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SEATTLE URBAN LEAGUE ANNOUNCES 1982 AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Seattle Urban League will honor three community residents, **Mike Lowry**, **Clarence Williams** and **Carol Alford-Faucette**, at its Annual Dinner, 6-9 p.m., May 11, 1982 at the Seattle Center Exhibition Hall.

Congressman **Mike Lowry** will receive the Edwin T. Pratt Award for his consistent support of legislation for social and economic justice and his consistent opposition to attempts to dilute and destroy gains made during the civil rights struggle. **Clarence Williams**, a fireman with the Seattle Fire department and Executive Vice President of the International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters will receive the Affirmative Action Award for his demonstrated service and personal dedication to the cause of equal opportunities and improved human relations. **Carol Alford-Faucette** is the recipient of the Employee of the Year Award for extraordinary achievement in furthering agency goals and objectives.

The Edwin T. Pratt Award is named in honor of the late Edwin T. Pratt, former Executive Director of the Seattle Urban League and is presented to a person or organization who has made exceptional and outstanding contribution in the area of furthering equal opportunity for blacks, other minorities and the poor. Previous recipients include: the Benefit Guild Association, Dr. Richard I. Andrews and Dr. Charles Odegaard.

Designed to identify and recognize individuals or businesses who have made significant efforts in promoting equal employment opportunities, the Affirmative Action Award recipients have included Vivian Caver, Dolores Sibonga, Larry Sanford and David Moseley.

Instituted in 1979, the Employee of the Year Award is conferred by the President of the agency. Previous recipients are Kay Thode, Dorothy Austin and Maurice (Buzzy) Benson.

The recipients will receive their awards during the Seattle Urban League Dinner Meeting.

Mr. John Jacob, National Urban League President, will provide the keynote address.

For your ticket reservations, call 447-3692. Ticket prices remain unchanged from the past three years at \$25 and \$50.

Washington State Business League Holds General Elections!



From Left to Right, Evelyn Mitchell--Secretary Pat Dunston--1st Vice President, Ken Pounds--President, Bob Porter--Board Member, Phil Burton--Board Member

General elections were held April 8, 1982 of the Washington State Business League which is a chapter of the National Business League headquartered in Washington, D.C.

The National Business League began in 1900 as a federation of individuals and firms dedicated to the financial and commercial development of minority America. The National League office seeks to eliminate the exclusion of the minority business community from local and national economic initiatives, not simply for their own interests, but for the stability of the nation as well.

The new slate of officers are as follows:

President--Ken Pounds
1st V.P.--Pat Dunston
2nd V.P.--Richard Mason
Secretary--Evelyn Mitchell
Treasurer--Barbara Poole

Goals of Washington State Business League for 1982--To become totally self sustaining through profit-making ventures--To become the business oriented voice of the Black community in dealing with those entities and government policies that effect the Black Community--To provide leadership and assistance to members of the Black Business Community in the State of Washington--To provide a functional network of Black Businesses within the state of Washington--To establish a viable MESBIC for use by its membership.

For further information concerning membership and/or other questions you may have--call: 322-4861.

OEC Board of Directors Luncheon



Pictured above are OEC board and staff members

Last Wednesday the Operational Emergency Center Board of Directors held a luncheon meeting at SCCC on the birthday of **Fordie E. Ross**, OEC Executive Director. As part of the agenda the Board discussed the progress they have made involving the community in OEC's programs. They noted the membership drive was right on schedule having raised almost \$1,500 and that OEC will hold a garage sale in May. The planned opening of the Inner-City Farmers market on June 5 was also approved by the Board. In addition they began planning for an all day affair to be held on June 19th. Details of this event will be extensively released in the immediate future. At the meeting's conclusion President **Jody McCrackin** congratulated the outstanding culinary arts students who prepared the lunches.

21st Free Plant Sharing

Do you feel like one or two plants are taking over your yard or your living room? Come trade in those extra plants and find something new to beautify your home at the 21st Annual Plant Sharing and Exchange. Saturday, May 8 from 10 am to 1 pm, at the East Cherry YWCA 29th Ave. and E. Cherry St. Bring trees, shrubs, houseplants, cuttings, bulbs or seed. If you don't have anything to bring, come anyway and get some starts. If you have any questions about what plant you want, there will be some plant specialists including Master Gardeners, to answer your questions and give you information about your new plants. Be sure to bring a sturdy box to carry home your new plants. For more information, call: **Charlotte Bosserman**, 329-4197, or **Jean Colman**, 324-0500.

In addition to being an attorney and assistant General Counsel for the Washington Education Association, **Symone Scales** is the appointed head of the State Human Rights Commission; serves on the boards of the YMCA and Planned Parenthood; and is a member of the Montlake Community Council.

