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Cong. Mitchell Blasts Front Companies, Black And White

By Angela Jenkins

A near capacity crowd turned out Saturday, April 26 at the Stouffer-Madison Hotel to pay special tribute to a unique, personable man—the Honorable Parren J. Mitchell, who is retiring after serving 16 years in the United States Congress.

Many accolades of praise were given by minority businesspersons, as well as local, state and federal politicians who had the honor of knowing Congressman Mitchell and achieving success through his leadership.

William (Bill) McIntosh, Jr., president and CEO of North Seattle Chrysler, gave thanks to Mitchell for opening the doors of opportunity for Blacks through Lee Iacocca, chairman, Chrysler Corporation, in establishing the Chrysler Minority Retail Dealers Development Program.

In 1982, Mitchell sent Iacocca a letter inquiring about the lack of Black car dealerships at Chrysler. Shortly thereafter, Iacocca established the Minority Retail Dealers Development Program. McIntosh became director and established 25 Black car dealerships throughout the country. Today, there are 40.

After the many acknowledgements of Mitchell's contributions, the Baltimore Congressman delivered a powerful and resounding message. Despite the lateness of the evening, the articulate Mitchell was able to hold the audience spellbound throughout the 30-minute span of his speech. Every word that came forth was power-packed. The closer he hit home, a scan through the audience showed many guilt-ridden faces.



Pictured are Regina Tyner, mistress of ceremonies and Congressman Parren Mitchell. Staff photo/Wallace Salahuaddin.

Mitchell thanked Congressman Lowry for allowing him into his territory. He stated, "Some congressmen won't allow me in their district. Then there are some who will allow me, but I have to watch what I say." The congressman pointed out that the problem with local minority contractors is that they are not a team. They are too busy fighting with each other, instead of trying to procure contracts to benefit everyone.

Speaking on the theme "Economic Prosperity of Minority Businesses," Mitchell pointed out that in order to ensure the future of the generations to come and make us whole men and women, "we have to have solidarity and unity NOW!"

Continued Mitchell, "We have achieved economic prosperity. We have come a long way from being solely consumers to producers of goods and services. We are succeeding. Before we were given $37,000 to start a business. But we have taken that money and turned into something big. Now we're able to make bids on big jobs."

The set-aside program has been proven to work, stated Mitchell, despite the many obstacles. When Mitchell established the set-aside program, many reasons were given why it wouldn't work from "It won't take into account the other factors or obstacles like bonding" to "It's unfair. It will drive the 'poor' Whites out of business."

Mitchell sees the problem isn't only with the set-aside program but also with the discord among contractors, even minority contractors, who are establishing "front companies" in order to bid and receive federal contracts based on guidelines of the set-aside program.

"What I see happening here and elsewhere among contractors, even minority contractors, is that we're fighting each other and doing the dirty work for our enemies. It is not just the White contractors who are establishing front companies, minority contractors are doing the same thing. I don't believe in front companies. I'm working now to rewrite the laws, changing the jail time from two years to five years and the fine from $5,000 to $50,000."

"I want a jail established just for front companies," he continued. "Putting Black and White illegal contractors together where they can sing "Ebony and Ivory" and even "We Shall Overcome." Then we will have legitimate companies."

To ensure the survival of minority business, he asked, "Do we have the guts to beat our enemies? We do," he stated. "Since we do have the guts we will survive and beat our enemies. This is the final struggle we as a minority have to overcome to gain economic prosperity."

Mitchell said, "You have to understand that Clarence Pendleton (U.S. Civil Rights Commissioner) is the administration's 'house boy' and he is only carrying out his orders. But I dare him (Pendleton) to come into my district talking all that mess."

Election '86

POLITICAL POTPOURRI

Consistency pays off. Congratulations to Publisher/Broadcaster Chris Bennett on having been selected to Ebony Magazines's 100 Most Influential Blacks for the third year in a row, the only Northwesterner so honored. The prestigious honor shows that consistency in outstanding leadership pays off. Bennett publishes The Seattle Medium, Seattle Metro HomeMaker Shopping Guide and the Tacoma True Citizen newspapers, and he is owner of radio station KRIZ. In addition to his personal business ventures, Bennett is also president of all the Black newspapers in the country — the National Newspaper Publishers Association. Congratulations to Chris Bennett for that well-deserved honor!

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The Mitchell affair. Hats off to State Representative Jesse Wineberry in the fine tribute (for the most part) he organized for retiring Congressman Parren Mitchell last Saturday. Accolades upon accolades went out to the deserving Baltimore Congressman. It was an interesting evening, despite the lengthy program. The event started at 6 p.m. and continued for almost six hours. Through it all, the Congressman delivered a powerful message that hit close to home, very close. But it was a message that needed to be said. It was well received and obviously did not go out void. Because it was THE event of the weekend, much of this column will highlight the events that took place.

