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The Cultural Event Of The Summer

Soul Fest 2004 This Weekend At Franklin High School

Soul Festival 2004 again this year promises to be the most exciting yet. With a host of food booths cooking up down home favorites, arts and crafts, carnival

rides, entertainment, gospel music, and much more, Soul Fest 2004 is definitely the can't miss event of the summer.

The Festival, the largest event

held in Seattle's African American community, will take place this weekend, July 23 - 25, at the Franklin High School Playfield on the corner of Rainier Ave. S. and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way South.

During the three-day festival, area residents experience the best of soul food, arts, cultural activities, hip-hop, soul, drama acts and gospel groups.

The annual Gen. John Stanford/Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Parade will take place this Saturday, July 24 at 12 noon. The co-grand marshalls for this year's parade are Seattle/King County NAACP president Carl Mack and Henry Beauchamp, CEO of OIC of Washington (operators of The Leon Sullivan Health Care Center at Branch Villa).

Both of these men have gone over and above the call of duty when it comes to our community," said Chris H. Bennett, chairman of the Seattle Medium Newspaper Group and the Z-Twins radio stations, commenting on the selection of Mack and Beauchamp as co-grand marshalls. "Beauchamp reached across the mountains to help save an institution in our community,

Branch Villa, and under Mack's leadership the NAACP is one of the most active and effective branches in the country."

The parade also features an electrifying line-up of drill teams in the area, local businesses, community service organizations, and dignitaries from the Greater Seattle area.

"It's always good to see the young men and women on the drill teams perform, but they always seem to give a little extra when they perform in front of their family and friends at the Soul Fest Parade," said Seattle Medium co-publisher/editor Chris B. Bennett. "They definitely bring their A-game and really set the tone for all of the other parade participants."

This year the Soul Fest Committee has lined up many local and national acts on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with a wide variety of live bands, funk, Rhythm and Blues, and Hip Hop acts to choose from. Including Rebel Soul Records recording artist Martin Luther of The Roots and Sounz Li's Hitz recording artist Diriti Byrd.

Sunday's Gospel Extravaganza (Cont'd. On Page 2)

J. D. Mason And Independent Truckers Association Bring Carnival Rides To Soul Fest



Shown above are: J. D. Mason (center), president of Independent Truckers Association (ITA); M. T. Phillip, president of AM&I, Inc., two of his drivers John Jones and Jason Mortel; and Walter Beauchamp (rear). Not shown are drivers Timothy McMillon and Dennis Corprue. See Related Story Page 2.

First Soul Fest Gospel Idol Competition A Great Success



Vanessa Ament (left), winner of the first Soul Fest Gospel Idol competition, celebrates with second place winner Sharonda Shaw (center), and third place winner Herbert Mosley. Photo/Jessica Howard.

A beautiful rainbow of competitors livened up the Oneness Christian Center last Sunday evening for the first Soul Fest Gospel Idol competition. Each competitor brought their own unique style of gospel singing and gospel rap. The competition open to anyone 18 year-of-age and older, was broadcast live on 1420 AM KRIZ, 1560 AM KYIZ and 1620 AM KZIZ.

Each singer/rapper had to perform acapella for two minutes, as they competed for first, second and third prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200 respectively.

For almost two hours the airways were alive with the vocal styling of Josephine Carson, Karen Anthony, Fuhyada Rogers, Sharonda Shaw, Christine Callas, Angel Han, Reginal Lucas, Terry Lewis, Constance Washington, Herbert Mosley, Naomi Boggan, Vanessa Ament, Trolice Flavors, Theodocia Latham and Lorriann Doria. In addition to the competitors, The Total Experience Gospel Choir rocked the house.

The distinct panel of judges included: Rev. Frank Byrdwell of Mount Zion Baptist Church; Bro. Wil Holm of Edmonds Unitarian

Church; Elder Joe Bowman of New Covenant Pentecostal Church of Tacoma; Bro. Edward "Sonny" Byers of Greater Mt. Baker Baptist Church and Bro. Lou Magor of Wallingford United Methodist Church. All judges were well qualified and had a tremendous task assigned to them. They were able to pool their collective musical resources and the top three competitors emerged.

The first place winner was Vanessa Ament; second place winner was Sharonda Shaw and third place winner was Herbert Mosley. Both Vanessa Ament and Herbert Mosley will perform this Sunday afternoon at the Soul Fest 2004 Gospel Extravaganza which will be held at Franklin High School Playfield. They are scheduled to appear at 5 pm. Sharonda Shaw will not be singing due to her very tight schedule, as she is one of the competitors for the 2004 SeaFair title.

