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Nelson, Martin & Robert

MLK Unity Parade--Celebrating Our Freedom Fighters!



The Royal Court

The African American Soul Fest '92 King & Queen will reign over this year's exciting parade this Saturday, July 18 at 1 p.m. Shown in photo is the entire Royal Court, from left: Maleka Gary, 2nd runner-up; Kim House, Spirit of Soul Award; Mynique Perkins, 1st runner-up; Niambi Williams, Miss Congeniality; Miss Soul Fest '92, QUEEN ELIZABETH PAULEY; KING MARK SMITH, and also talent competition winner; Jason Smith, Spirit of Soul Award; Ahmed Jenkins, 1st runner-up; and Chris Bell, 2nd runner-up. The Grand Marshal of the parade is FREEDOM FIGHTER REV. ROBERT JEFFREY, SR. See tentative line-up of parade participants on Page 10b.

BY VANESSA L. LICHTY
Staff Reporter

The crowd roars chanting words of encouragement and freedom.

Hundreds of people march together in unity and freedom, their feet pounding a steady rhythm.

These are the sights and the sounds of this year's exciting and colorful Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Parade and you won't want to miss it!

This Saturday marks the fifth anniversary of this fun-filled event which has come to symbolize the strength, beauty and diversity of Seattle's African American community.

This year's parade holds even more significance because it celebrates our Freedom Fighters, according to Chris Bennett, president of Chris Bennett Enterprise Charities, which founded and sponsors the parade.

"This year the festivities fall on the birthday of Nelson Mandela, one of the world's greatest Freedom Fighters," said Bennett. "We consider this to be a very happy day indeed, when we can celebrate our unity and his birthday."

Mandela will be 74 on Saturday, July 18. A quintessant Freedom Fighter, Mandela has come to symbolize for the world the anti-apartheid movement.

"He embodied the resistance to any type of racial injustice," said talk-show host Barbara Laners, parade coordinator." He refused to give over to the South African regime even though he was imprisoned for 27 years." Mandela was released from a South African prison three years ago.

Seattle's Unity Parade was named after another great Freedom Fighter, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Nobel Peace Prize winner and celebrated civil rights activist was responsible for the greatest social revolution to touch this country. His dedication to obtaining social equality for all men cost him his life. His courage and accomplishments live on through us.

Leading the parade as grand marshal will be Seattle's own Freedom Fighter, Dr. Robert L. Jeffrey, Sr., pastor of New Hope Baptist Church and president of the Black Dollar Days Task Force.

Jeffrey has long been battling for economic parity for our community and has become symbolic of the fact that we must continue the struggle for social and economic empowerment.

The theme of this year's parade is "Wake-up Call."

Parade sponsors feel that the theme is especially appropriate at a time when our community is facing a depressed economy, rising unemployment and a frightening increase in racial intolerance.

'We as a community need to wake up to the things that are happening around us and take it upon ourselves to effect positive changes," Bennett said.

The parade reflects the positive aspects of our community and the multitude of talent particularly among our young people, according to Laners, who is also the executive director of Chris Bennett Enterprise Charities.

"The parade is a community event which symbolizes an expression of unity. It is an event that is free to participants. Our philosophy is whosoever will, let him. It is not our intent to make money , but rather our intent is to express the talent in the community in the array of ways that are present," Laners said.

And parade-watchers will be able to enjoy quite a bit of talent! There are more than 40 groups and businesses that are participating in this exciting event.

The parade line-up will begin at 12 noon in the parking lot of Roger's Thriftway on the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Way and Union Street. Participants are asked to be on time.

When the parade begins at 1 p.m the parade route will follow South on MLK Way and then go West on Jackson to 23rd Avenue where the parade will disperse at the Promenade 23 Shopping Mall parking lot.

The judges stand will be set up in front of the offices of The Medium.

With all the exciting and colorful entrees the judges will probably have a hard time picking winners.

But everyone in the community is a winner when it comes to this year's Unity Parade!

"The festival parade is one of the only opportunities to showcase the large amount of young Black talent that this community has," according to Laners. "This is the time for the community to come together and celebrate."

And what a celebration it will be. You won't want to miss it!

Some of the exciting entries in this year's festival include eight very talented and very spirted drill teams, several Black employees groups, the All-City marching band, the Black Contractors, the Queen and princesses of Hal Jackson's Talented Teens, Charko's, the Seafair Queen and princesses, classic autos, and Debo the Clown.

Floats include Roslyn Black Pioneers, and the KOMO For Kids Sake float featuring television personality Connie Thompson and The Wheedle.

Reigning over the parade will be the 1992 African American Soul Festival Scholarship King and Queen, Mark Smith and Elizabeth Pauley.

Their court will include first runners-up King and Queen, Ahmed Jenkins and Mynique Perkins, and second place King and Queen, Chris Bell and Maleka Gary.

The 1992 Unity Parade will be the hottest event this year so mark your calender for Saturday, July 18 and come out and support our community and our Freedom Fighters!

Spectators are encouraged to arrive early to get a good spot to watch this exciting and colorful event. Be sure to bring all your parade gear such as a chair, an umbrella, sunglasses, hats, binoculars and your coolest summer outfit.

And there is still time if you want to be part of the action and participate in the parade. Call Barbara Laners at 323-3070. Tomorrow is the last day to register, so hurry !

See you at the parade!

Africans Americans Angry Over Dismantling Of Black Family Center

David Bash
Staff Reporter

The Black Family Center (BFC), located in the Randolph Carter Building at 23rd and Yesler and which offered health outreach, education, information and referral and emergency assistance to the centrally located African American community, is no more.

That revelation was announced at a community information meeting held at New Hope Baptist Church last Thursday night called by members of the BFC's Community Advisory Board angered over the dismantling of the center.

According to information presented at that meeting, the BFC has been gutted of its staff, budget and community service operations. The center's program manager left in April, the program assistant was transferred to the Welfare Rights Organization in May, the community outreach person's position was terminated in June, and the director of the BFC has been put on administrative leave.

Catholic Community Services (CCS) directs and operates the Black Family Center. The BFC, which provided such no-fee services as pregnancy outreach and AIDS education to the surrounding African American commuity, was developed in 1988 as a response to the negative community reaction to the purchase of the Randolph Carter Building at 23rd and Yesler by the Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle.

"There were a lot of promises made to the African American community by CCS to get the Randolph Carter Center Building back then," said Tony Orange, one of the 15 board members at the meeting.

"They knocked some Black groups out from getting the place and now they are getting rid of the few Blacks working for the Catholics," he complained.

Dora Mitchum Simmons, the director of the BFC who has been placed on administrative

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POLITICAL POTPOURRI

Politics, Politics, Politics

Politics are in the air. From the White House to the courthouse, people are vying for our votes. People are saying things to capture our attention. On the local scene, Mayor Rice finds himself caught up in the political ballyhoo. Mr. Mayor finds himself caught between the need to participate in the national happenings and to stop the fires lighting on the homefront. Mr. Mayor's considerable prestige is needed if the drug loitering law is to be given a new life. The war drums are beating. Mr. Mayor finds himself being encircled. It is truth or consequences time. It is time for Mr. Mayor to decide if the human cost is more important than the creature comforts of the downtown business establishment. Politics tend to bring out the beast in us, including those in decision-making positions. Life is hard at the top.

Southern Ticket

Bubba's dreams have come true. He has finally succeeded in capturing the top spot on a major political party. The Democrats are pressed to nominate two good ole boys to lead them through the upcoming Presidential free for all. Bill, the presidential nominee- apparent, has chosen Al Gore of Tennessee as his running mate. The South has risen again. Bubba is in red neck heaven. Black folks' worst nightmare may have been realized. Two good ole boys have the potential of holding our destiny is their hands. Two good ole boys who talk out of both sides of their mouth. Two good ole boys who say one thing to us via the NAACP and another to Bubba via the Democratic Council. Will the real Bill and Al stand and deliver?

You People

Ross Perot went to the NAACP Annual Convention as did the Democratic Presidential wanna-bees. Mr. Bush was being presidential and chose to ignore the little people. Oh well, that's meant for another comment. At issue is the slip of lip by Mr. Perot. His people had not schooled him in the proper usage of the phrase "you people". Black Folk see yellow when they are referred to as such. Well, "when ignorance is bliss, tis folly to be wise". Mr. Perot is on that score blissful in his ignorance. Well, he received a lesson in race politics from the members of the oldest, most polite civil rights organization in the country. Mr. Perot will think twice before he uses the term "you people". Those polite people at the NAACP were down right offended by the man. It is too bad that the same sense of outrage was not expressed about Bill Clinton's attack on a young Black woman to make a point with white men.

City's Hungry

A story in one of the local daily newspapers said that 1992 is a bad year for the city's hungry. Well that depends upon where you sit. If you are safely ensconced in your job and home you can make that comparison. For those who are without, this year is no worse than any other year. Their bags are always half empty. They and their children are always concerned about the source of their next meal. This year is a bad year. Last year was a bad year. Next year will be a bad year unless we act to solve the problems of poverty in our community. The poor may be with us always, but we all can do just a little to make their lives more bearable.

Words of Wisdom

There is a move afoot by those under the gun to use us to show up their position. They are being referred to by some in our community as opportunistic racists. They buy , we sell. They are in the market for buying souls and we are in the market for selling ours to promote our creature comforts. We seem to be easily bought these days. We sell ourselves for such pittances. Judas sold Christ for 30 pieces of silver. Some of us are selling out the Black community for 30 pieces of silver. We should ask ourselves if the selling price is worth the legacy we are leaving to our children.