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Big booboo. Rep. Wineberry made a major booboo when he talked about Black and women/minority economic development, then turned around through many of the acknowledgements he gave through his list of sponsors, and put his foot in his mouth when he made special acknowledgements to HIS bank, which he owns stock and has funds in, a major downtown bank and not Black-owned Liberty Bank in Seattle. The cornerstone of any economic revival in the Black community has to begin, Jesse, with your Black bank. This was a major blunder. Not only was the president of Liberty Bank there, so was the chairman of the board.

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Protocol. It seemed against protocol for Rep. Wineberry to announce the apparently undeclared official opponent of 43rd District State Representative Janice Niemi. Niemi was at the function, but left immediately after Wineberry recognized her apparently unofficial opponent before recognizing her as an incumbent.

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Right on comments. Congressman Parren Mitchell paused during his speech to address the nerve wars and divisions among Seattle's Black contractors. In chastising them, he told them they were doing exactly what the adversary wanted by setting themselves up for the old divide and conquer scheme.

The articulate Congressman and former Morgan State College professor emphasized his hatred for front companies — Black or White. If they are indeed Black front companies, they should be prosecuted and put in jail just as their White counterparts and eat the same slop as others in the cells, as they all sing "Ebony and Ivory" and "We Shall Overcome," said Mitchell.

Mitchell says he's working now to rewrite the penalties for the set-aside laws. Imprisonment will be changed from two years to five years, and the fine from $5,000 to $50,000. That oughta raise some dandruff.

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Noticeable absentees. Noticeable people absent from the weekend political affair for the retiring Congressman were Gov. Gardner although he did send greetings from the state via Commissioner Ike Turner; Senator Dan Evans; State Senators George Fleming (37th District), and Jim McDermott of the 43rd District. County Exec Tim Hill didn't come, and sent no message, neither did Mayor Royer. Ron Sims, the only Black on the King County Council was also absent.

No City Councilpersons were there except for Norm Rice who brought greetings from City Council President Sam Smith. There were no representatives from the Seattle School Board, including the three Black members.

Parren Mitchell, despite his push for economic parity, was competing with the Ebony Fashion Fair. So it's possible some of those absent had previous commitments. Then again, some of them didn't show up at the Fashion Fair either.

Nevertheless, the Madison Grand Ballroom was near capacity with primarily businesspeople and politicians.

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Comedy of the evening. The president of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce paid tribute to many at the Mitchell affair, including Congressman Mike Lowry. He stated he remembered Lowry long before he became a politician when he was a "flunky for what's that senator's name you used to hang around with?"

A surprised Lowry gained his composure long enough to gentlemanly acknowledge the obviously embarrassing comments. Flunky or not, Lowry has consistently been one of the strongest advocates for the political, social and otherwise well-being of Blacks and other minorities. Matter of fact, it has been stated that Lowry should hold regular seminars for young aspiring politicians (and others already in office) on how to represent their constituents.

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Blind ambitions? Several weeks ago, we couldn't help but notice the alleged results of a recent survey supposedly done on Black audience participation in radio. This survey obviously was meant to discredit KRIZ and did not indicate a date or time it was taken.

Many listeners called The Medium and KRIZ in outrage at this attempt to slant and discredit the only locally Black-owned broadcast facility. Many questioned the merit and authenticity of that service, and questioned whether the survey was done before there was Black-owned radio here, or during the time the Black-oriented radio station that was here was working its way through bankruptcy court.

We don't know, but we do know that during the first two weeks that KRIZ went 24 hours a few weeks ago, there were 3600 requests. These are the listeners who called in and were able to get through. KRIZ has a metered phone to measure its request line. This slanted survey was an obvious attempt by over zealous and envious individuals in and around the community attempting to discredit the efforts of those trying to communicate with the masses of Blacks locally on a regular basis — instantly. Blind ambitions?

Black Contractors To Meet May 1

The Black Contractors Coalition will meet Thursday, May 1, 7:30 p.m. at the Cotton Club, 820 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way South.

According to Eddie Rye, Jr., Coalition spokesman, "It's essential that Black contractors and Black construction workers get their share of the pie. We can no longer tolerate little or no participation on the billion dollar plus I-9] project."

Speakers for the meeting are Willie Harris, director of Civil Rights, Region 10, Federal Highway Administration; Maurice Alexander, administrator, Washington State Department of Transportation's Office of Minority Business Enterprise; and Michael Clanton, director of Washington State Support Service Center.

Final Judging In ACT-SO Olympics May 3

More than 80 Black high school students from King County are expected to compete May 3 in final judging for the NAACP—sponsored ACT-SO scholastic olympics.

The event begins at 9 a.m. at Franklin High School. The public is invited.

Students will vie in 22 categories, including architecture, oratory, biology, dramatics, writing, music, art, and dance. Winners receive scholarships to go on to national ACT-SO competition in Baltimore in June.

ACT-SO stands for Afro-Academic Cultural Technological, and Scientific Olympics. It is a national effort to instill academic values among young Blacks, build self-confidence, reward individual effort, promote a sense of responsibility, and introduce youth to professional role models.

