in life that turning to drugs and crime was almost inevitable.

Third, I would let the children know that the political leaders of this country don't give a damn about their future.

Which brings me to George Bush and the federal government. The White House is now insisting that money to expand Head Start be taken OUT of the federal budget. Head Start -- the most effective anti-drug, anti-crime, pro-education strategy I know of.

This is nothing less than a total abdication of responsibility for the future.

It's a message from hypocrites and free lunch hucksters who promise we can get what we want without paying for it. Who would choose to protect themselves at the expense of our children.

Ladies and gentlemen, the message the White House is sending to Oregon is loud and clear: you are on your own.

And the message they are sending our posterity? Dear Grandchildren: We leave you a country that is poorer and weaker than we found it; but what the hell, it was fun while it lasted, and now you get to pay for it.

If that message from Washington, D.C., doesn't infuse this conference with a sense of urgency, a sense of your own significance, then nothing else I can say will matter.

This is your moment in history.

This summit is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to define what it means to be exceptional people. It is your chance to take the future in your hands and shape it like an artist molding clay.

First, let's talk a moment about the global picture

National security is no longer defined by missiles, but by markets. Gorbachev finally figured it out because the Japanese economy proved it to him.

At the same time, European nations are bringing down national trade barriers in order to raise competitiveness.

Economic security in the modern world consists of surplus capital for investment, a healthy environment, advanced communication and transportation systems, and people smart enough to ~~INVEST~~ that capital and ~~USE~~ those systems wisely and efficiently.

Meanwhile, thirteen percent of the U.S. workforce is functionally illiterate

Woefully unprepared to participate in the global economy

Where does Oregon fit in?

Oregon will compete NOT by getting poorer but by getting smarter.

Oregonians have always thought that the PLACE of Oregon means the most. Stewards of the environment -- we cleaned up our rivers and protected our beaches.

But to compete in the global economy, we must also recognize the human face in the landscape. We must distinguish ourselves as a special people.

If we really want to cut ourselves apart from the pack, we have to improve the quality of our workforce.

The place with the best people wins: literate, motivated, globally aware, independent citizens.

Obstacles to success:

That great political philosopher, Woody Allen, once wrote: "Mankind faces a crossroads. One path leads to despair and utter hopelessness, the other to total extinction. Let us pray we have the wisdom to choose correctly."

Oregon has some choices to make:

Most governors would give anything to have Oregon's educational system. But we're not competing with other governors and other states -- we're competing with the world

If we had stable school finance tomorrow; limited property taxes permanently; replaced the property tax revenue that we gave up with some other source of revenue -- 90% of the kids still wouldn't graduate.

We have to get these children ready for school. It may come to year around schooling for some of these children who can't keep up.

We won't wait for George Bush. A fully-funded Head Start program will give thousands more children the skills they need to succeed in school

Oregon is on a roll right now. And the way you stay on a roll is to keep investing in ourselves.

~~Don't lose the momentum we have gained -- don't back up.~~

- o If you live in the Portland region and you don't handle the air quality and congestion problems, eventually you will strangle the economy.

Light rail ballot measure is essential

- o Throw ballot measures 5 and 11 in a barrel marked "Danger -- Toxic Waste."

They are poison to public education, public safety, public infrastructure.

They are poison to everything we are trying to accomplish at this conference.

Another obstacle to success: recession mentality, defeatism

The Oregon Comeback began with the simple notion that we are at our best when we raise our expectations of what can be achieved

We tackled head-on the enormous backlog of unmet needs in this state.

We have regained momentum. Our economy is stronger. We have rebuilt decaying facilities. Our families, communities, schools are meeting the challenges facing our young people with tremendous energy

We have earned the right to be optimistic; we have earned the right to lift our sights and look ahead to the future.

- o We see the future in our middle schools, with the first evidence of declining drug and alcohol use among students
- o We see the future in Lane County, where citizens opened a relief nursery that provides care for children while their mothers and fathers attend parenting classes. Reduces child abuse caseload
- o We see the future in Harrisburg, where a principal and her staff have reduced the dropout rate to two percent by refusing to give up on kids in trouble.
- o We see the future in Portland, where a group of business, academic and government leaders joined in partnership to recruit Japan's prestigious Waseda University to Oregon. The group is building a bridge across the Pacific that will pay off for decades into the future.



By expecting more of ourselves than we did four years ago, we have raised our expectations for the future. We know we can do the tough things.

- o We will become the first state to actually have in place comprehensive goals for people, starting at birth.
- o But having goals is not enough. We must establish what needs to be done to reach those goals

We need to focus on these tough, critical issues over decades, not years. We need to have the guts to hold ourselves accountable to a vision for the future.

We need the guts to refuse to roll over in the face of a national recession

This is an investment issue. It is a spending limit issue.

Any future state budget that promises to keep the spending limit should begin with "Once upon a time" and end with "and they lived happily ever after."

If we don't take the resources that we have developed out of our own investments and put them where they are going to produce real change over the next 20 years, we can kiss our opportunity goodbye.

What we need in this state is NOT apathy and indifference.

What we need in this state is NOT fear of the future

What we need in Oregon is exactly what I see here today. A New Citizenship; one that takes pride in being the best educated people in the world; in having the healthiest children, and the cleanest environment.

That takes pride in bringing 100% of our citizens into full membership in the Oregon community.

Show the country and the world that fundamental American values -- education, hard work, inventiveness, and a sense of common purpose still exist

And by the next century, Oregon will be one of the few places blessed with a diversified economy, providing well-paying jobs amid a quality of life that nurtures and enriches us.

Remember the message from Washington: you are on your own.

If you don't believe in what you are doing -- if you don't fight for it nobody else will.