MLK Unity Parade

July 18, 1992

1 P.M.

City of Seattle · Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *the City of Seattle is a beautiful mosaic of diverse people, each bringing a distinct cultural heritage that adds to the richness of our city; and*

WHEREAS, *the work, ideals and words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. exemplify the perfect model of unity and working together; and*

WHEREAS, *the Medium Newspaper and Seattle's African American community have banded together to urge unity and working together; and*

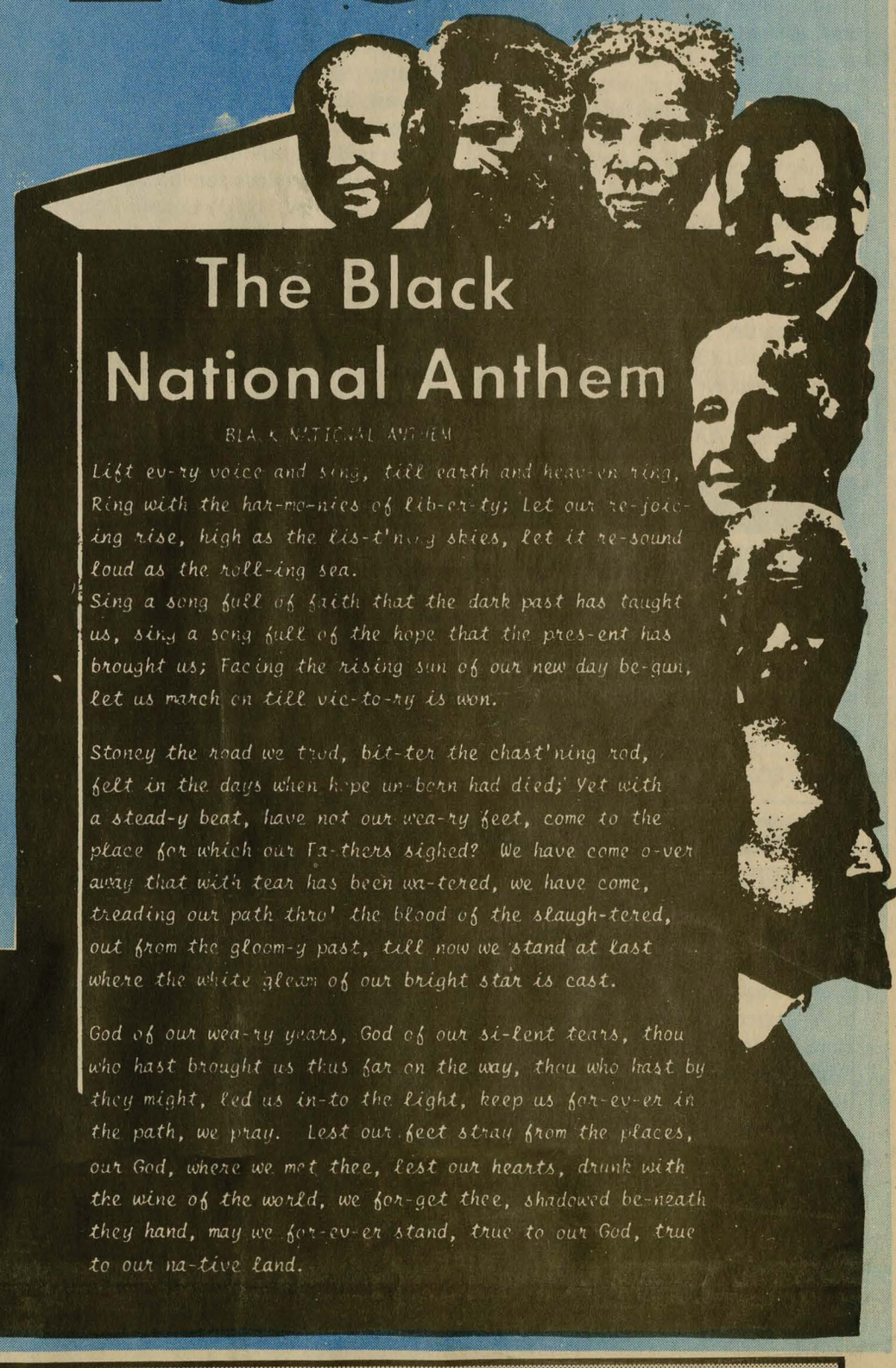
WHEREAS, *the Martin Luther King, Jr. African American Community Unity Parade is a wonderful express of solidarity between people of all walks of life and provides fun and entertainment for all ages;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NORMAN B. RICE, Mayor of the City of Seattle, do hereby proclaim July 18, 1992, to be

UNITY DAY

in Seattle and encourage all citizens to come out and enjoy the parade and recommit to working, living and playing together in harmony and cooperation.

Norman B. Rice
Mayor



The Black National Anthem

BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM

Lift ev-ry voice and sing, till earth and heav-en ring,
Ring with the har-mo-nies of lib-er-ty; Let our re-joic-ing rise, high as the lis-t'ning skies, let it re-sound loud as the roll-ing sea.
Sing a song full of faith that the dark past has taught us, sing a song full of the hope that the pres-ent has brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day be-gun, let us march on till vic-to-ry is won.

Stoney the road we trod, bit-ter the chast'ning rod, felt in the days when hope un-born had died; Yet with a stead-y beat, have not our wea-ry feet, come to the place for which our fa-thers sighed? We have come o-ver a way that with tear has been wa-tered, we have come, treading our path thro' the blood of the slaugh-tered, out from the gloom-y past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our wea-ry years, God of our si-lent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way, thou who hast by they might, led us in-to the light, keep us for-ev-er in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee, lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for-get thee, shadowed be-neath they hand, may we for-ev-er stand, true to our God, true to our na-tive land.

Office of the County Executive

King County, Washington

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the people of the African American community annually set aside the week of July 18, to celebrate unity with several events scheduled around the city, including an impressive parade; and

WHEREAS, July 18, is the fifth annual Martin Luther King Unity Parade in the African American community; and

WHEREAS, the African American heritage, culture, and ethnic background add to the diversity of this area and has contributed much to the economic, cultural, and social vitality of King County; and

WHEREAS, that great leader from South Africa, Nelson Mandela, will celebrate his 74th birthday on July 18; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have had a tremendous influence in the development of King County's own heritage;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Tim Hill, King County Executive, proclaim **July 18, 1992,** as

AFRICAN AMERICAN UNITY DAY

in King County and encourage all citizens to support and enjoy the parade and festivities in celebration of this significant day.

Tim Hill
King County Executive

The State of Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *the citizens of the state of Washington join together in celebration and unity to observe the birthday of the great leader Nelson Mandela and other African-Americans who have worked toward equality for all people; and*

WHEREAS, *the purpose of this day is to bring all Washingtonians together in a celebration of diversity; and*

WHEREAS, *in honor and recognition of the exemplary service and vision Dr. King set, the city of Seattle will highlight its celebration with a Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Parade;*

WHEREAS, *the great civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., worked for justice for all people and envisioned a world free of racial, social, economic, political, and religious barriers; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Booth Gardner, Governor of the State of Washington, do hereby proclaim July 18, 1992, as*

Unity Day

in the State of Washington, and I urge all citizens to join me in this celebration and take time to reflect upon the important contributions that African-Americans have made to our community.

Signed, this 14th day of July, 1992,

Governor Booth Gardner

African Americans Hold Key Positions At Democratic Convention



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(Capitol News Service)

Washington---A record number of African-Americans hold key positions with the Democratic National Committee as the 200-year-old political party conducts its 1992 national convention in New York's Madison Square Garden, July 12-16, under the leadership of Gotham-born, Harlem-bred DNC chairman Ronald H. Brown.

More than 40,000 delegates, alternates, elected officials, party regulars, supporters, guests and media representatives will be attending the biggest political gathering ever, with New York City Mayor David H. Dinkins serving as honorary chairman of the host committee.

"I smell victory in the air," Mayor Dinkins jubilantly told colleagues at the opening of the DNC Platform Committee hearings in Washington. Dinkins, as a vice chairman of the Platform Committee, was aggressive in presenting "minority issues" for consideration by the committee.

Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) chairman, Rep. Edolphus Towns (D-NY) a few days later echoed the "victory in the air" theme after a CBC meeting with Gov. Bill Clinton in Washington.

Despite simmering debate at the Platform Committee hearing on such concerns as urban aid, enterprise zones, school choice, women's choice, minimum wages ($5.25) an hour), unemployed Black youth, minority reports or open floor fights are not expected at the New York convention.

Brown, the dapper DNC presiding officer, grew up about 100 blocks from the "Garden" in uptown Harlem, where his father managed the celebrated Theresa Hotel. However, Brown began his political career as a Democratic leader in suburban Mount Vernon, New York.

Before being elected DNC Chairman in 1989, Brown served as deputy campaign manager for Sen. Edward Kennedy's 1980 presidential campaign, convention manger for Rev. Jesse Jackson's 1988 presidential campaign and senator political advisor to presidential nominee Michael Dukakis.

Two politically experienced African Americans were among Brown's first appointments in preparing for the 1992 race for the White House. He promptly named Alexis M. Herman, former director of the Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor, as DNC's chief of staff and subsequently as the chief executive officer for planning the convention, and Atty. Mario M. Cooper as convention manager.

Other African-Americans holding top positions on the convention staff are Frank Williams, Jr., Chief Financial Officer; Atty. Hartina Flournoy, General Counsel; Maxine Griffith, director, Convention Hall Planning and Management; Lujuan M. Johnson, director, Headquarters Hotels; Michael J. Pitts, director of Transportation, and Marilyn Shaw, director of Volunteer Services.

Among the other African-Americans on the convention staff are Yolanda Caraway, senior advisor to the chairman; Howlie Davis, special assistant to the Convention CEO; James T. Day, deputy of candidate, Congressional and VIP Arrangements; Leah Daughtry, director, Office of the Convention Manager: Ivan D. Andrews, deputy director of Housing; and Michele Brown, executive Assistant to the CEO.

Brown announced that one of the keynote speakers at Monday's opening convention session will be former Texas Congresswoman Barbara Jordan and that Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson will serve as one of four co-chairs of the convention.

Brown named 23 African-Americans to three convention standing committees, Platform, Rules and Credentials. Seattle Mayor Norman Rice and Ohio Congressman Louis Stokes serve as vice chairs of the Rules Committee, and Missouri Congressman Alan Wheat and North Carolina Speaker of the House Dan Blue are co-chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the Credentials Committee.

Other African-American committee appointees include: Platform--Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton, Mary Berry, and Bill Lucy of D.C.; Lenore Miller, NY; Myra Jones, AR; Leon Lynch, PA; Rules--Mildred Stallings, MI; Vicki LeGrange, OK; Juanita Miller, MD; Michael Figures, AL; and Sherman Copelin, LA; Credentials-- Lois DeBerry, TN; Irma Hunter Brown, AR; Carrie Meek, FL; Rikki Jones, IL; John Studrivant, DC, Rubin Berkes, MI, and Calvin Smyre, GA.

ELECTION '92

The Views Of African Americans: What We REALLY Think

By Tasha Hailey
National Correspondent

WASHINGTON--Home Box Office (HBO), the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies and the National Coalition on Black Voter Participation last week released the results of a national survey of African Americans on a range of issues including the presidential candidates, public policy and race relations. The poll, which was conducted from June 22-30 by telephone by Omnifacts, Inc. of Philadelphia, is the first comprehensive assessment of the views of African Americans in the 1992 election year.

The findings of the survey were discussed in a symposium with participants including Emanuel Cleaver, Kansas City Mayor; Kevin Phillips, editor/publisher, American Political Report; Roger Wilkins, George Mason University professor; and Representative Maxine Waters of California.

Survey results show that concerning partisanship and ideology, African Americans identify with the Democratic party. Seventy-two percent identified themselves as Democrats, twenty percent as Independents and five percent as Republicans. However, while identifying themselves as Democrats, Blacks did not identify themselves as liberals. Thirty-three percent said they were conservative, thirty percent as moderate and twenty percent liberal.

"For the first time, Blacks are identifying themselves. Blacks are more conservative than the media paints us to be," Wilkins said.

Waters says on the findings of partisanship and ideology, "The labels of liberal and conservative do not work in our community. We're neither conservative nor liberal. We're progressive and we know where our interests lie."