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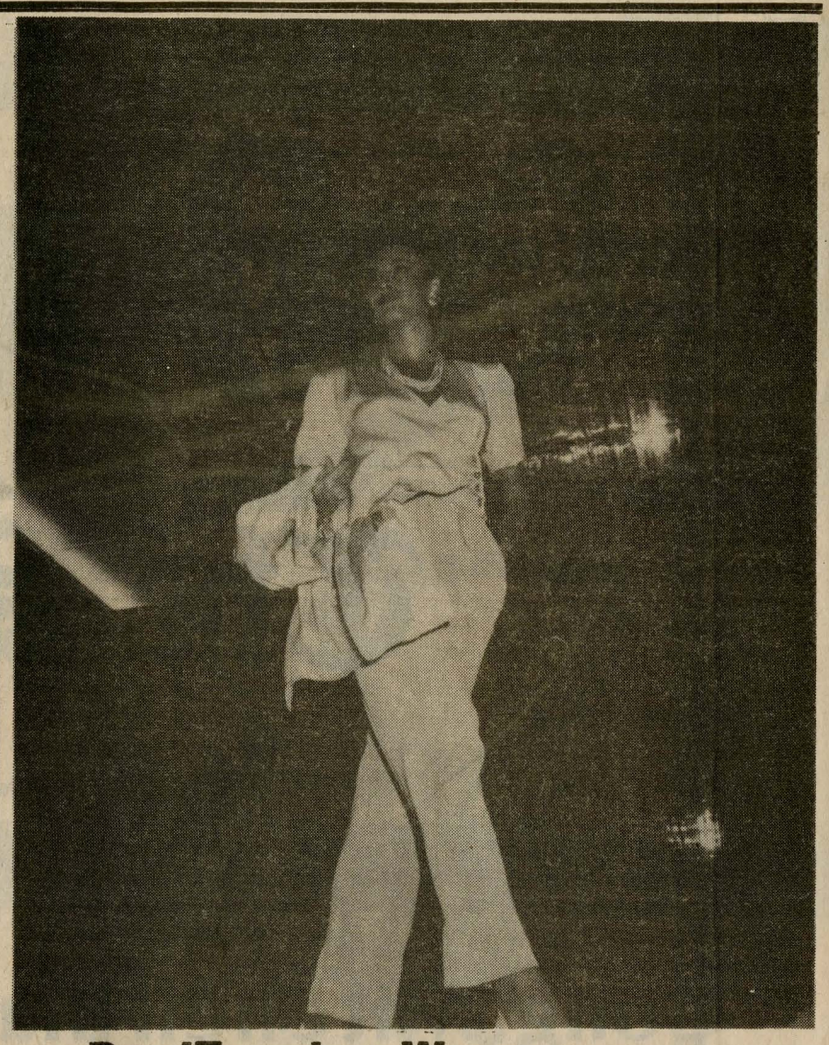
Head Start Accepting Applications

Seattle parents are encouraged to apply now for the 760 openings that will be available in September for the 1986-1987 City of Seattle Head Start Program. Early application helps speed registration, especially for sites that fill early.

The Head Start Program is a free part-day comprehensive child development program designed to assist children in developing learning skills that will help them when they enter kindergarten. It also assists in improving children's health and promoting their social, emotional and motivational development.

To be eligible, children must be at least four years old and not yet enrolled in kindergarten. The family must meet low-income guidelines and live within the Seattle city limits. Children with handicaps or special needs are given priority consideration,

For applications, contact the Head Start main office at 105 Union, Suite 160, 625-4370, or any of the Head Start Delegate Agencies: Neighborhood House, 905 Spruce 447-8430, Seattle Public Schools, 3100 S. Alaska, 587-3460, First African Methodist Episcopal (F.A.M.E.) Headstart, 172-20th Avenue, 322-0354, Jose Marti Child Development Center, 2524-16th Ave., 329-8961, or Denise Louie Child Care Center, 615-12th Ave. S., 324-3954.



Day/Evening Wear. **Pictured above is one of the models featured in last Saturday's Ebony Fashion Fair Show held at the Westin Hotel. The pantsuit could either be worn to the office or a night on the town. More glances from the show on page 7. Staff Photo/Wallace Salahuaddin.**

Educational Workshop

Black parents and students are invited to attend an educational workshop.

The Seattle Urban League and the National Conference of Black Lawyers has been providing educational workshops for Black parents and students for the past two years. They know the community is as concerned as they are about the recent news articles regarding the poor achievement and high school discipline rates of Black students in the Seattle Public Schools.

The purpose of the workshop is to assist parents in becoming their child's best advocate. The workshop is designed to answer questions about how you can more effectively participate in your child's education.

The workshop will be held Thursday, May 8, at Garfield High School in the Commercial Foods Room at 6 p.m.

