

The History of United Streetcar and Oregon Iron Works
by the students of Southwest Charter School, Sarah Anderson, teacher

SETTING

Channel 6 newsroom

PLAYERS

MIKE, played by Michael

STEVE, played by Stevie

CHANDRA, played by Safire

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MIKE: Welcome to Channel 6 news, where the news comes first. My name is Mike.

STEVE: And I'm Steve.

MIKE: Today we will be interviewing the Chandra Brown, the president of United Streetcar and the vice president of Oregon Iron Works.

(Applause)

MIKE: Now Chandra, tell us a little bit more about Oregon Iron Works in the beginning.

CHANDRA: Well, Mike, the first Oregon Iron Works shop was built in 1944 and was located in downtown Northwest Portland. At first it started out as a very small shop, but today we own over 60 acres of land and have facilities in Clackamas, Oregon and Vancouver, Washington.

MIKE: Wow! Oregon Iron Works has really come a long way in the last... well, how long has it been?

CHANDRA: It has been 66 years since we were first founded. We moved out of our downtown site in 1970 and opened up our Clackamas site. We even have test track at our Clackamas site to test our streetcars.

STEVE: That's a long time. Your name is Oregon Iron Works, so does that mean you use a lot of iron?

CHANDRA: Actually, we do not use any iron at all anymore. In my opinion, our whole name is inaccurate.

MIKE: Why is that?

CHANDRA: Well, we have a site in Washington, and that is definitely outside of Oregon. So the Oregon in our name isn't totally true. Next, we do not even use iron anymore, and to me "works" sounds like a small business, but in fact we are a large business.

Stevie: That is very interesting Ms. Brown. Now, can you tell me a little bit more about what you exactly build?

CHANDRA: We build lots of things. For instance, we have made a space launch complex, we build ships, missiles, and of course... streetcars!

MIKE: Well it looks like we are almost out of time. Are there any other facts you could share with us before we leave?

CHANDRA: Umm... Well, we have over 400 employees and we are not a publicly traded company.

STEVE: Really?

CHANDRA: Yep.

MIKE: So if I wanted to buy stock in your company...

CHANDRA: You're out of luck.

MIKE: Dang.

STEVE: Well, thank you so much, Chandra. Unfortunately, that's all the time we have. Now please enjoy this song.

(Stevie, Safire and Michael sing)

(CHORUS:) We love, we love, streetcars
 We love, we love, streetcars

(VERSE:) You're late for work you don't have a plan,
 Jump on a streetcar we've got you man!
 Portland Streetcar will get you there,
 Don't you worry it's a cheap fare!
 Pull out your wallet and choose your pay,
 Or ride around fare-less square all day!

(Chorus repeats twice)

MIKE: Channel 6 news, where the news comes first.