The survey overwhelmingly exhibited dissatisfaction with the nation's direction and the Bush administration. Eighty-eight percent of those polled said they were dissatisfied with the way that things were going in the country. Seventy-one percent blamed the Reagan and Bush administrations for the urban problems. Congress also received a disapproval rating as sixty-six percent said that congress was also to blame.

Perhaps the most interesting findings concentrated around the presidential candidates for the 1992 election. Those surveyed asked if they could rate their feelings toward president/vice-presidential candidates which included George Bush, Bill Clinton, H. Ross Perot and Dan Quayle in terms of favorable or not favorable.

Four national Black figures including Jesse Jackson, Colin Powell, Clarence Thomas and Douglas Wilder were also rated.

George Bush's favorable/unfavorable ratings were 28 percent/ 60 percent and Dan Quayle's ratings were similar (25/56). Bill Clinton had a favorable/unfavorable rating of 57/21 and H. Ross Perot was viewed more favorably than unfavorable, but only by a margin of 9 percent (35/26). Thirty-nine percent surveyed responded either neutrally or had no opinion of Perot.

"While the Black community is flexible, we're not flexible with putting Bush back in the White House," said Mayor Cleaver. Speaking of Perot he said, "We tend not to go on blind dates."

Concerning Clinton, Wilkins said, "If I were in Clinton's camp, I'd be a little disturbed by the findings. Perot's don't know/undecided margin is large, so he has the chance to impress voters."

The favorable/not favorable ratings for national Black figures showed that Jesse Jackson has the strongest support with a 77 percent favorable. Colin Powell was also viewed positively (67/11) along with Doug Wilder (56/16). Clarence Thomas was viewed more favorably than not favorably (45/30), however, he had the largest share of unfavorable ratings of the Black public figures.

The poll shows that education is a major priority among Blacks. Thirty-one percent said that education was a deciding issue in the presidential election. Forty-nine percent of those surveyed say that Black children do not receive an education equivalent the their White counterparts.

There was wide support in education for "back to basics" programs (75 percent), Afrocentric curriculum (80 percent), special schools for young Black men (63 percent) and support for the elimination of tracking in public schools.

"Candidates have been searching for the answers to the education problem. The answer is for them to listen to us, the community, and not come to us with preconceived notions about the incapabilities of our children," Wilkins said.

Fear and crime was another component of the survey. Fifty-three percent of those surveyed said that they were afraid to walk at night within two to three blocks of their home. About a third of those interviewed said that street gangs were active around their neighborhood.

In the aftermath of the Rodney King decision and the riots surrounding it, nine percent polled said that the rioters in Los Angeles were justified in their actions. Thirty-six percent expressed feelings that the rioters were not justified. Half of those surveyed indicated that they did not approve of the rioter's behavior, but understood their frustration and anger.

"This poll is crucial because for the first time this year, our voices are being heard. The candidates will see this poll and hopefully act on our concerns. This poll comes directly from us," said Sonia Jarvis, executive director of the National Coalition on Black Voter Participation.

Blacks Accuse Catholic Agency Of Racism, Discrimination

By David Bash
Staff Reporter

A community meeting held July 9 at New Hope Baptist Church heard members of the Community Advisory Board of the Black Family Center (BFC) accuse that Catholic agency of racism and discriminatory practices in laying off BFC staff, and the placing of the Black regional director on paid administrative leave.

Over 50 people attending that meeting heard charges from Dora Mitchum Simmons, the Catholic Community Services' (CCS) central regional director placed on administrative leave, that she was confronted with a letter containing "untrue allegations" that, among other things to warrant her being placed on leave, she made an offer of an unauthorized $10,000 position to another employee.

"I did not offer a position. I asked for $10,000 in the budget to upgrade three jobs," she said, adding, "This whole thing has been orchestrated."

She complained that there were no names, dates or contacts included in the letter containing the allegations of her misconduct.

Simmons' past complaints of mistreatment by CCS, located in the Randolph Carter Center Building at 23rd and Yesler, brought in a "disinterested third party," the Northwest Labor and Law office, to asses the situation.

A worker with that law office at that time, Diane Narosaki, told the audience at the community meeting that the CCS agency does not provide a positive environment for women of color even though the leadership there knew of "subtle practices" of discrimination within the organization.

"It seemed to us a fishing expedition was launched to find reasons for the termination," Narosaki said. "This looks like a classic case of discrimination," she added.

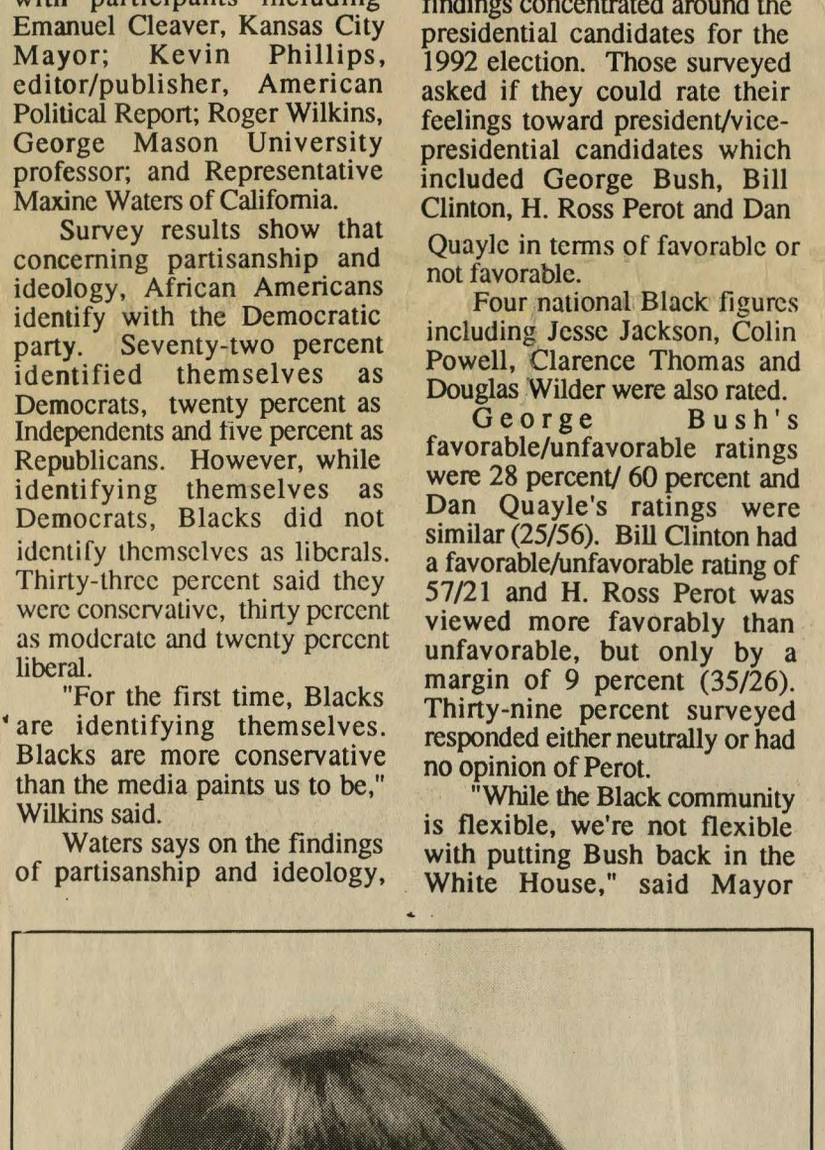
Funded with United Way and public (state, federal and city) money as well as private dollars, CCS is obligated by law and under its state and federal tax exempt status to not discriminate.

"The Black Family Center is not active today," said acting central regional director, Maryviolet Burns, who is also a Black woman.

Reached at her office in the CCS building Monday, Burns said she wanted to make it clear to the community that the BFC is actually a "program" and not a "center." And she said the future of the program will focus on service rather than the center being a "symbol."

Though the program is not staffed or active currently, she said the "program" was to be "expanded," and that a job description for the program manager position has been released. "I am at an utter loss how the rumor got started that the BFC is to be dismantled," she said.

Board members at the meeting called for a community mass meeting with Archbishop Thomas Murphy--who has labeled racism a "sin"--to get his high office to respond to the board's concerns over discriminatory employment practices at CCS.



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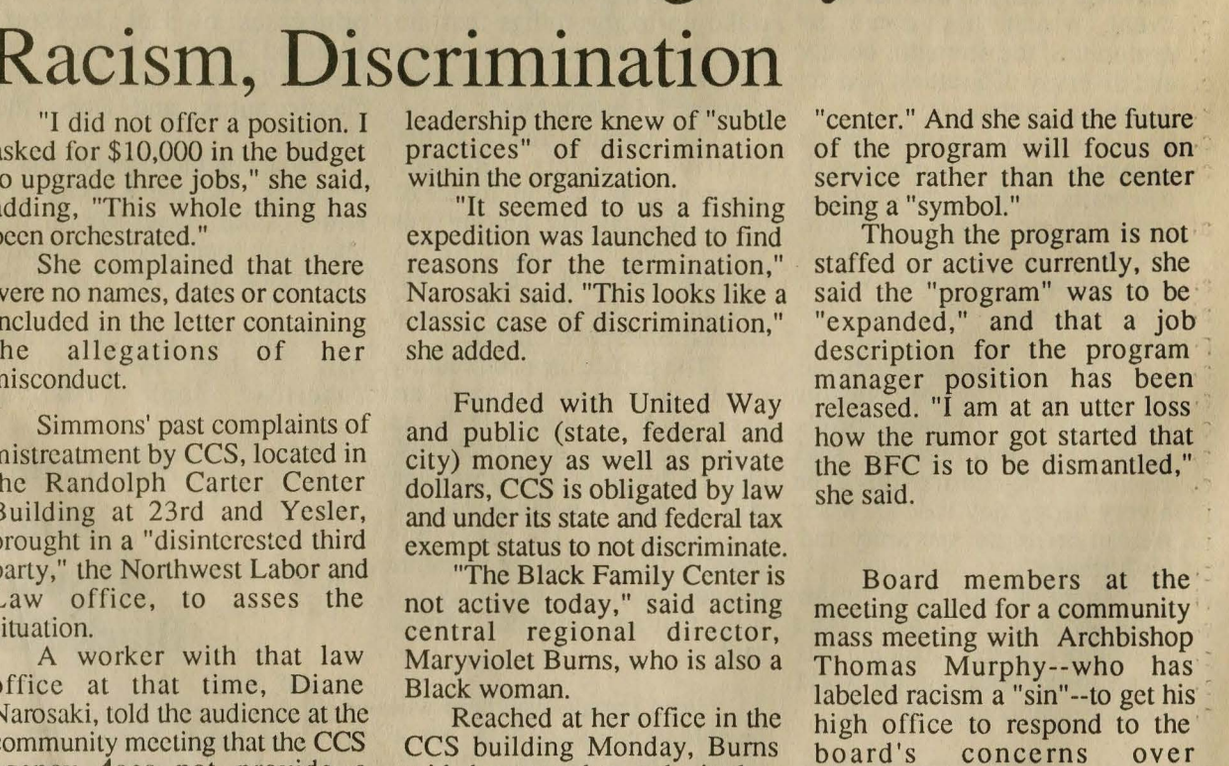
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Black Woman Serves As CEO Of Democratic Convention

Alexis M. Herman (right), the first Black woman to serve as CEO of a Democratic Party nominating convention, is joined by Democratic Party Chairman Ronald H. Brown (left) and Robert Russo, senior vice president and gereral manager of Madison Square Garden, in a final inspectioin of convention facilities at the Garden.



