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Internet millionaire Mike Jingozian launches his bid for the presidency this month. Can he run a campaign on the web that will change third-party politics in America? **Story page 18**

'Is it working?'

Realignment of North Precinct clunky but effective

By Derek Long

"The million dollar question is, is it working? We don't live in a perfect world, but it is working. It can be clunky, but the community is still getting the service they were getting before."

That's how Commander Jim Ferraris describes the North Portland Police Precinct since a restructuring went into effect this July. The highly contentious issue had stirred community

debate last February among North Portland residents worried about the possibility of losing police coverage. According to Ferraris, however, the new system has actually been an improvement on some levels.

Since July 1, the precinct has seen changes that removed the administrative supervisor position and six sergeants. The biggest change has been the loss of the night sergeants, a

supervisory role now filled by those at Northeast Precinct.

"The community has voiced a lot of concerns about how they were going to lose their autonomy," said Ferraris, referring to the new relationship with Northeast Precinct. He said he's tried to ease such fears by keeping a close relationship with Northeast Commander Bret Smith, meeting with him on a weekly basis.

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Robert Horton, block captain, chats with Fletcher Trippe of the University Park Neighborhood Association and officer Steve Jacquot at a recent meeting that briefed locals on how precinct restructuring was affecting North Portland. PHOTO BY JASON E. KAPLAN

Chavez controversy coast to coast

Street renaming fight reflects national struggles

Vanessa Nix, Will Crow, Cornelius Swart

For those following the Interstate/Chavez renaming process, the public controversy, racial tension, breakdown in civil dialogue and emotional debate may seem like an extraordinary exception to Portland's usually staid political culture of compromise and consensus-building. But according to academics interviewed by the Sentinel, this kind of conflict is par for the course when cities and

towns rename their streets for minority leaders.

"What is happening in Portland is not the exception but sort of the rule," said Eastern Carolina University Associate Professor Derek Alderman, an authority in the field of commemorative renaming. "It [renaming] tends to attract a very emotional and politically charged controversy."

The North Portland dilemma escalated during October. Two contentious public meetings to collect "testimony" on the name

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News on the Interstate/Chavez debate changes rapidly. For up-to-the-minute coverage, follow the story on our blog at www.stjohnssentinel.com.

change left the Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard Committee and North Portland's name-change opponents further polarized. At an Oct. 25 City Council hearing, Mayor Tom Potter walked out

when three other commissioners sought to find another solution. At press time, both the renaming and the attempt at compromise were on the council's November docket, while the Latino Network was calling on Portland's people of color to thwart attempts at compromise and support the renaming of Interstate.

Alderman has seen this type of hotly contested street renaming all over America - in Flint, MI; Zephyrhills, FL; Greenville and

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RESETEing America

Portland CEO hopes to receive Libertarian nomination in 2008

By Christopher J. Miller, Cornelius Swart

job Congress is doing (24 percent approval rating in the latest Gallup poll).” This type of lighthearted, off-kilter approach to the issues defines Jingoian’s political style.

“Polls show that more than 73 percent of Americans are dissatisfied with the two-party system,” Jingoian explains.

So far Jingoian has spent \$150,000 of his own money on his presidential campaign and his organization to promote third-party candidates, RESEtAmerica.com.

A Portland entrepreneur and businessman is hoping to use the power of the Internet and digital videos to add another title to his resumé next November: President of the United States of America.

Michael Jingoian, founder and CEO of Portland’s AngelVision Technologies Inc., will kick off his campaign this month at Venue on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Jingoian used his leadership skills to build what Inc. Magazine considers one of the nation’s “fastest growing private companies.” Now those skills are focused on grabbing the Libertarian party’s nomination for President at the party’s convention in Denver on Memorial Day 2008.

Jingoian, known to some as “Jingo,” operates his Portland company with 73 employees, boasting 1,441.2 percent growth in the last three years. Portland Business Journal claims it could be the second-fastest growing company in Oregon.

AngelVision creates inexpensive (typically \$18,000, but often around \$9,800 for the first-time client) three- to four-minute digital videos used in websites, emails or trade show presentations to promote a company’s product or service. It’s the company’s explosive growth model, mastered over six years, bringing in revenue of \$3.5 million in the last three, that is pushing Jingoian toward the light of a third-party candidate nomination.

The Boston-born Jingoian hopes to run a “viral” Internet campaign modeled more on the way YouTube videos turn into overnight sensations than on the king-making party politics of the past. His message: The two-party system is bankrupting the country financially, morally and politically.

“Thirty percent of Americans believe in ghosts,” says Jingoian. “That means more people believe in ghosts than approve of the

THREE IS A CROWD

Since Teddy Roosevelt ran on the Progressive Party ticket in 1912, popular national third-party campaigns have typically been carried by celebrity candidates with little effect.

Left-wing icon Ralph Nader’s 2004 Green Party candidacy garnered a scant 2.74

percent of the popular vote. Ross Perot’s Reform Party bid drew 19 percent of the vote in 1992. His party has since collapsed.

Jingoian, however, differs from the “vanity candidates” tradition in that Jingoian is building a movement less around himself and more about third parties as a whole.

“There’s no real competition in national politics,” says Jingoian. “It’s always the lesser of two evils. So things always get worse.”

For a Libertarian, competition is a panacea for social and economic ills. So Jingoian and his ballot access crusade is a natural fit. Founded in 1971, the Libertarian Party claims to be the nation’s oldest and most successful third party, with 600 elected and appointed officials nationwide.

“We win 30 percent of the races we enter,” says Shane Cory, Executive Director of the National Libertarian Party in Washington, DC. “But no third party has ever won a national election.”

“The two parties have turned politics into a spectator sport,” says Cory. “The Republicans and Democrats will do anything to keep out competition.”

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PREVIOUSLY: Former high school science teacher ... Best known for founding the nonprofit Bicycle Transportation Alliance ... Portland State University grad.

2007: North Portland has a number of Metro facilities: a dump, the Expo Center, Delta Park, Smith and Bybee Lakes, and a big regional transportation project — the new I-5 bridge. What do North Portland residents get from all that? Among other things, two yearly grants: the Metro Central Enhancement grant and the North Portland Enhancement grant that doles out cash to local groups like neighborhood associations and nonprofits. So in theory, he helps bring home the bacon every year.

2008 FORECAST: With St. Johns designated a “regional town center” by Metro’s 2040 growth plan, the challenge to the community is to see if that can be turned into real money for projects on the ground. For Burkholder, who’s up for reelection in 2009, his biggest challenge to prove his relevancy to voters in North Portland.

BATTING AVERAGE:* .267 Rex seems attentive to neighborhood concerns, but he’d do well to get his face out in the neighborhoods more and attach his name to some successful and popular projects in the area.

***BATTING AVERAGE:** This reflects the Sentinel’s evaluation of the office-holder’s most recent term, with an emphasis on North and Northwest Portland issues and accessibility.