For additional information contact, Elaine Miller at 447-3792.

Black Heritage Society Tours Federal Records Center

The Black Heritage Society will meet at the Federal Archives and Records Center, 6125 Sandpoint Way Northeast on Saturday, May 3.

A tour of the facility is featured in the second in a series of five programs designed to promote research of family histories. The tour begins at 1 p.m. and will be followed by a presentation by Edith Giles, Seattle Public School teacher.

Mrs. Giles, a product of the city's schools and the University of Washington, will speak on her use of library and archival materials in university and state libraries in Louisiana, and at Seattle's Record Center, in her effort to reconstruct her family history. A business meeting follows in the second hour. The public is invited.

Literacy Orientation

Illiteracy affects people of all ages, race and background. More than 60,000 adults here in Seattle lack the ability to read a newspaper, understand the directions on an aspirin bottle or fill out a job application. Goodwill Literacy is helping to match these people with volunteer tutors from the community to help solve this growing problem. An orientation for new tutors will be held Monday, May 5 from 6 until 7 p.m. at Seattle Goodwill, Rainier S. and S. Dearborn. All interested tutors are invited; no previous teaching experience is necessary.

Following the orientation, a 12-hour training workshop will be held May 12, 14, 19 and 21. To find out how to become a volunteer tutor contact Rebecca at 329-1000.

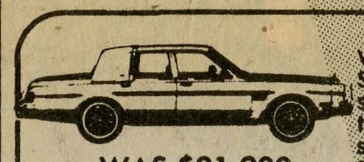
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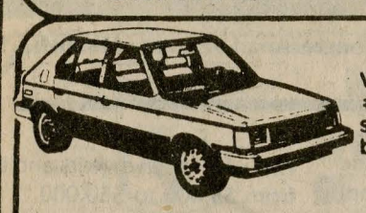
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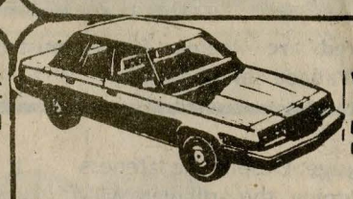
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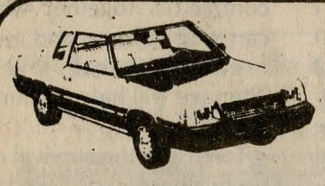
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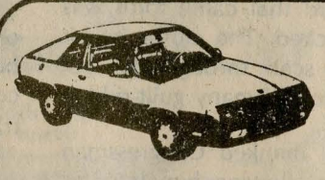

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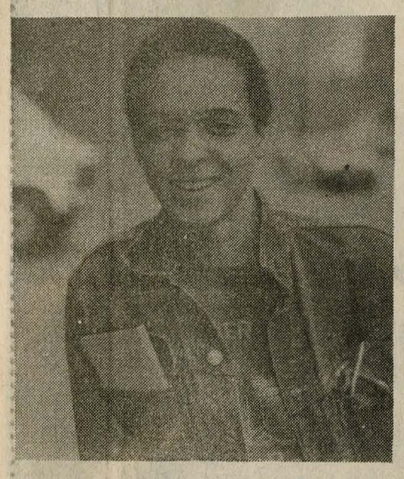
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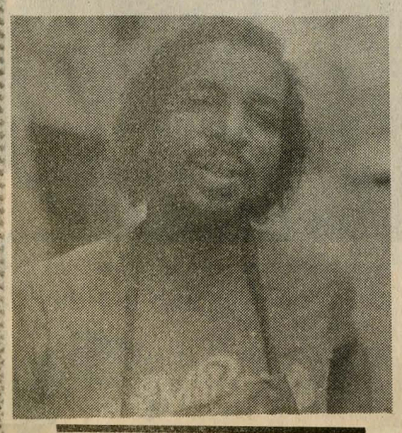
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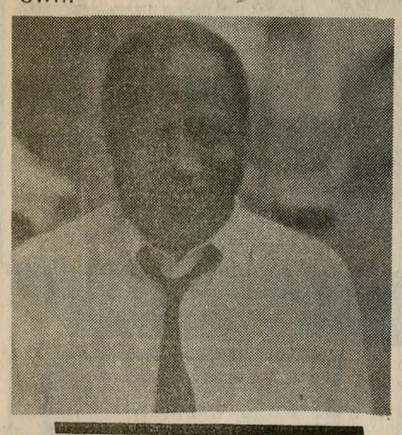
Today there are more and more Blacks getting into politics. What would it take for you to consider running for public office?



Vel Braggs: "It would have to be clean. I know that there is a lot of corruption out there. I really do not want to deal with it. There is a lot to lose being a political figure. It is easy to get caught up in the political games in order to keep your position."