Vassar Heads Educational Enrichment Program At Lakeside School

T. J. Vassar, twice president of the Seattle school board, has been named director of the Lakeside Educational Enrichment Program (LEEP).

The announcement was made by Frank Magusin, acting head of Lakeside School.

LEEP is a six-week summer academic program initiated by Lakeside in 1965 to provide an educational boost for academically able middle school students from the Seattle Public Schools, all of whom attend on full scholarship. Vassar, himself a LEEP alumnus, completed his high school education at Lakeside and graduated from Harvard in 1972. He subsequently received his master's degree in public administration from the University of Washington. His most recent position was manager of administrative services at the Seattle-King County Private Industry Council..

"We are proud and excited the T.J. has agreed to assume the leadership of LEEP," Magusin said. "He has the demonstrated judgment, vision, experience and drive to expand the program's reach, energy and success in the coming years."

"LEEP is on the brink of major change and excitement," Vassar said.

"Lakeside has just received a five-year grant of $100,000 per year from Nintendo of America to support LEEP. Their extraordinary generosity will allow us to extend our contact and follow-up with LEEP participants throughout the school year and well into high school. It will also enable us to provide additional services such as tutoring and college counseling."

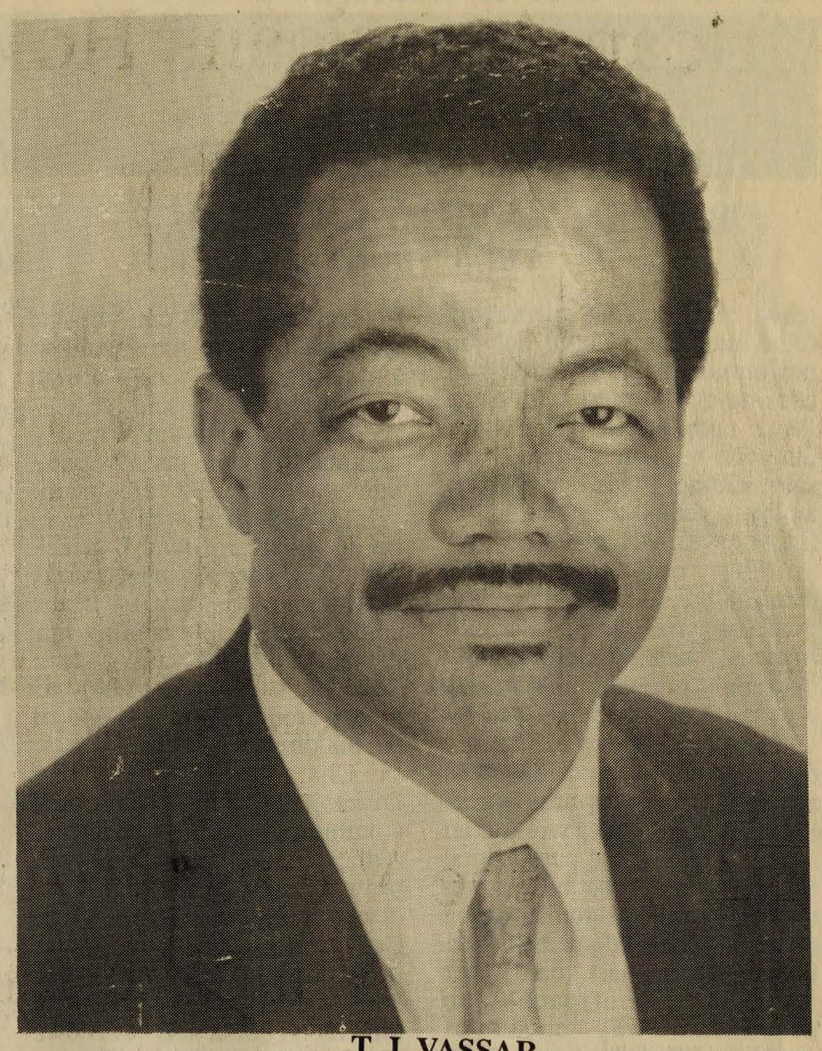
"I applaud Nintendo's grant to the summer LEEP program and Lakeside's leadership in this important partnership with the Seattle Public Schools," said Ron Sims, King County Councilmember, who has worked with Nintendo on several community issues. "Nintendo has been looking at ways to positively impact young people regarding the importance of education and academic achievement, and the grant to LEEP is a wonderful expression. I'm particularly delighted that T.J. has been tapped to direct LEEP, his experience in the public and independent school sectors will prove invaluable. He is an extraordinary leader."

Since its inception, LEEP has worked with more than 2,000 students from Seattle's middle schools. LEEP students attend daily classes in English and math, supplemented by subjects such as leadership training, geography, drama and computers. Sports and wilderness experiences also are regular components of the program.

LEEP students are taught by a faculty drawn from both Lakeside and the public schools. Teachers are supported by a cadre of high school and college student assistants, some of whom are LEEP graduates themselves. The total staff-to-LEEP-student ratio is one to five.

"LEEP is an important effort, targeting youth who have shown academic promise just before they enter high school and giving them a chance to expand their horizons at a critical time in their lives," said William Kendrick, superintendent of Seattle Public Schools. "I know T.J. will make a major contribution as director of this program because he has demonstrated his commitment to education throughout his life. He will take a good program--one that is already serving Seattle well--and make it even better."

Lakeside School was founded in 1919 and is one of the area's oldest and most respected independent schools. Located on two campuses at the north edge of the city, it serves approximately 650 students in grades 5-12.



T. J. VASSAR

QUESTIONS OF LAW

Legal Needs In Time Of Disaster

By Christine A. Foster
Seattle Attorney

("Questions of Law," a regular column produced by the Young Lawyers Division of the Washington State Bar Association and the State Bar's Public Affairs Department's is published in cooperation with The Seattle Medium Newspaper.)

Q: What is the first thing I should do if there's a disaster?

A: We define disaster broadly, as an earthquake, a plane crash or finding yourself the victim of a crime. Before a disaster you should obtain medical, health, automobile and home insurance. Taking care of yourself is the first thing you will want to do after a disaster; insurance obtained before a disaster will enable you to do this more effectively.

In addition to obtaining insurance, you should also become an information gatherer. Gather all your insurance policies together, obtain the names and addresses of any witnesses and write down and photograph any important descriptions of property, people, conditions, and damages. If you keep track of the important details, you will be better able to assist others in helping you.

Q: What should I expect at the scene of a disaster?

A: There are certain people and agencies typically involved after a disaster. These include police and other law enforcement agencies; fire, rescue, medical and other emergency personnel; officials from government agencies; representatives of the companies or individuals involved; representatives of insurance companies; lawyers -- both lawyers who represent victim of accidents and lawyers who represent and defend the parties involved in a disastrous event; and members of the news media.

Any or all of the above may want to talk with you. There are many people who are charged with the legal duty of helping you deal with a tragedy including police officers and medical personnel. You should generally try to cooperate with them. However, before speaking to anyone, first insist that the person clearly identify himself or herself and state who he or she represents. Some people who may contact you after a disaster will not necessarily have your best interest in mind.

After you have determined the position of people who have approached you, evaluate whether or not such they have a financial interest in your misfortune. If such is the case, try to avoid contact until you've evaluated the damages, the causes and determined if you need legal representation.

The general rule is to be careful about what you say to anyone who is likely to have a financial interest in your tragedy, anyone who provides unsolicited

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New Queen Gets Ready For National Competition

Hal Jackson's Talented Teens of Washington's new queen, Miss Ujima Elizabeth Lofton, will be leaving on July 18 on her all-expense paid week to New York to compete in the International Finals at the world famous Apollo Theatre.

Newly crowned Queen Ujima Lofton sang "Wind Beneath My Wings" in her own special style that captured the crown for her. Queen Ujima is 16-years-old and a Junior at Cleveland High School. She recieveddd an $800 college scholarship and a trip to New York City.

Each contestant was presented with a King County Recognition award from King County Councilman Ron Sims. There were many memorable events of this dazzling evening, but one of the highlights was this presentation.

The Mistress of Ceremonies was Nerissa Williams, of KIRO Television and the Master of Ceremonies was Steve Pool of KOMO Television. These two dynamic television personalities did an excellent job of guiding the audience through and action-packed program.

Queen Ujima's court is 1st runner-up, Miss Teriauna Harris, an 8th grader at Tyee Middle School in Bellevue; 2nd runner-up, Miss Nicole Labat, a Junior at Garfield High School in Seattle; 3rd runner-up, Miss Tanya Bridges of Maple Valley, a Junior at Lindbergh High School in Renton.

The 1992 contestants were from Tacoma, Bellevue, Maple Valley and the greater Seattle areas. The young ladies were 13 to 17-years-old. Other contestants were LaKeshia Barber, Renton High School; Shakisha Braziel, Curtis High School of Tacoma; Melissa Carr, McIlvaigh Middle School of Tacoma; Monica Pedescleaux, Sammamish High School of Bellevue; Penny Robinson, Franklin High School; Erinn Fleeks, Meany Middle School of Seattle.

C. Maxine Jenkins and Henry Jenkins, directors of Hal Jackson's Talented Teens of Washington, thank their staff, community, parents and friends for supporting our teenagers. If you are interested in this pageant competition call 722-1839 or write P.O. Box 78316, Seattle, WA. 98178.



Teriauna Harris-1st place, Nicole Labat-2nd Place, Queen Ujima Lofton, Tanya Bridges-3rd place.

State Receives $7.3 Million In Funds For Youth Programs

Washington state will receive almost $7.3 million in additional funds for Summer Youth Employment Programs, Employment Security Commissioner Vernon Stoner announced last week.

The funds, part of the urban aid package passed by Congress and signed by the President last week, will be transmitted by Employment Security to the 12 Service Delivery Areas in the state that operate Summer Youth Employment Program as part of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA). The funds are in addition to $11.2 million already allocated for youth employment programs in the state.

"It's critical that we are able to help more young people this summer," Stoner said. "The young workers will get more than just wages from a summer job. They will gain valuable work experience and help with remedial education if needed."