Try the different approach, the unexpected coalition, the unlikely partnership

Few people are granted the opportunity to shape the future; to change lives for the better.

~~Aim high. There is no reason to accept second best.~~

If children can't be nurtured and educated in Oregon, then where else will it get done?

Good luck and congratulations on being "present at the creation."

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TALKING POINTS

ROTARY/KIWANIS/CHAMBER

SWEET HOME, OCTOBER 24, 1990

I THINK WE SHOULD SEND THE CHILDREN TO  
WASHINGTON, D.C., TO SOLVE THE BUDGET CRISIS.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT THE CAPITOL...HERE ARE SOME OF  
THEIR SUGGESTIONS ABOUT WHAT SHOULD BECOME A LAW IN  
OREGON:

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- 0 FLIES SHOULD BE ELIMINATED
  - 0 ALL CROSSWALKS SHOULD GLOW IN THE DARK
  - 0 CARS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARK IN FRONT OF  
BASKETBALL HOOPS.
  - 0 NOBODY SHOULD TALK ABOUT SPORTS ON WEDNESDAYS
  - 0 IF YOU SURVIVE A PLANE CRASH, THE AIRLINE SHOULD  
REFUND THE PRICE OF YOUR TICKET

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TIMBER CRISIS

- 0 HOUSING CONSTRUCTION IS DOWN ACROSS THE NATION
- 0 SINGLE PARENT FEMALE HEADS OF HOUSEHOLDS DEPEND  
ON MILL JOBS TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES. CANNOT  
FIND REPLACEMENT JOBS THAT PAY ENOUGH.
- 0 THE QUESTION IS HOW QUICKLY WE CAN MOVE TO HELP  
ONE ANOTHER. THIS IS THE ULTIMATE REGIONAL  
STRATEGY.

0 IT CANNOT BE EVERY TOWN FOR ITSELF. WE HAVE TO  
BE TOGETHER.

0 THOSE WHO LIVE IN AN URBAN AREAS, PLEASE QUIT  
GIVING THESE SPEECHES THAT IT IS ALL INEVITABLE.

0 HIGH TECH IS NOT A REPLACEMENT FOR AGRICULTURE;  
IT'S NOT A REPLACEMENT FOR TIMBER; AND IT SURE  
AS HELL ISN'T GOING TO CREATE ENOUGH WORK FOR  
BANKERS, LAWYERS AND DOCTORS.

0 WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THIS STATE FUNCTION  
FOR YOU IN SWEET HOME AND FOR ALL OUR CITIZENS  
WHO LIVE IN TIMBER-DEPENDENT COMMUNITIES.

0 OREGONIANS NEED TO UNDERSTAND CLEARLY WHAT THEIR  
STATE IS DOING TO KEEP FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES  
TOGETHER, WHAT WE ARE DOING TO PROTECT TIMBER  
SUPPLY, AND HOW WE ARE HELPING THE TIMBER  
INDUSTRY.

0 THERE IS NO SINGLE SOLUTION. EVERY WORKER AND  
EVERY COMMUNITY TOUCHED BY THIS CRISIS SHOULD  
UNDERSTAND THEIR CHOICES. THEN WE MUST WORK  
TOGETHER -- AND WORK HARD -- TO CARRY OUT THIS  
PLAN.

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## LOG EXPORTS

0 WE WERE TOLD PRIVATELY BY EXPERTS IN WASHINGTON,  
"DON'T START THIS FIGHT, YOU HAVEN'T GOT A  
CHANCE OF WINNING IT."

0 WORKED ACROSS PARTY LINES

0 LABOR AND MANAGEMENT COOPERATION

## BUDGET PREVIEW

0 USING LOTTERY FUNDS AS A WEAPON



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0 THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF MANY STATE AGENCIES

0 SPECIAL PUBLIC WORKS FUND

PROVIDE MAJOR ASSISTANCE TO  
TIMBER-DEPENDENT COMMUNITIES THAT NEED TO  
IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC  
DIVERSITY.

PUBLIC WORKS NEEDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN  
IDENTIFIED

RECOMMEND 33% EXPANSION TO INCREASE THE  
NUMBER OF PROJECTS AND MUNICIPALITIES  
INVOLVED

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0 FOREST PRODUCTS OPPORTUNITY FUND

BUILD ON PAST EFFORTS TO IMPROVE SECONDARY  
WOOD PRODUCTS PROCESSING

DEVELOP PLANNING EFFORTS TO DIVERSIFY  
LOCAL ECONOMIES

GRANTS ARE PROVIDED FOR PROJECTS TO  
IMPLEMENT COMMUNITY INITIATIVES.

RECOMMEND INCREASE FROM \$1/2 MILLION TO \$4  
MILLION

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THESE ARE SOME OF YOUR OBSTACLES:

- 0 WE HAVE LIMITED RESOURCES
- 0 WE HAVE A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT HAS  
ESSENTIALLY TOLD OREGON TO DROP DEAD.
- 0 WE HAVE URBAN AREAS THAT HAVE THE COMBINATION TO  
THE VAULT IN SALEM
- 0 YOU HAVE TO SHOW UP AT THE LEGISLATURE AND FIGHT  
FOR YOUR SHARE; FIGHT FOR PROGRAMS THAT HELP  
YOU, LIKE REGIONAL STRATEGIES.

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0     UNLESS EVERY CORNER OF THE STATE IS AT THE  
TABLE, WE DON'T HAVE A COMEBACK

0     WE ARE NOT SUCCESSFUL WHEN KIDS WHO GROW UP IN  
SMALL COMMUNITIES ACROSS THIS STATE HAVE TO  
LEAVE HOME TO FIND WORK.