LOTS OF HYPE; NOT MUCH HELP

T. David Franklin: "Local millionaire will put you in business."

Millionaire gives more interviews than businesses help

By Mary Lee Crawley

Last October, T. David Franklin was a retired computer salesman living in a ground floor apartment on Congress Street. With time on his hands and money in the bank, Franklin took out a classified ad that read: "Here's your chance. Local millionaire will put you in business. Street people and welfare applicants can apply."
The ad ran in the Portland Press Herald, the Evening Express and the Maine Sunday Telegram during the last weekend of October.

By December, Franklin was helping 15 people start their own businesses. By January, he was still getting calls every day and was well on his way to becoming a media star. ABC, CBS, CNN, NBC, The New York Times and People Magazine were among those who called.

Bonnie Robinson was also among those who called, and called, and called.

Franklin had promised to help Robinson, a welfare mother, start her own cleaning business. People Magazine took pictures when he bought her a vacuum. ABC News took pictures when he bought her some cleaning supplies. But after that, said Robinson, Franklin was too busy to see her.

It's not surprising that the national media ignored what really happened to the welfare mother, the ex-con and the other colorful characters Franklin invested in: the truth would have gotten in the way of a good story.

What's surprising is that Franklin is ignoring some of the people he set out to help.

Seen a good flick lately?

By Ann Sitomer

I haven't.

Late last year, Warner Brothers released "Roger & Me," a documentary about the people General Motors left behind in Flint, Michigan. "Roger & Me" made almost every movie critic's top-10 list.

Every movie critic who saw "Roger & Me," that is. I didn't.

The film still hasn't made it to Portland. The 1989 top-10 list picked by Boston and New York critics included not just "Roger & Me," but several more films never screened in Portland.

Reading. Most of them probably never will play here.

In spite of this, Steve Cooper of Hoyts Cinemas calls Portland, "a small film town," the number one film market in Maine. "General Cinema can't even talk about it."

Well, Portland may not be a great film town for people who pay $6.50 to see "Back to the Future II" or "Teen Chomped - Measure III!" But those of us older than 16 with I.Q.s over 65 are spending our money elsewhere.

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COMING SOON!
Beginning with our Feb. 8th issue, folks who advertise in our Person to Person section will have a "Vista Mail Box" where respondents will be able to leave a short verbal message! It's fast, it's easy, and it's safe. You'll be surprised at how inexpensive it is! Keep watching for more details.

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### Updates

#### Drug search raffles boat owner

Signs that the Marine economy is downturn everywhere: banks are in trouble, people are locked up for drug offenses, and the real estate market is soft.

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  - Red Farmer didn't like his job, nor were workers in Miami who were preparing delicious fish sliding down the deck, or sailors by the pot. Chart Miller didn't like his job, nor were workers in Miami who were preparing delicious fish sliding down the deck, or sailors by the pot.

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  - Not the most narrow or in a position to give the people the message.
  - "A few people are just saying, that the economy is soft, it's a tough time."
"There's not a lot of individual behavior in the media. It's sort of apack mentality."

-Freelance writer Lyn Hiddle, who wrote about Franklin for The New York Times

Franklin: "I just put one little ad in the paper and I never called reporter one."

Bonnie Robinson: "I just want him out of my pubic. With all the publicity, I think he helped me more than he helped him."
Said to be a comedy that will keep you laughing. The story is centered around a group of friends who decide to start their own movie production company. With a mix of action, romance, and humor, this film promises to be a hit with audiences of all ages.

The production team has lined up an impressive cast, including established actors and up-and-coming talent. The film is set to begin shooting next month, with filming expected to take place in various locations around the world. The budget for the project is estimated to be around $20 million, with additional funds coming from a major studio.

The movie is set for a summer release, with plans for an extensive marketing campaign to promote the film. The studio is currently in talks with several major distribution companies to secure a release deal.

Stay tuned for more updates on this exciting new project!
Animal Farm

George Orwell's Animal Farm is playing at the Theater Project in Portland. This is an adaptation of Orwell's political satire of the turbulent careers of three black Portland artists. The play is set in the turbulent careers of three black Portland artists. Performances are Thu at 7 pm, Fri-Sat at 8 pm and Sun at 5 pm.

Tree talk

Theater Production presented by The Portland Community Theatre. The play is set in celebration of Dr. King. Performances are Thu at 7 pm, Fri at 8 pm and Sat at 5 pm at Russell Hall. Tickets are $27.50 each or $200 for a season pass.

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**SPORT**

Maine Outdoor Adventure Club presents The 3rd Annual Maine Mountain Bike Festival. "Let's do this again!" is the theme. The event is open to all ability levels and will feature guided rides, clinics, and equipment demos. Registration is $30 per person. The event takes place on Saturday, February 25th, at 9 AM. For more information, contact John at 207-555-1212.

**ETC**

掌门人《掌门人》是今年春天最热门的电视剧，以其紧张刺激的剧情和细腻的人物刻画赢得了观众的喜爱。这部剧讲述了古代江湖上的恩怨情仇，通过一系列的事件展现了人性的复杂和世态炎凉。

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**Things Can Change**

I WOULD TELL THE LADY I'M FINE IF I THOUGHT THE FOOD COULD GET BETTER AND BETTER. I REALIZE I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO'S GETTING TRICKED. BUT THEN I WIN THE LADY'S TENDERNESS. THERE IS SOMETHING MUSICAL ABOUT THE WAY I SPEAK. I KNOW. I KNOW.

**FOR KIDS**

**Mike Quinn's sports quotes of the week**

**Steve Monks, Lydsdale Middle School**

"When you're at the starting line, you can feel the excitement building up inside you. You know you're about to make a choice, and you're going to have to run your best. That's when the real energy takes over. And when you get a taste of that, you come back to school with a new attitude. It's the best feeling in the world!"

**SHELLEY THUNDER**

"The key to running a successful sports program is to keep it simple. You don't need fancy equipment or expensive uniforms. Just get your kids out there and start running. They'll come to love it, and you'll see their速度和耐力提高。"
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