Of the $500 million available for the program nationally, the first $100 million is targeted for the largest 75 cities and the balance is distributed using a formula based principally on unemployment rates. As one of the larger cities, Seattle receives $721,000 in addition to the $1 million allocated to the Service Delivery Area.

The additional funds for the other Service Delivery Areas were allocated according to the same formula used for the regular allocation of funds for youth employment and training programs.

Tots To Teens

by Sue Ellen Sullivan

Dear Readers: A dessert recipe was given to me the other day, and it seems to be getting very popular. It's called "Dirt Cake." You put the ingredients in a large flower pot and serve it with artificial flowers on top so it really looks like a plant. The main ingredient is crushed chocolate cookies so you can imagine that it really looks like dirt. I'm concerned that when a child under four would taste this scoop of "dirt", he would get the impression that all dirt tastes like this. I know that some children will taste real dirt no matter what, but there is no reason to give ideas to those children who would never think of it. Save this cake for the older children and adults.

Dear Sue: My son has been an excellent student all through school. He is now attending a special program for advanced students at an outstanding high school. The problem is that he is not happy there. He wants to attend high school with his friends. There is nothing wrong with this high school, but it is not on the same academic level as his present school. After all he has achieved, I don't want him to take a step backward, but he is insisting on going to school with his friends in September. Peggy S.

Dear Peggy: Let him go to the school of his choice. He certainly won't do well if he is so unhappy, but insist that he continue to keep up his marks and not spend all his time socializing. A student who really wants to learn can learn in almost any school.

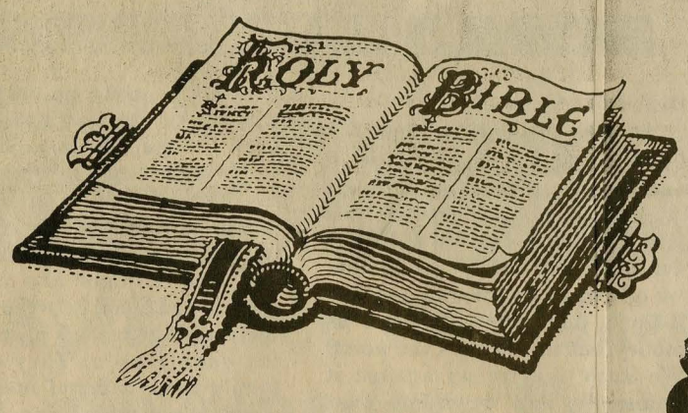
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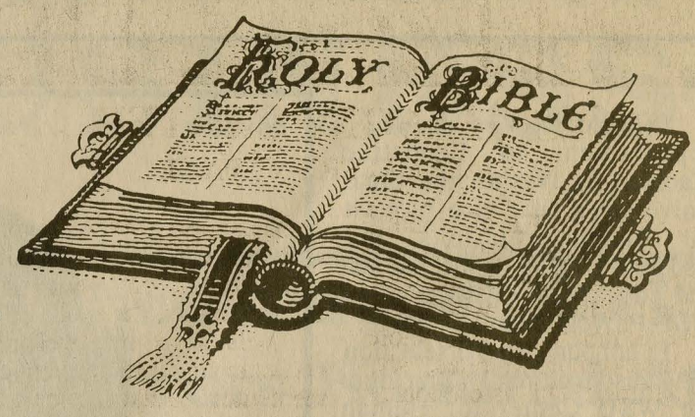
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Memorial Services For Paula Moore July 15



Paula A. Moore in a file photo with niece Gena Brigham.

Paula A. Moore, 41 passed away unexpectedly July 12, 1992 at Swedish Medical Center following a long courageous battle with a life threatening disease. At the time of her death Paula was employed as Vice President, Human Resources, for Security Pacific Bank where she had worked for 19 years.

Paula, a lifelong resident of Seattle, was a caring member of the community. Her activities included serving on the Board of Directors of Puget Sound Big Sisters and the Girl Scout Council of America. She was also a member of the Court Appointed Guardian Ad Litem Program, and was an active member of St. Therese Church where she sang in the chior.

Paula is survived by her mother, Sylvia E. Moore; her sisters, Pamela Moore, Patricia Brigham, Portia Moore-Gordon, and Enid Moore; her brother, John T. Moore, Jr.; her brother-in-law, John T. Gordon; her dearest friend, Jo Ann Henderson; and numerous other friends and family.

Paula joins in Heaven her beloved father, John T. Moore, Sr., her brother "Eddie" Moore, and her brother-in-law, Gene

Memorial services will be held Wednesday, July 15 at 3 p.m. at St. Therese Catholic Church, 3416 East Marion.

The family is asking that donations be made to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

Southwest Mortuary, 9021 Rainier Avenue South, is in charge of arrangements.

MT. ZION'S INSPIRATIONAL CHORUS CELEBRATES 44TH ANNIVERSARY

The community is cordially invited to the 44th Anniversary Celebration of the Mt. Zion Inspirational Chorus on Sunday, July 19 at 3:00 p.m. The Inspirational Chorus, directed by Mrs. Phyllis Byrdwell, will "Lift the Savior Up" in concert with the dynamic Les Chanticleers.

This special afternoon of harmonious song will be held at Mt. Zion located on 19th Avenue and East Madison Street. Rev. Samuel B. McKinney is pastor.

For more information contact the church office at 322-6500. Admission is free.

What are the Dead Sea Scrolls?

A newly released section of the Dead Sea Scrolls bears striking similarities to the New Testament's Gospel of Luke, according to Michael Wise, a University of Chicago scholar.

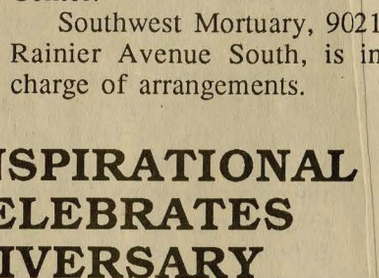
■ **The scrolls:** They are leather and papyrus manuscripts that are the oldest known copies of the Old Testament, other religious writings and laws.

■ **Written:** From 200 B.C. to 50 A.D. in Hebrew and Aramaic, a Semitic language commonly spoken in Jesus' time.

■ **Significance:** Among the most important discoveries in archaeology according to biblical scholars, they have pushed back the date of a Hebrew Bible to no later than 70 A.D. They potentially clarify the relationship between Judaism and early Christianity.

■ **Discovered:** In 1947 in a cave near the Dead Sea in what is now the Israeli-occupied West Bank; some scrolls were found later at nearby sites.

■ **Housed at two sites:** Shrine of the Book and the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem.



■ **Controversy:** Many of the scrolls were not published and all but a small group of scholars were denied access to them for the more than 40 years since their discovery.

■ **Belated publication:** Last September, the Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif., made available to all scholars its collection of scroll photos.

SOURCE: Chicago Tribune, Encyclopaedia Britannica, Encyclopedia Americana, news reports

MUSICAL APPRECIATION FOR JEROME JACKSON; VOICES OF FAME, MT. BAKER & NEW HOPE CHOIRS

A mass choir appreciation concert to honor the accomplished pianist, Jerome Jackson will be conducted July 19, at 3:00 pm. The public, and all persons who have worked with Mr. Jackson are cordially invited to attend this rare gathering of choirs to express their appreciation of the services and support provided by Mr. Jackson. The appreciation program will be held at First A.M.E. Church, located at 1522 14th Ave (on 14th Ave, between Pine and Pike Streets) in Seattle.

The mass choir is extending an open invitation to all interested persons who have worked with Mr. Jackson to participate in the appreciation program.

For more information, contact Phillip Thomas via First A.M.E. Church at 324-3664 or you may attend the evening rehearsal which will be held July 16 at 7:00 pm at First A.M.E. Church.

Rose Of Sharon Honors Pastor, Wife

The Rose of Sharon Pentecostal Temple will be honoring Pastor and Sister A.L. Hardy for 24 years of dedicated service, July 19-26.

This couple is not just some esoteric rhetorical theoreticians, but a couple that believe in doing things God's way.

Pastor Hardy says his vision for God's Kingdom, his marriage, The Rose of Sharon, and the A.L. Hardy Academy of Theology are even brighter today than it was 24 years ago. He knows that Jesus remains the same throughout our yesterday and beyond our tomorrows. He uniquely fashions his purposes and plans for each generation.

The service of appreciation will convene Sunday, July 19 at 4103 Rainier Avenue South each evening Monday through Saturday at 7 p.m. climaxing Sunday, July 26 at 3 p.m.

Speakers for the week: Sunday, July 19, 3 p.m., Dr. Robert Jeffrey; Monday, July 20, 7 p.m. Dr. Wilbert Reed; Tuesday, July 21, 7 p.m. Pastor Ben Rhodes; Wednesday, July 22, 7 p.m. Bishop S.D. Leffalls; Thursday, July 23, 7 p.m. Dr. H. B. Sampson; Friday, July 24, 7 p.m. Dr. A.A. Wells, Portland, July 25, 7 p.m. Pastor K. Easter, July 26, 3 p.m. Dr. J. A. Boles, Tacoma. All visitors are welcome to attend any or all of these services.

OBITUARY

ROSE BLACKWELL SANDERS

Mrs. Rose Blackwell Sanders passed away in Los Angeles, California on June 19, 1992. She was formerly from Seattle. Rose was preceded by five brothers well known her -- Bumps, Charlie, Roland, Alfred and Monroe.

Contact James Fortman, 329-9512 for further information.

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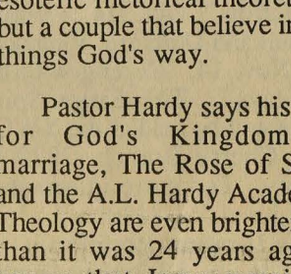
By Margaret Mansfield

Something To Be Glad About: It seems everything Rev. Timothy Wright does--while sharing his many talents with a variety of artists and choirs, turns to gold. Wright is most know for his last gospel hit, "Who's On The Lord's Side', but most recently he teamed with the Chicago Interdenominational Choir for his current release entitled "I'm Glad About It". Presently, it is one of the top ten gospel releases in the country. As to just what it is, he's so glad about? "Glad about Jesus," says Wright, "and I want to share that with people." Fact is, Whitfield has shared his talents with some of the best of them in gospel, often having up to three hit records on th gospel charts at the same time. He is known for his versatility in work with those like Myrna Summers and various choirs. Fact is, it's hard to tie Whitfield down. Not to one style. Not to one artist, and certainly -- not to one choir. While he has his own Concert Choir, he says different cities and artists bring different interpretations to his music. As to which he prefers most -- producing or performing, he says, "I enjoy both of them equally. Performance-wise, I don't consider myself a singer, with respect to vocal technique. I think I can sell a song. In other words, I can make you listen to a song without me being a great singer, and that's my challenge."