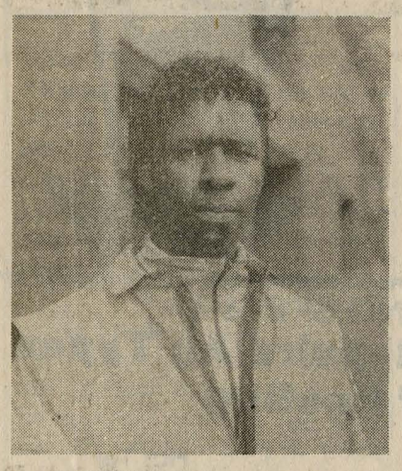
Lindsey Crumpton: "Support, outside support, people support. I would run for councilman. I would work more in the community and with the youth. I would run because of the lack of energy that is put in to make the system work. I do not think that there are great opportunities for Blacks, you have to make your own."



Don Meadows: "MONEY. All of the biggest and most successful politicians had money before they ran for office."



Sean McNeil: "Money, if I had the money. You need money to run a good campaign to have a chance to win. I would run so that I could help my fellowman."



Charles Atterberry: "Good advertising and money. I would run because I am Black. Blacks have a good opportunity to change things for everyone."

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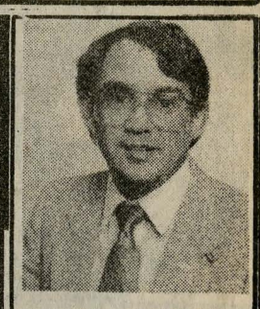
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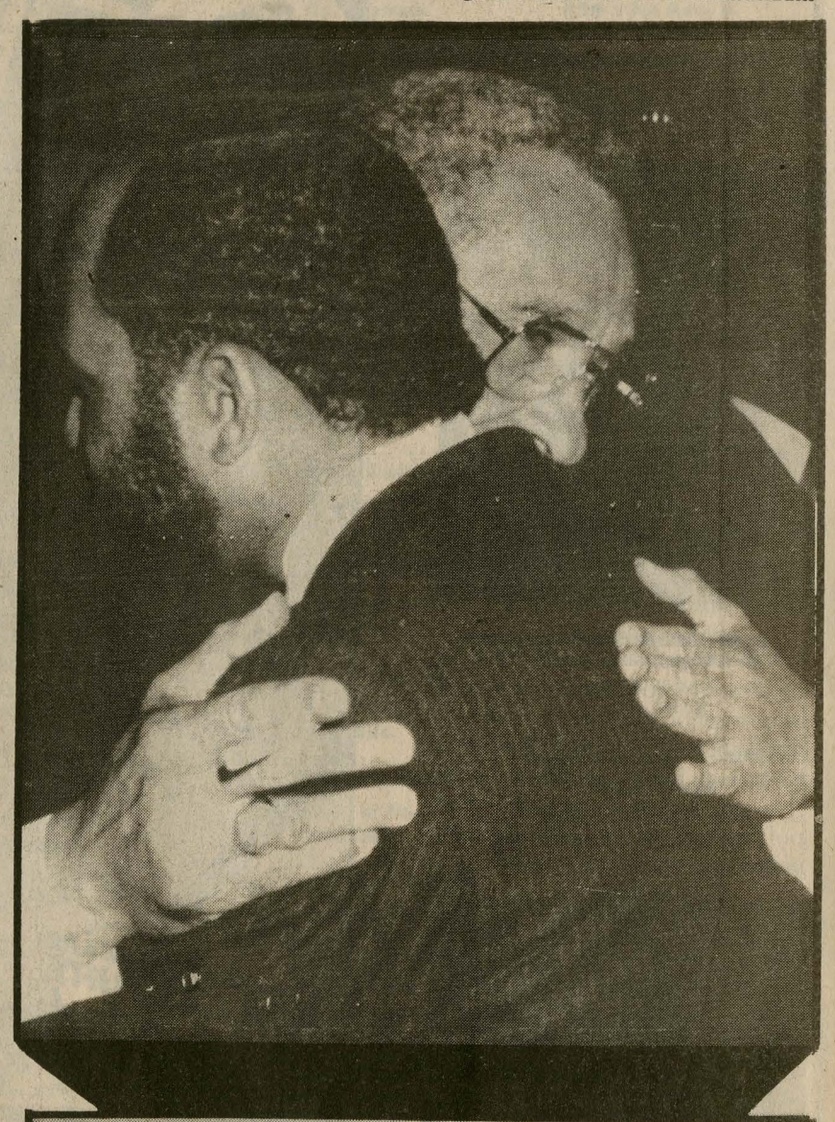
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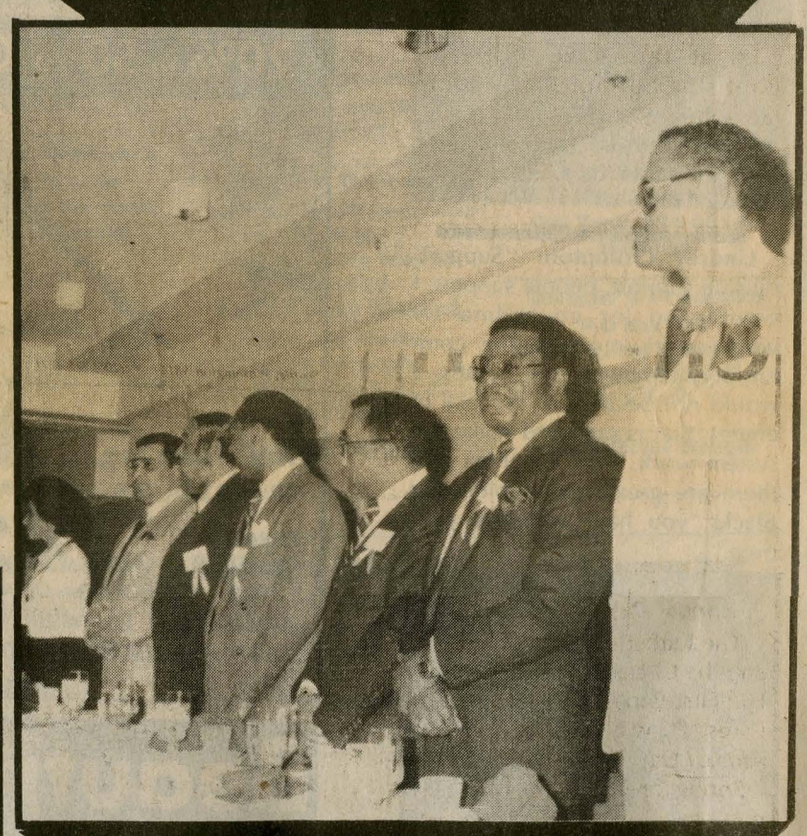
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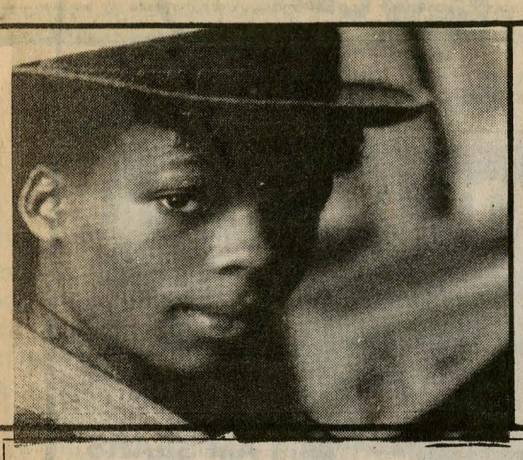