For further information on **Symone Scales'** campaign Kick-Off Party, please call **Bill Rowe** at 292-9730. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Barden Cablevision of Seattle Inc. Honors The Dance Theatre of Harlem More than 400

More than 400 people attended a Reception on Friday Night at the Seattle Trade Center, hosted by **Barden Cablevision of Seattle, Inc. (BCSI)** in conjunction with **Paul Roberson Theatre, Sasa Harlem, Don H. Barden--President of Barden Havi Children's Theatre** and **Mrs. Jean Farris--President of Barden Communications** presented a plaque to The Dance Theatre of Harlem to honor them for their work with youngsters across the nation in the arts. Mr. Barden said that he was very pleased with the positive response of the more than enthusiastic audience. The Garfield High School Jazz Ensemble provided music for the evening that was enjoyed by all. Mr. Barden presented the band a check for \$200 to help sponsor their trip to Europe this summer.

Clarence Williams, Director of Field Operations, for BCSI opened the evening with a brief overview of Barden's proposal. His dissertation stressed the economic returns to the community that BCSI has offered in their proposal, which included hiring 90% of the employees from the Seattle area. BCSI will award 10% of its stock to 5 community organizations without a commitment for endorsement. They are The Seattle NAACP, The Seattle Urban League, SOIC, Chinatown PDA and CAMP. BCSI WILL GIVE A \$10,000 per year grant to SOIC, for 15 years totaling \$150,000 and will give a \$3000 a year scholarship to student majoring in communications. BCSI is offering 43 Basic Channels, 12 Access Channels and 8 Pay Channels. None of the other Cable Companies are offering as much, as it relates to economic returns to the community. Barden Communications is a 100% Black Owned Company, operating two franchises in Michigan.

Speaker for the evening was, **Mr. John Ray**, former employee of KING-TV who now resides in Washington, D.C. Mr. Ray vowed to return to Seattle when BCSI is awarded the franchise. Comments were made by **Mr. Reggie Frye**, one of the local minority contractors that BCSI has already agreed to use for construction of the system. The audience was made up of many prominent Seattleites which included: **Mrs. Vivian Caver**, **Mr. & Mrs. Lacy Steele**, **Mr. Spruill White**, **Judge Charles Johnson**, **Mr. & Mrs. Gar Massingale**, **Lem Howell**, **Slick Watts**, **Ammon McWashington**, **Dr. Robert Gary**, **Robert Davis**, **Ashby Reed Jr.**, **Fred & Dorothy Cordova**, **Patricia Fisher**, **Mike Castillano**, **Rosetta Hunter** and many, many, more. Mr. Barden would like to thank all who attended and invite anyone interested to stop by our office at 105-14th Avenue, Suite A (in the Seattle Urban League Building) or call us at 447-7846.

Symone Scales Begins Campaign With "Kick-Off" Party!



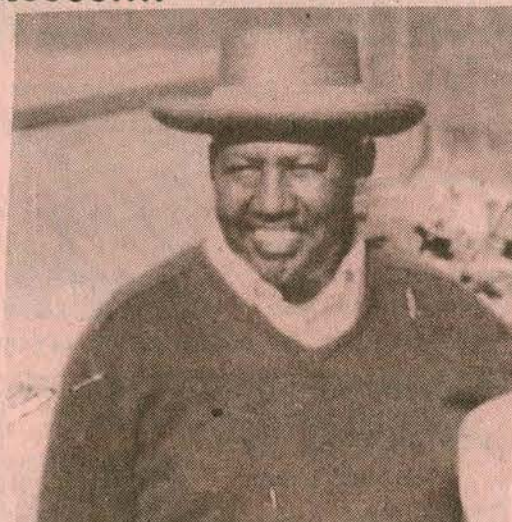
Symone Scales, a candidate from the 43rd Legislative District, is holding a campaign Kick-Off Party on SUNDAY, MAY 2nd, from 3 to 5 pm at the Museum of History and Industry, 2161 E. Hamlin St., Seattle.

Scales' campaign focuses on the up-grading of quality education in grades K-12, the establishment of a stable tax base, and the encouragement of a strong growth atmosphere for small business.

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A Northwest Legend Passes....



by Fitzgerald Beaver

Just before we went to press yesterday, we received some very sad news. **Rudy Mason** died Tuesday afternoon.

In the Golf world **Rudy** will be missed a lot. **Rudy** was a Champion Golfer, as well as a Gentleman.

He helped a lot of Golfers get started on the road to becoming good Golfers. I am sure this news will strike a sad note with everyone who has ever crossed paths with **Rudy Mason**.

We haven't found out when the services for him will be, but call us here at **THE FACTS** and I hope we can give out that information to you, Call 324-0552.