He was hailed a saviour by civic leaders for cleaning up poor neighborhoods and chasing out drug dealers, but there was another side to Miami-based Yahweh Ben Yahweh. Last month, he and six of his followers were found guilty of conspiracy in 14 murders and arson. Fact is, Yahweh Ben Yahweh, born Hulon Mitchell Jr., preached against drugs offering a message of hope while building an $8 million empire off followers salaries and donations. The 56-year old preacher had claimed to be the son of God. Yahweh ordered a group of enforcers to murder "White Devils" and to kill Blacks who wanted out. Witnesses included a woman whose throat was cut when she quit the sect. Testimony further revealed that Yahweh ordered the fire bombing of a city block when members seeking donations were assaulted. Yahweh could get 20 years. In the meantime, banks have foreclosed on most of of sect's properties and his Miami-based Temple of Love has been abandoned.

Do politics and religion mix? That's the subject of a powerful new series titled "The Glory & The Power: Fundamentalisms Observed", which describes the politics and religion as inseparable. The series -- heard on National Public Radio and seen on PBS, details the rise and impact of fundamentalism and its emergence as a social and political force around the world.

Briefly: A 1,000 voice choir joins the Hollywood Bowl choir in recording "Stand & Be Proud", -- a plea for unity as the official anthem of the Rebuild L.A. campaign. The "Voice of The City" choir-led by First A.M.E. Church choir director Joseph Westmoreland, is composed of community and religious groups across Los Angeles with proceeds going to rebuild L.A.... **This week's scripture: "And be clothed in humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble," -- 1 Peter 5:5.**



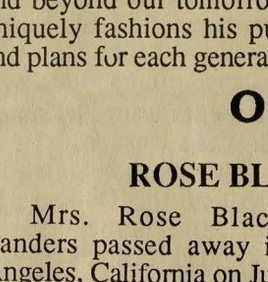
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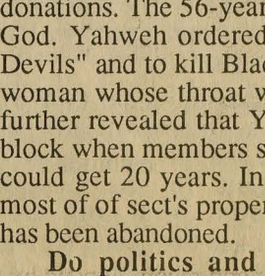
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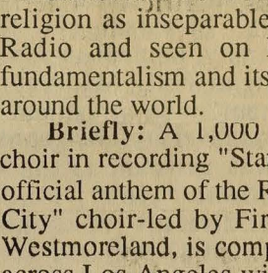
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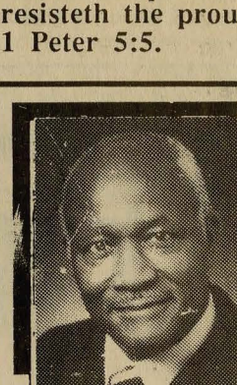
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BLACK FAMILY CENTER...
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leave, accused CCS of making false allegations about her job performance at the center and causing divisiveness within the Black community. "The whole thing has been orchestrated," she said, adding, "This is obviously a ploy to get us (the community) fighting with each other."

The outreach person terminated along with that position in June, Pamela Idahosa, said the BFC is now there only in name. "It's so sad, it was all calculated," she said.

She said that weeks before the outreach position was terminated she was brought off the streets and put to work in an office. She said she complained to her supervisor that her job was to be in the community doing outreach. She said she achieved the personal contact goals of her community outreach job description way ahead of schedule. "They don't want to be accountable to the community and because I was out there in the community making them accountable they let me go."

Idahosa said the center, which offered youth tutoring and youth theatre, were positioning for Justice Department Weed and Seed monies. "They want that Weed and Seed money, but with the community feedback I came back with they couldn't openly support the Justice Department's plan," she said.

Acting Advisory Board Chairman, Darnell Nelson, who is also an attorney, criticized CCS for not inviting any members of the board to its annual business meeting in June and called on the Black community to give direction and support to a "unified front" in combating the "institutionalized racism at the root of the dismantling of the Black Family Center."

He said the administrators at CCS are making policy and decisions that are having a negative effect on the Black community they are supposed to be serving. He warned that the Community Advisory Board will hold those administrators accountable for any such policy or decisions. "We can not and will not tolerate the legalized lynchings of our best administrators," he said.

Nelson, who developed a voluntary income tax service at the center, accused some of the White staff in the building of being hostile toward Black visitors. "There is a pervasive attitude of hostility to Black community people coming into the building," he said, adding, "We (at the tax service) got jerked around from one end of the building to the other."

Chair of the Cultural Diversity Committee of the Community Advisory Board, Arthelia Coverson-Morris, who professionally trains in cultural diversity at U.S. West Communications and was instrumental in acquiring donations from the company for the BFC, accused Catholic Community Services of being insensitive to the needs of the Black community. "I'm Black and I'm Catholic and I'm appalled. They are not doing anything for the African American community," she charged.

And according to 1991 records revealed at the meeting, there are approximately 13,500 African American Catholics in the Archdiocese of Seattle who, at conservative estimates, contribute $1.5 million to the church. There is one African American priest here in the Northwest.

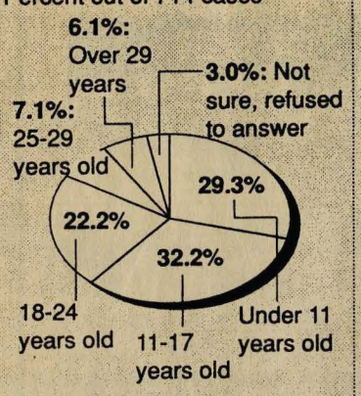
Board members at the meeting called for a mass community meeting with Archbishop Thomas Murphy to demand attention to their complaints and also to press for more racially "reflective leadership" in the church..

And according to a National Black Catholic Congress Pastoral Plan document circulated at the meeting and recommended by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, "African American Catholics (are recommended) to take a leadership role in the formation of neighborhood outreach programs within the African American community."

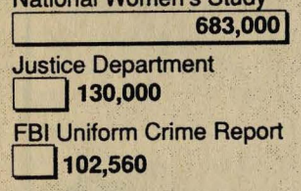
Most rape victims are under 18

According to a study released April 23, 12.1 million U.S. women have been raped, more than half of them before they were 18 years old. An estimated 683,000 women over 18 years were raped in 1990.

Victim's age at time of rape
Percent out of 714 cases

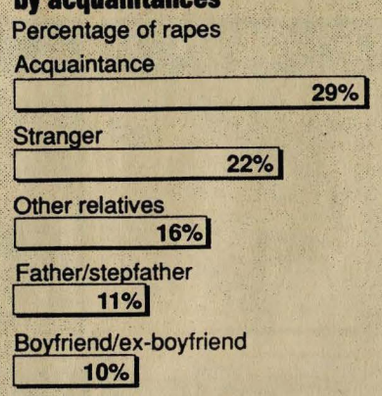


FBI, Justice Department estimates lower
Estimated number of rapes in 1990

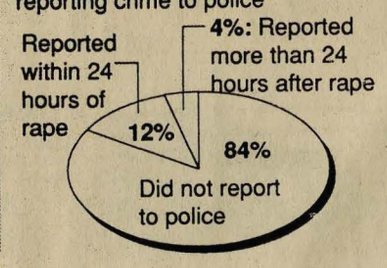


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Most rapes committed by acquaintances
Percentage of rapes



Most rapes not reported
Percentage of all rape victims reporting crime to police



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The Mystique Of Homosexuality

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Following is an interesting letter that I recently received. My comments follow the letter.

Dear Dr. Faulkner:

I am astounded by the large number of famous show business people who are, or appear to be, homosexuals. Boy George, Prince, Liberace and Michael Jackson are just a few. The list is real, real long. These people look, act, speak and seem to want others to think that they are queer. Why is everyone so hung up on homosexuals? Can you explain it? Signed, P.K.

Dear P.K.:

There appears to be as much fascination with the mystique of homosexuality as there is with homosexuality itself. In other words, people seem excited or turned on by the uncertainty of whether a person is homosexual as they are by the fact of homosexuality. Unisex clothes (clothes that can be worn by either sex, without any alteration) seem attractive to both men and women. Record companies push the unisex style because so many people are fascinated by it.

The "hang up," to use your words, with the sexual mystique of homosexuality may well represent a phychological need hidden deeply in the subconscious. Do people who are fascinated with homosexuals? There is no easy answer. Research has shown that women know how to stimulate women, better than men do. In other words, men are not the great lovers that they want to be. Perhaps both men and women seek the capability of giving the gentle affection that characterizes women. This may indicate male unhappiness with the macho personality, since the female tends to want gentleness from her male mate.

Prince and Michael Jackson vehemently argue that they are as masculine as any male anywhere. They say that their clothing and other seemingly homosexual characteristics are simply used as gimmicks to excite people. There is no evidence to contradict their claims about their masculinity.

There is a great deal of evidence to justify the use of these accoutrements: hair that is long and styled much like a woman's, clothes that are brightly-colored and covered with sequines, speech that is soft or high-pitched, and the use of make-up. Some fans of these stars copy these way out styles. Men push to have their appearances duplicate the styles of their stars. But their women continue to love them madly.

So it seems that men retain their masculine self-perceptions even thought they may get their hair styled to look like the stars of whom some consider to be homosexual, to put it differently, the wearing of the apparel of Prince, Boy George or Michael Jackson seems to be a means of attracting females, instead of a rejection of masculinity. Their ladies seem to like them more.

People seem more and more interested, emotionally and psychologically, in a person who outwardly displays aspects of both masculinity and femininity. There is an attractive "mystery," apparently, in not knowing which quality is predominant. Socio-psychologists think that this may represent a need in all human beings to fully express themselves. Every human, male and female, has both male and female components in their make-up. It could be that the suppression of either trait is frustrating.

In any case, it is clear that the unisex style is a big, big industry. Public relations firms are taking clear advantage of the mystique of homosexuality. Interestingly, many colognes that are sold to men (and which have macho names) are made up of precisely the same ingredients that go into women's perfumes. Only the names on the labels are different.

TO BE EQUAL

Countering Lending Discrimination

By John E. Jacob

The Community Reinvestment Act was passed by Congress back in 1977 to combat the widespread practice of redlining -- financial institutions' refusal to lend within certain neighborhoods.

Starved for capital and mortgage money, those neighborhoods were marked for rapid decline. Invariably, they were predominantly Black or low income.

While the act required banks to meet community needs for mortgages, business, commercial and other loans, fifteen years of experience shows it has not achieved its intended results.

Congress needs to rewrite the Act to yield results, even if it has to require financial institutions to devote a share of their lending to capital-starved communities.

The combination of a relatively mild law and a lack of regulatory enforcement is responsible for continued discrimination in lending.

It is outrageous that African American applicants for mortgages are twice as likely as Whites to be denied a mortgage -- even when their incomes are the same.

A 14-city study reported that savings institutions in minority neighborhoods make four cents in local loans for every dollar of deposits. But institutions located in White neighborhoods lend 8 cents locally for every dollar of deposit -- twice as much.

And when the Federal Reserve examined nearly every mortgage application made in 1990, it found that high income Blacks have less of a chance to get a mortgage than low income Whites.