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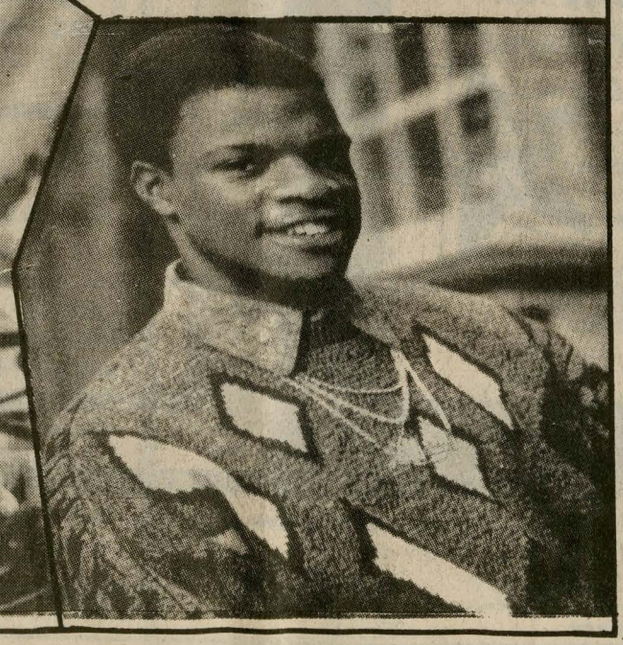
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Left to right: George Frost of Christian Life Fellowship Center, Greg Alex of the Talbot Street Ministry, and Harvey Drake of the Young Life Ministry. Photo/David Cassidy.

Do you want to strengthen your spiritual walk? Study the Bible? Spend a few minutes in prayer? Share in a men's Christian gathering before going to the office?

The East Madison YMCA is sponsoring a "Before Work" time of fellowship, scripture study and shared prayer every Wednesday morning, from 7-8:30 a.m. beginning April 30.

Harvey Drake of Young Life Ministry, George Frost of Christian Life Fellowship Center, and Greg Alex of Talbot Street Ministry will coordinate and teach the study.

Coffee and donuts will be served. Come for a few minutes, or the full time. The Lord will bless you.

The YMCA is located at 1700-23rd Avenue. For more information call 322-6969.

Building Fund Concert

Come to a time of high praise and worship Sunday, May 4, 4 p.m. at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 2801 South Jackson.