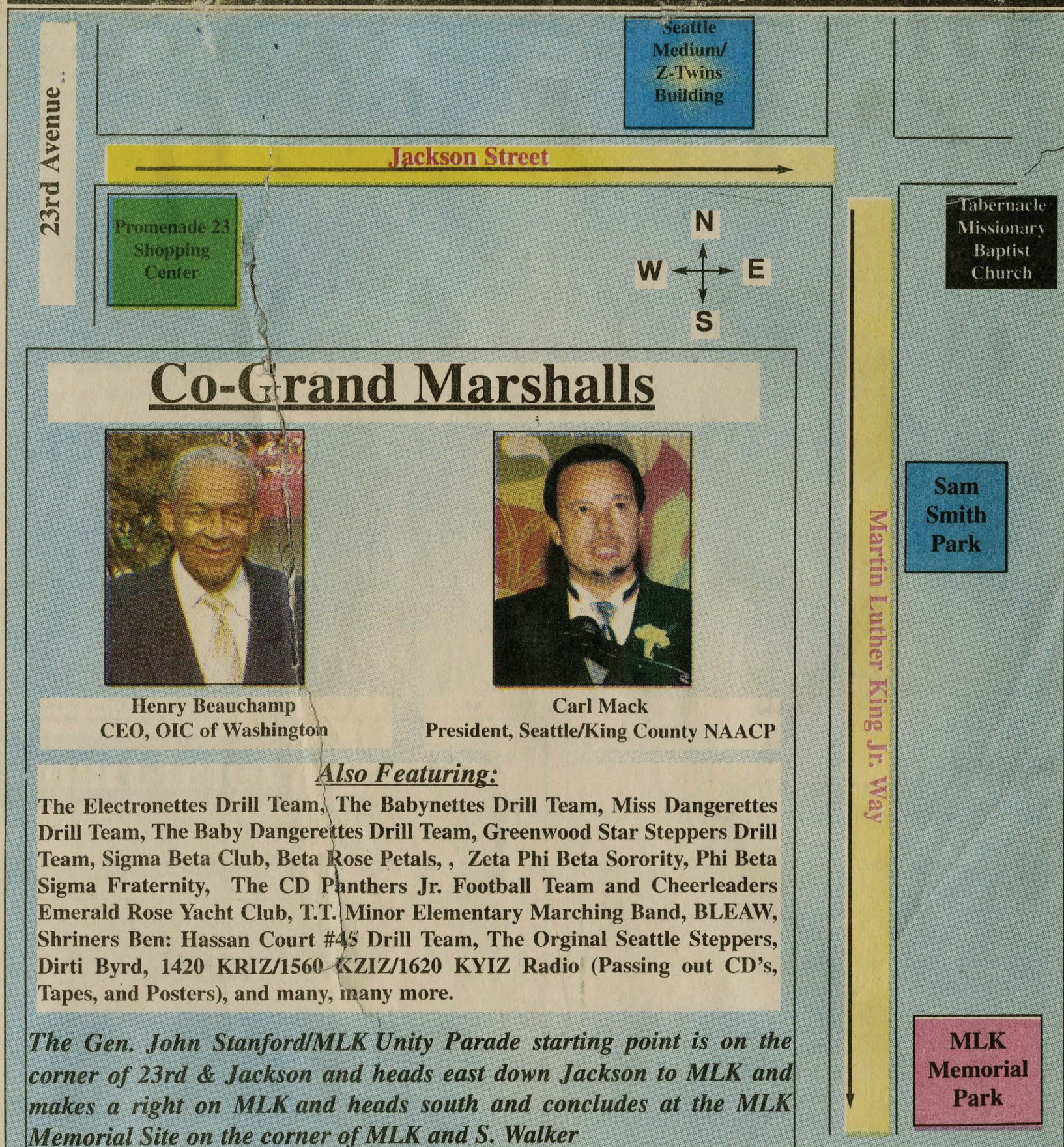
A big "thank you" is in order to Mr. Chris H. Bennett and the staff of The Seattle Medium Newspaper and KRIZ, KZIZ and KYIZ radio stations for sponsoring the event. See you all at Soul Fest 2004.

Biking In The Sun... Seattle To Portland

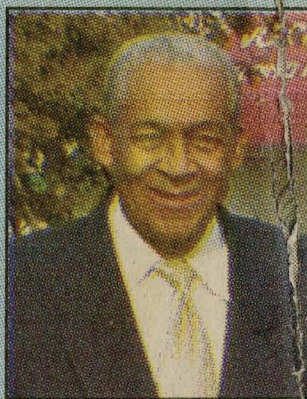


Congratulations to these cheerful bikers from the Seattle area, who were among the 8,000 bikers that rode in the Seattle to Portland 25th Annual Bicycle Classic. From left to right, Raymond Kirby, Randle Montgomery, Gloria Bennett and Noel Montgomery. All four bikers finished the grueling 206 mile event in two days. Staff Photo/Chris H. Bennett

2004 Gen. John Stanford/MLK Unity Parade Route



Co-Grand Marshalls



Henry Beauchamp
CEO, OIC of Washington



Carl Mack
President, Seattle/King County NAACP

Also Featuring:

The Electronettes Drill Team, The Babynettes Drill Team, Miss Dangerettes Drill Team, The Baby Dangerettes Drill Team, Greenwood Star Steppers Drill Team, Sigma Beta Club, Beta Rose Petals, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, The CD Panthers Jr. Football Team and Cheerleaders Emerald Rose Yacht Club, T.T. Minor Elementary Marching Band, BLEAW, Shriners Ben: Hassan Court #45 Drill Team, The Orginal Seattle Steppers, Diriti Byrd, 1420 KRIZ/1560 KZIZ/1620 KYIZ Radio (Passing out CD's, Tapes, and Posters), and many, many more.

The Gen. John Stanford/MLK Unity Parade starting point is on the corner of 23rd & Jackson and heads east down Jackson to MLK and makes a right on MLK and heads south and concludes at the MLK Memorial Site on the corner of MLK and S. Walker

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