The Board, the prime bank regulator in the country, supervises 3,800 federally chartered banks. It's finally taking a close look at 225 banks whose minority rejections are double those for Whites.

Sometimes, there is no smoking gun to prove overt discrimination. Like others who discriminate, lenders are too clever for that. Subtle differences in the treatment of Black and White applicants is enough for many of them.

The Federal Reserve Board investigators, for example, found an instance where an African American was turned down for a mortgage by four banks, despite a good credit and employment history. Finally, a fifth bank told him he could easily qualify if he'd pay off some of his debts with his savings. The other banks never mentioned that -- but pocketed $1,000 in application fees.

The continuation of effective redlining in spite of the law has to be treated with severity, especially in light of the desperate need for capital in our inner cities.

Heavy penalties should be handed out to those financial institutions that have violated the existing law.

The government should deny all bank merger applications unless the banks involved prove they have complied with the law -- and that proof should be in the form of a fresh investigation and not reference to past compliance grading.

The reason is clear -- banks were never held to high standards of compliance. One major bank that had an "outstanding" rating under the law actually made very few of its loans to minorities and ignored the community needs it was responsible for meeting.

And the law itself needs some teeth. Weak regulations and a soft law have not induced voluntary equal opportunity lending.

So it will be necessary to change the law to positively require that financial institutions devote a specific share of their business to minorities and to low and moderate income neighborhoods.

That share could be based on the share of a bank's assets from those communities, a share of its total assets, a share of the capital needs of its city or state, or some other formula or combination of criteria.

It seems that the only way to get the free market in capital to work for minorities and for moderate income neighborhoods is to hold financial institutions to high expectations, with incentives for compliance and harsh penalties for failure.

CHILD WATCH

Poverty, Values And Leadership

By Marian Wright Edelman

Too many political leaders today have found it easier to blame the poor for their misfortunes than to deal with the failures of our economy and the failures of leadership.

They are turning what should be a discussion of poverty and loss of opportunity into a discussion of "welfare" and "values" and "behavior."

I urge you to join me in protesting these tactics. As we know all too well, far too many children in our community live in poverty and, thus, become scapegoats in this political campaign season.

To listen to some politicians, one would think that children are poor solely because their parents and acting immorally, because their values are perverse, and because government help is somehow ruining their lives. Everything except the naked, unpleasant fact that our economy is not getting enough decent jobs at decent wages to millions of American workers.

Why are our children so poor? Because their parents don't have enough income. In the last two decades, wages for most American workers fell. They fell in part because of changes in our economy. And they fell in part because government abandoned its effort to assure that full-time working adults would have wages and benefits adequate to provide minimum support to a family.

Any other wealthy Western democracy which saw one-fourth of its preschoolers living in poverty would recognize that the quality of its future is slipping away and likely would act decisively to keep wages and income from falling. But in the United States, rising child poverty is an occasion to attack poor parents rather than figure out how to help them.

Despite what some politicians would have us believe, our nation's poor , especially the nine million poor children on welfare who get an average of $6 a day for all their basic needs, are not the cause of our country's fiscal, economic and social problems. Who, then, is responsible. Who has caused these problems? What has made the strong economy in the world into the limping, indebted giant we see today? Who has made our society more violent, more shortsighted, more selfish and less tolerant? Who has made our children more vulnerable and less safe than those a generation ago?

Does our nation really believe it is the mother in Mississippi who receives $120 a month in AFDC for herself and her two children? Or should we look first to the mindless tax cutters for the rich, to be corporate execs who make millions while their workers are laid off by the thousands, to the junk bond sellers and S&L looters, to the entertainment moguls whose ware glamorize irresponsible sex and violence?

In hard times, people used to blame the rich and the powerful. Now the rich and the powerful seek to deflect blame to the poor and powerless. We mustn't allow them to succeed.

I believe deeply that we do need a restoration of solid values -- family values and social values -- if we are to save America's children and America's future.

But mending our tattered value system requires just as much from the affluent as from the poor. And it requires that our public leaders also accept moral responsibilities and recognize that there are right and wrong public values as well as private ones.

If we expect children not to solve their problems with guns and violence, then we need media and public policies that demonize rather than glamorize violence and that stop putting guns in the hands of children and adults alike. If we expect families to teach their children the value of hard work, then we need public policies that make work pay. If we expect families to teach children the importance of education, then we need first-rate, safe and exciting schools.

As the National Conference of Catholic Bishops said recently; "Government can either support or undermine families as they cope with the moral, social and economic stresses of caring for children. The undeniable fact is that our children's future is shaped both by the values of their parents and the policies of our nations."

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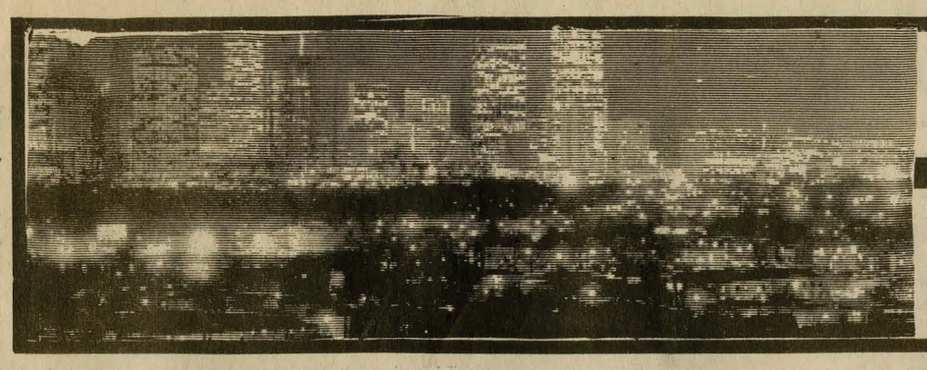
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Spike Lee Promises Advertising For Black Newspapers For New Malcolm X Movie



Motion picture producer-director Spike Lee, second from right, shares the news at the Pepsi-Cola-sponsored prayer breakfast for the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) that Black publications would receive paid advertising for the promotion of his latest movie, "Malcolm X." With Lee at the NNPA's 52nd Convention in Baltimore, Maryland, are, from left, Rev. Frank Reid III, pastor, Bethel A.M.E. Zion Church, Betty Shine, media supervisor, Pepsi-Cola Company, and Sonny Messiah-Jiles, publisher, Houston Defender.

BALTIMORE --- Motion picture producer-director Spike Lee, who recently completed filming his latest and most ambitious movie, "Malcolm X," told Black newspaper publishers here recently that he is demanding that Warner Bros., the film's distributor, advertise the move in Black newspapers nationwide.

Speaking at a Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company during the 52nd Annual Convention of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) at the Hyatt Regency on the Inner Harbor, Lee also said that Warner Bros. would fly Black journalists from NNPA newspapers to New York for a A"media day" prior to the film's opening. Delegates representing 205 publications that reach more than 11 million readers were present at the convention.

The publishers were shown a brief teaser of scenes from the film, which examines the life of the slain African American activist Malcolm X. The movie stars Academy Award-winning actor Denzel Washington in the title role and is slated for national release in November.

Lee's announcements followed an impassioned address by featured speaker Rev. Frank Reid III, pastor, Bethel A.M.E. Zion Church, who hailed the Black Press as "the social conscience of our community."

Reid said: "The legacy of the Black Press is a rich one. But the question that faces you today as journalist and as representatives of the African American community is, how do we move from that legacy to liberation? Because one of the problems with romanticizing one's past is that if one is not acting on that legacy then it is meaningless, and all we do is walk through that history like it was a museum, observing it but never acting upon it."

Reid encouraged Black publishers to use their newspapers to communicate to the African American community the importance of controlling its own economic destiny.

Reid cited the donations made by Bill Cosby, Oprah Winfrey, Michael Jordan, Janet Jackson, Prince, Peggy Cooper-Cafritz and Tracy Chapman that enabled Spike Lee to complete the filming of "Malcolm X" as "a sign of the economic power that we too can act upon if we wake up."

The NNPA publishers were also treated to inspirational musical selections performed by members of the Bethel A.M.E. Zion Choir.

Sam Hall, manager, public relations, Pepsi-Cola Company said: "Pepsi-Cola is pleased to continue its long-standing support of, and relationship with, the Black Press by sponsoring this inspirational and exciting breakfast. "

Black newspaper owners have long complained that motion picture distributors generally send them many news and photo releases, hoping for free publicity, but the distributors have been reluctant to use paid advertising in Black publications to promote their film.

Rice Among Black Mayors Honored At Democratic National Convention

NEW YORK CITY -- A special reception honoring African-American mayors and Democratic Party chairman Ronald H. Brown is being sponsored by the Democratic National Committee (DNC) Black Caucus as a convention activity was held Tuesday, July 14 at the Southgate Hotel.

According to DNC Black Caucus Chair, C. Delores Tucker, "We want to recognize the outstanding leadership African-American mayors have provided in focusing this nation's attention on the plight of our cities."

Among the mayors to be honored were: Norm Rice of Seattle, Tom Bradley, of Los Angeles; Coleman Young, of Detroit; David Dinkins, of New York City; Maynard Jackson of Atlanta; Sharon Pratt Kelly, of Washington, D.C.; Kurt Schmoke, of Baltimore; Michael White, of Cleveland; Sharp James, of Newark; Sidney Barthelemy, of New Orleans; Richard Arrington, of Birmingham; Wellington Webb, of Denver; Carrie Perry, of Hartford; W.W. Herrenton of Memphis; Dwight Tillery, of Cincinnati; Elihu Harris, of Oakland, Emanuel Cleaver, of Kansas, Mo., and Henry Espy, of Clarksdale, Miss., who also is president of the National Conference of Black Mayors.

Tucker said DNC Chairman Brown "has done a tremendous job in bringing all factions of the party together, in raising funds, and in developing a strong, professional campaign organization for the presidential campaign."

Women At Work
by Tamara Jones

JOB TALK: An economic upturn won't magically recreate the good old days in the workplace. Private sector employers have learned they probably don't need as many workers as they once had, and will most likely resist rehiring to pre-slump status. Some jobs may have been exported into extinction. Many jobs in the public sector, once considered as firmly set in the economy as barnacles on a whale's back, have been reduced or removed, and are not likely to be restored any time soon.

All this reminds us of the wise, old Boy Scout motto: "Be Prepared." Whether you're working or not, you should be aware of the changing job market, and consider taking courses that will retrain you for future employment.

According to the book, "100 Best Careers for the Year 2000" by Shelly Field (ARCO Publishing), a major area expected to expand widely in the next 10 years and beyond is geriatrics. Some of the careers in this field are: geriatric social worker, geriatric assessment coordinator, nursing home activities director, recreational therapist, geriatric care manager, and retirement planner. Banks and investment companies will also need people qualified to work with older clients and their special financial needs.

Messages With 'Color Correct' Clothes

(NU) - The colors you wear send messages, so be sure you're "color correct." Tina Sutton, national fashion consultant for Hit or Miss, America's leading off-price women's career and casual fashion store, offers these common reactions to specific colors.