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First Leadership Institute

Seattle area Mission No. 2 of the General Baptist Convention of the Northwest, offers its First Leadership Institute Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m.-12 noon at Greater Mt. Baker Baptist Church, 2425 South Jackson Street, where the Rev. Howard Robinson is pastor.

Featured will be facilitators on "Christian Leadership" "Time Management" and "Parliamentary Procedure."

Freewill offering. Sis. W.P Johnsomn is institute coordinator and state vice president. All brothers and sisters are asked to attend. Sis. O.B. Williams is state president for Mission No. 2, Dr. O.B. Williams is general president of the convention.

Appreciation Service For New Hope's Associate Ministers

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church wishes to extend an invitation to the public to join them as they give thanks and praise to our Lord and Savior, and to show their appreciation to the associate ministers of the New Hope family, for services rendered this past year.

The appreciation service will take place Sunday, May 4, 3 p.m. at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 124-21st Avenue.

The Rev. Robert Mitchell of Goodwill Baptist Church will bring the message for this joyous occasion.

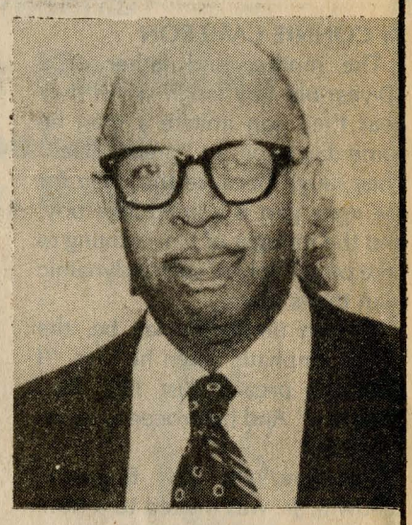
Come! Let us praise the Lord and show our appreciation to such deserving Servants of God. Sis. Felecia Kimmons is chairperson.

Cherry Hill Plans Retirement Program For Dr. Lloyd

Cherry Hill Baptist Church, 22nd & E. Cherry, will hold several observances during the month of May, to note the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Gil B. Lloyd from its pastorate after 27 years.

Speakers in Sunday Worship during May to make this event include the Rev. O. J. Moore, pastor of Prince of Peace Baptist Church on May 11, pastor-elect the Rev. Jerry Laners on May 18; the Rev. Dr. Leon C. Jones, pastor of Martin Luther King Memorial Baptist Church of Renton, in the Morning Worship on May 25; and the Rev. Dr. Moses Harris, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church of Tacoma, in a special service of retirement on May 25 at 4 p.m. A reception will follow this service and the public is welcome.

The church is sponsoring a public retirement reception honoring Dr. & Mrs. Gil B. Lloyd on Saturday, May 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Central Area Senior Center, 500 - 30th South. The public is invited. Donations accepted.



Rev. Dr. Gil B. Lloyd

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CHURCH BRIEFS

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The Katheriene Campbell Circle and the Circle Of Praise of Beacon Hill First Baptist Church, 1607 So. Forest St. will be observing their Annual Day, May 4, at 3 p.m.

Spring Revival will be May 5-9, 7 p.m. each evening. Dr. William Sanders of Oakland, California will be the evangelist for the week. The public is invited to attend and partipate in these worship services to lift up the name of the Lord in spirit, and in truth.

Sis. Rena Harris is president of the Katheriene Campbell Circle and the Circle Of Praise. Dr. Robert Houston is pastor.

Receiving The Calling

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church and the Rev. Warren Thaxton, pastor, is taking this time to announce that Deacon Jerry Brook has been called into the ministry. The public is invited to worship with members of Macedonia Sunday, May 4, at 6 p.m. as Deacon Brooks brings his first message.

Annual Women's Day Musical

Goodwill Baptist Church Women's Day Committee present their annual Women's Day Musical Saturday, May 3 at 7 p.m. Sis. Alice Fair is women's day chairperson. The Rev. Levi B. Baldwin, Jr. is pastor.

Bar-b-que Time

The Church of the Holy Spirit, 7300 Rainier Avenue South will be having a barbeque on Saturday, May 3 beginning at 11 a.m. Dinners are $5 and sandwiches are $3.50. The Rev. Cecil Lewis, Jr. is pastor. Call 725-9544 for additional information.

Mother's Tea

The Sunshine Band of Greater Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 3051 Beacon Avenue South, will be hosting a Mother's Tea Saturday, May 10 from 3-5 p.m. Come bring your mothers, other family members and friends. Freewill offering. Sis. Druzella White is president. The Rev. R.L. Willis is pastor.

