

# Publisher to receive presidential award

Publisher Philip H. Power next week will receive a presidential award from U.S. Labor Secretary Elizabeth Dole for his role in Michigan's Job Partnership Act programs.



Philip Power

Power, board chairman of Suburban Communications Corp., parent company of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, was chosen "outstanding private sector volunteer," Dole said in a letter.

"You have certainly distinguished yourself in your selfless dedication to improve training and employment opportunities for the economically disadvantaged," she wrote.

Since 1983 Power has chaired Michigan's Job Training Coordinating Council, a 60-member group which advises the governor on all job training issues.

There are some 70 job training and related programs with more than \$800 million in state and federal funds that need to be coordinated and made more "user friendly" to the disadvantaged, a state Labor Department spokesman said.

POWER WILL go to Washington March 27-29 for a reception with Michigan's congressional delegation and for the presentation by Dole.

He was nominated by Gov. James J. Blanchard, state Labor Department director Elizabeth Howe and Joe Forbes, director of state job training programs. They credited Power with helping to make Michi-

# Durant adds 'Ollie' to his campaign

By Pat Murphy  
staff writer

Oliver North, a key figure in the so-called Iran-Contra scandal, is coming to the metropolitan Detroit area on behalf of Clark Durant, a candidate for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate.

North will appear at a fund-raiser for Durant in Dearborn on May 4 and in Southfield the next day to kick off a five-city tour in Michigan, according to Durant, who is vying with U.S. Rep. William Schuette in the Aug. 7 GOP primary.

The winner will face incumbent Democrat Carl Levin in the Nov. 6 general election.

North, a Marine colonel, served under National Security Adviser John Poindexter in 1985 when the U.S. sent missiles to Iran in ex-

change for money that was diverted to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua. He subsequently stood trial for allegedly lying to Congress.

North most recently is a witness in the ongoing trial of Poindexter who is accused of obstructing or lying to Congress in connection with his role in the Iran-Contra scandal.

Durant said he asked North to come to Michigan on his behalf because he is "courageous, pro-life and pro-family. People might disagree with some of the things he's done, but they'll never dispute his courage."

"We share a lot of the same values," said Durant, 40, who lives in Grosse Pointe and practices law in Detroit.

WHILE ARRANGEMENTS have not been confirmed, Durant said

North will be the main speaker at a fund-raiser in Dearborn. The next day in Southfield North will be the focal point of a rally on behalf of Durant.

"Southfield is a central location for Oakland, Macomb and Wayne counties," Durant said. From there North and Durant will go to rallies in Flint, Lansing, Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo.

Durant said he expects to raise as

much as \$250,000 at the fund-raiser and to recruit numerous volunteers.

"Ollie North's support will have a phenomenal impact on the Senate primary," said Durant. "Nobody energizes people like Ollie. To most Americans he represents the values of family, freedom and patriotism."

"These rallies will add to a grass roots army that will be unstoppable in the primary and in the general election against Carl Levin," he said.

## College fair at 'dome'

More than 140 colleges are expected to participate in the Metro Detroit College Fair Friday and Saturday, March 27-28, in the Pontiac Silverdome.

The fair will give students the opportunity to learn more about the

colleges of their choice and to obtain information and information on admissions, testing and financial aid.

Fair hours are from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. on March 27 and 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the 28th. Attendance and parking are free.

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