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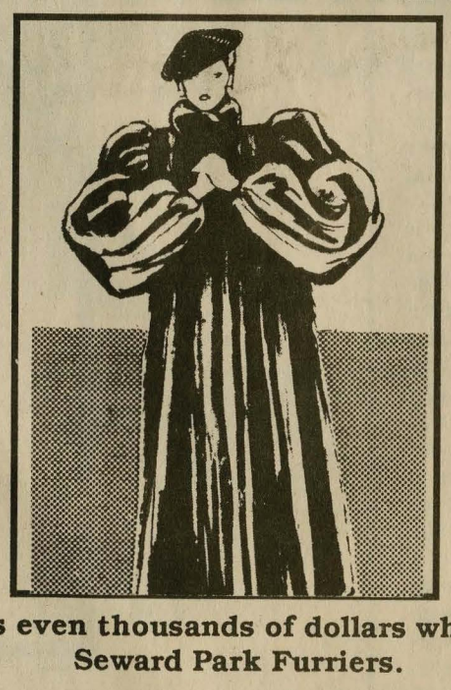
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New Position At WSU Is National Pacesetter

PULLMAN--The appointment of Ernestine Madison as Washington State University's first vice provost for human relations and resources is "making institutional and educational history," said WSU Provost Thomas George.

In announcing the selection of Madison, currently director of the WSU Center for Human Rights and assistant to the president, George said the new position is a pacesetter nationally in combining the Human Resources Services (faculty and staff personnel), Minority Affairs, Disabled Student Services and Ombudsman's offices, the Center for Human Rights (formerly called Affirmative Action), and the Women's Resource and Research Center. Very few major universities have taken such a comprehensive approach.

"This is a major step for WSU in addressing human resource issues encompassing diversity, and we're pleased to have a person of Ernestine Madison's abilities to lead this effort," George said. "She has demonstrated superb leadership at our university and throughout her career in higher education and public school education. She is eminently qualified to fill this new position."

Madison, who began her new position July 1, will report directly to the provost. She will be responsible for developing and implementing policies and procedures to enable WSU to achieve its goal of a multicultural and diverse community, George said.

"Dr. Madison will provide intellectual leadership for academic and curricular changes that ensure an environment which is friendly, inviting and supportive of students, staff and faculty. She will provide leadership for WSU's four campuses in recruiting and retaining diverse and talented undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and personnel at all levels."

Commenting on her appointment, Madison noted that the position is "a tremendous task and responsibility, but the results can be very rewarding to all of us--and I am prepared to meet the challenge.

"It's not going to be easy, but change is never easy because there is fear and uncertainty," she said. "But with the type of people I'll be working with, we'll make great strides for WSU. My goal is for WSU to become a national model for diversity."



Ernestine Madison

The innovative organizational structure was developed by a faculty and staff committee led by Felicia Gaskins, assistant to the provost for diversity. The reorganization plan was announced in January of this year.

Madison came to WSU in 1990 as director of affirmative action and special programs and assistant to the president. Recently, that office was changed to the Center for Human Rights. Plans for the future leadership of the center are under discussion, she indicated.

At Mississippi State University, immediately before coming to WSU, Madison ;was assistant vice president for cultural diversity. Also at MSU, she was assistant to the vice president for student affairs/director of minority affairs, 1987-90. She served previously as assistant to the vice president for administration and development/minority affairs counselor, 1985-87.

One of five candidates interviewed for the job and the only one at WSU, Madison is a graduate of Southern University, Baton Rogue, La., and earned a master's degree in social science and education from the University of Mississippi. Her doctorate in education is from Mississippi State University.

Madison has published widely in educational journals, including articles on the Black teacher shortage, teaching minority studies in high school, and minority student recruitment and retention.

A member of Pullman Rotary Club and the YWCA Board of Directors of Pullman, her career includes teaching pubic high school social studies, 1961-84, in Vicksburg, Miss., and serving a year as Vicksburg Middle School principal. In 1979, she was Mississipp's Teacher of the Year and one of four finalists for the national honor.

Other honors she has received include service awards from Mississippi State Black student, Vietnamese student and alumni groups. She was a Fullbright-Hays Fellow in Cameroon, West Africa, in 1981, and has served on numerous state and national commissions, including the Mississippi Constitutional Revision Commission and the Governor's Blue Ribbon Committee on School Finance.

The selection of Madison culminates six months of work by a 16-member search committee headed by Nancy Baker, WSU director of libraries.

What's Goin' On

Blended Families Topic Of Sister Spirit Series At YWCA

The Sister Spirit series, offered by the East Cherry YWCA held on Saturdays from 10:00am-1:00pm, is a monthly discussion series especially for African American women. The discussions provide a unique forum for African American women to explore issues affecting their daily lives. Each session offers information and support to encourage African American women to work together to bring about positive changes. Each session includes lunch and child care at no cost.

The next session is Saturday, July 25. The topic is "Blended families."

Other topics and dates are: Aug. 22, "Racism," Sept. 26, "Alcoholism and Drug Addiction," Oct. 24, "Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence," and Nov. 14, "Coping with the Holidays." The Sister Spirit series will be held at the YWCA East Cherry Branch, 2820 E. Cherry. For more information call Lisa at 461-8480.

Dunbar Reunion

The 6th All-School Dunbar Reunion Celebration by the Dunbar High School Reunion Committee of Okmulgee, Oklahoma will have a very special memorial service which will be held during the reunion for Mr. C.A. Jackson.

Mr. Jackson served as principal of the Dunbar High School and supervisor of Attucks and Banneker grade schools from 1946 until 1969. The Okmulgee board of Education will honor his outstanding service to education and the community by dedicating the C A. Jackson Cafetorium to his memory.

The dedicatory service will be held Saturday, Aug. 1 at 3:30 p.m., Okmulgee Middle School, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Contact the address below if there are any questions regarding the dedication and/or the reunion. Dunbar Reunion, P.O. Box 1473, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447; or call (918) 756-3826.

Family Support Resource Fair

The Welfare Rights Organizing Coalition is sponsoring a Family Support Resource Fair. The purpose of the fair is to inform the WROC community about services and programs that currently exist, and to provide the opportunity to learn how to access them. The resource fair will be Friday, July 31, at the WROC office, 2212 So. Jackson, 1-4 p.m.. You and your family are invited to participate in the fair, as well as your friends and neighbors. Your help is needed in making this event a success.

Childcare and activities will be provided for the children. Come see who wins the raffle drawing giving away a variety of gift certificates and prizes. Call Janetta at WROC for more information at 324-3063.

Helping The Blind

Community Services for the Blind and Partially Sighted offers you a golden opportunity to do some good - and feel great about it! You can spend a couple hours a week helping a blind or partially sighted neighbor in all parts of King and Snohomish counties by reading mail, balancing a checkbook, taking him or her shopping, or even just going for a walk. For more information on this fun and rewarding opportunity, call 525-5556 or 1-800-458-4888.

Volunteers Needed To Hear Cases Of Minor Offenses

The Central Seattle Conference Committee is in urgent need of volunteers to hear the cases of minor offenders. They require three to six hours of service monthly (all in the evening) and a minimum of one year of service. If you live in the Madrona area and desire to work with youth, please call Ethel Mitchell between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm at 296-1133. Minorities are encouraged to apply.

Dear Diane

By Diane Van Arsdale

DEAR DIANE:

Last year, when my husband and I married, his parents, who live in another state, told us they couldn't attend the wedding because of his father's poor health. We were understanding about it, even though we offered to fly them up, and let it go at that. They did send us money, but that wasn't the point. We know they're up against it financially, and we didn't want their gift. What we really wanted was for them to share our joy and special day with us.

Now, we come to find out that they attended the wedding of one of his second cousins. She happens to live even farther away than we do, and to make matters worse, they drove! Here we were, willing to fly them up at our expense, but they didn't come. On top of all this, my father-in-law is in no better health than he was last year since he suffers from chronic emphysema. I might also add that there is bad blood between my husband and the bride's parents, and for good reason. They owe his family quite a bit of money and refuse to pay it back or even admit that they're wrong. However, these people get the royal treatment from the very people they double-crossed!

My husband and I are insulted and angry, to say the least. They're more concerned with what people will say if they don't do what's expected of them. As for their son, obviously they don't think enough of him to even care what he's feeling. My guess is they felt that since this was not a first wedding for us, they didn't feel it "counted."

I'm livid about this. He's so upset, he refuses to even call them anymore.

FURIOUS

DEAR FURIOUS:

I can't blame both of you for feeling as you do. Your husband's parents' actions are inexcusable and thoughtless. If they couldn't attend their own son's wedding, they most certainly should not have gone to that other wedding, but you can't always control what other people will do.

Chalk it up to experience. At least, you and your husband know where you stand. In time, perhaps, you may be able to find it in your hearts to forgive them. Should you talk to them, by all means, let them know how you feel and give them an opportunity to apologize. Under the circumstances, it's the least they can do!

Dear Dex

by Dexter Dyer

DEAR READERS:

Many of you wrote to respond to Not Lying, the 13-year-old boy who was being abused by his stepfather. Here are some of the best replies. Hopefully, Not Lying will realize he can get help and support to get out of his horrifying situation.

DEAR DEX:

My calm Sunday afternoon has just been shattered by reading your column. I am sure this will not be the only letter you will receive in response to the letter signed "Not Lying."

Please let that 13-year-old boy who was being sexually abused by his stepfather know that he is welcome to join our family ANYTIME!

We are probably located in a different state, but since our reputations can be checked out through the school systems where our children are going and the local powers-that-be, and since it wouldn't be necessary to receive monies (as far as we are concerned) — as the mother in this family, I can't see why there should be a problem!

We are a cattle ranching family, and have it tight financially, as it appears most others do. But we are managing to raise well-mannered, pleasant, well-educated children. They range from 26 to 12. The first four are married. One has just graduated from high school and is off to college, so four are still at home.

We would love to have him, honest.

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DEAR DEX:

When I read the letter from the young man whose stepfather has been molesting him, I felt nothing but pain and sadness, and an anger so powerful, it scared even me! Why so dramatic? Because I was molested as a child of three, until the age of 14. And the pain goes on.

And on and on, until you make up your mind that you need a better life. And you decide to go from a victim to a survivor, which is really the way God intended for us. And while you're at it, you realize that sometimes talking about the pain helps you feel better inside.

The total outcome? In seeking help and protection for yourself, you will also come to realize that the person who hurt you is the sick one in the picture, not you. And in return you will see that you are, and always will be, better off than he is.

If that young man reads this letter, I ask him in the name of God, to reach out and get the help and love he so deserves. Signed: A SURVIVOR

Annual Block Party

Atlantic Street Center is hosting its 1992 Annual Block Party at 2103 S. Atlantic Street, July 24, from 3:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Food, fun, and live entertainment for the entire family. No drugs or alcohol permitted. For further information, call 329-2050.

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