49th Season With Seafair Queen Stakes

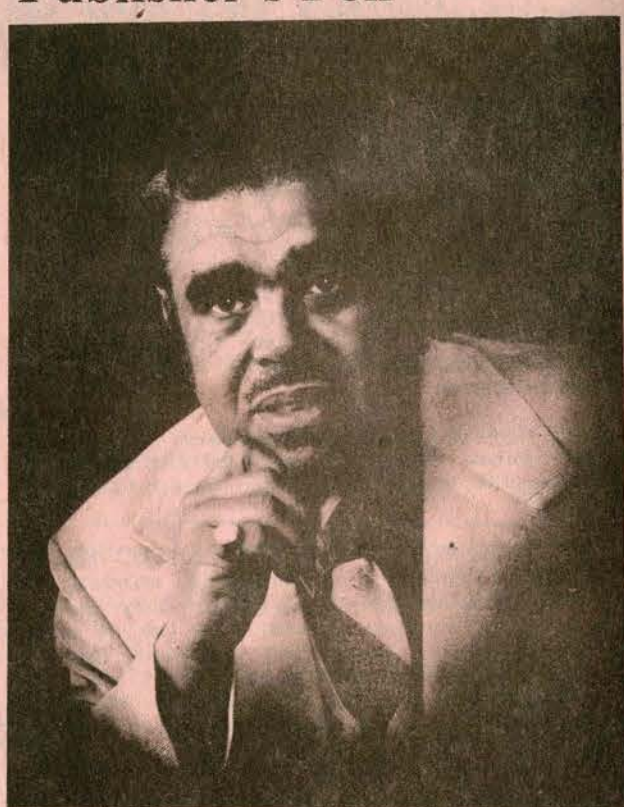
Longacres Race Track opens for its 49th season Wednesday, April 28, and the highlight of opening day activities is the 24th running of the \$20,000-added Seafair Queen Stakes for three-year-old Washington-bred fillies.

Special opening day hours will see gates open at 11:30 a.m. with the first post parade at 1:15 p.m.

Belle of Rainier, winner of last summer's Gottstein Futurity and the top 2-year-old filly on the grounds in '81, is expected to make her seasonal debut in the Seafair Queen Stakes. The Al Benton-owned roan runner won six of nine races in 1981, including two stakes events at Longacres and one at Bay Meadows. She had earnings of \$142,066 as a two-year-old, eighth-highest single season earnings ever for a Washington-bred.

Seattle Seafair Queen **Janice Bowman** will be the honorary steward for Wednesday's initial stakes event of 1982.

From The Publisher's Pen



Fitzgerald Beaver Black Americans Are Encouraged To Buy Selectively

Black Americans have reached an epoch in their American sojourn albeit the poverty still rampant within the Black Community, whereby their per annum gross national spending power is over \$140 billion dollars. Consequently Black America house some of the most wealthy Blacks in the world. Hence, green power is the ultimate of all power in America today.

The **FACTS NEWSPAPER** is in concurrence with an article which appeared in last weeks edition entitled "Black Americans are Encouraged To Buy Selectively." Selective buying is intelligent-comprehensible spending of Black earned dollars. It means in concrete terms, that Blacks should only spend their money in businesses which support Black people.

In the past black spending power virtually ignored by the greater American business community and corporate conglomerates until recently. All over America Black leaders, educators, and laymen are encouraging Blacks to buy selectively. Black unemployment in America has reached astronomical proportions with no cessation in sight for the immediate future.

Black America must do something in order to divest themselves of the monetary inequities inflicted on them by the so called majority populace in America. The war for monetary equity is on and has been brewing for a long time in Black America. The past has taught Black people a lesson in American History. The eighties will be all about the economy and who gets what. The bottom line for Black people is "scratch only the backs of those businesses in America which scratches theirs." Black Americans are encouraged to buy selectively. \$140 billion dollars per annum is too much money to spend liberally and receive nothing in remittance.

A good example to go by is--How many National Products and stores advertise in **THE FACTS NEWSPAPER**. How many ads for **Soft Drinks--Beer--Milk--etc.** Do you see that they want your business, and will show that they want your business by advertising in **The Facts**; the paper that serves The Black Community.

Think!!

Blue Strutters Get Organized

The Blue Strutters, the Central Area Girls Club Drill Team is holding an organizational meeting on Thursday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Girls Club at 708 Empire Way. All interested in trying out, parents and other interested persons are encouraged to attend.

The Drill Team is composed of local girls ages 6 through 17. Girls must become members of the club to participate. The team marches in local parades and summer festivals. Girls will make their own uniforms, and help to raise funds for parade expenses. Parental support is needed!!! For more information on the Blue Strutters drill Team call **Judy Brown** at 329-3310.

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Left to Right--Clarence Williams, Mike Clanton, John Raye, Bobby Wooden, Don Barden, Lacey Steele.



Left to Right--John Gilmore, Dell Jackson, Clarence Williams, Bobby Vann, Judge Charles Johnson.



Left to Right: Judge Johnson, Connie Herning, Clarence Williams & Mae Scott.