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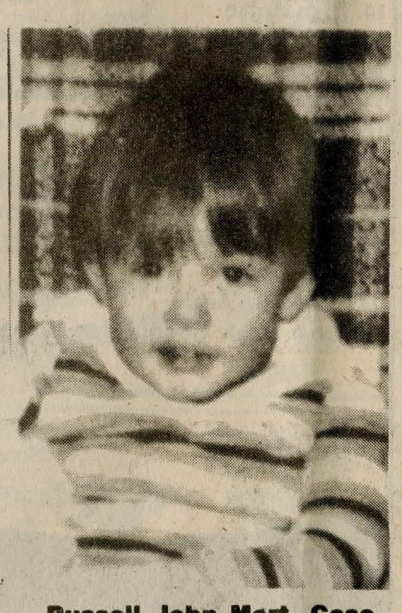


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Rev. Dr. Levi Benjamin Baldwin, Jr.---A Man Of Valor

By CONNIE CAMERON

The mother and father of a 10-year-old boy laugh when they hear their son imitate a man he some day hopes to "preach like." They laugh because their son for the most part is a timid little boy, and the thought of him wanting to take on the role of such a dynamic man thrills them.

Though timid he may be, the boy is emphatic when he says, "I want to preach just like Rev. Baldwin." And he proceeds to imitate him.

The Rev. Dr. Levi Benjamin Baldwin, Jr. was invited to a non-denominational church anniversary earlier this year just to mix and mingle with the flock. Quipped one lady, "Isn't that Rev. Baldwin? That man sure can preach!"

Every Sunday morning at 8 a.m. KRIZ Radio airs a delayed broadcast from the Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church on 15th and Fir where Baldwin preaches. The message is so clear and powerful even the "most unsavable" of the unsaved grab hold of their emotions and dash off to Goodwill to hear more at the 11 a.m. service.

Sometimes the spirit is so moving and the people are so "high on the Lord," Baldwin steps back and lets the "Holy Ghost do his thing." The congregation is so moved, so touched, so enfired.

Baldwin, cloaked in the traditional long dark robe symbolic of many in the ministry, steps forth with Bible in hand, singing as he approaches the podium. "God bless your hearts," he says, and by then the church is relatively quiet as he prepares to deliver a message from God they all can understand. Just as Jesus taught in parables, Baldwin also uses examples to make his point. The audience Amens and nods in agreement. They understand the spoken interpretation of God's written word.

Baldwin has a special gift for getting the attention of his audience, and he holds it until the message is finished. Perhaps it's his voice that first grabs you. Then you become captivated to listen to what he has to say. And what he says makes sense, a lot of sense.

Sometimes it takes courage to say what Baldwin says. As indirect as the message may seem, for some it may seem very direct. But Baldwin preaches from within, being led of the spirit, and that makes a difference. Even if he does step on your toes, he does it with such compassion and conviction, you don't have a chance to say "ouch." You don't care to.

Baldwin preaches straight from the Bible and is guided by the Holy Spirit. "God's word does not go out void," he says, and it reaches those God intended it to reach. The throng of people at the altar at the end of service suggests his message was well received, and is only partial evidence of Baldwin's growing popularity in his spirit-filled method of preaching.

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Who is this man of God? Where did he come from? There's something different about him. What is it?

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Baldwin was born in a small southern town called Ozark, Alabama in 1943, where his 76-year-old father has been pastoring for 57 years. Though still a pastor's pastor, the elder Baldwin has slowed down somewhat because of a continuing struggle with colon cancer.

The younger Baldwin's call to preach makes him a fourth generation pastor. But Baldwin's earlier plans did not include the ministry. After seeing what his father went through as a pastor, Baldwin decided early on he did not want to go in that direction.

His ultimate goal was to become president of a Black college. But at the youthful age of 16, Baldwin discovered an "inescapable awareness" that would not leave him.

"That awareness never left me," says Baldwin. "And I was not at peace with myself until I finally said yes." At the age of 19, he gave his trial sermon.

Baldwin was encouraged by Dr. King to attend the Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania where he received a master's of divinity degree. He received a bachelor's degree from Knoxville College in Knoxville, Tennessee, and eventually a doctor of divinity degree from Virginia Seminary and College in Lynchburg, Virginia.



Rev. Dr. Levi Benjamin Baldwin, Jr.



Etta Baldwin

Baldwin also received a bachelor's degree from Selma University in Selma, Alabama where he became a staunch supporter of Dr. King and the civil rights movement. He was president of the college's Student Government Association, and participated in many of the marches, including the historical march from Selma to Montgomery.

Baldwin has many memories of those days. The days when Blacks were not allowed to drink from the same water fountains as Whites, or use the same restrooms, or sit in the same doctors' offices. He remembers the times Blacks were not allowed to sleep in motels and hotels along the highways during long rugged trips, the times Blacks could not eat at the same restaurants, or attend the same schools as Whites.

He remembers the times Blacks were not given permits to march peacefully to protest these injustices in a nonviolent fashion. He remembers those double-standard segregated laws all too well. And he remembers the times he marched against them — despite the potential consequences, because they were unfair and unrighteous.

"I'm a firm believer in the Bible," says Baldwin. "What they were doing to Blacks was contrary to what the Bible teaches. Jesus always taught against injustices. He was an involved person, always challenging the status quo. He has always been concerned with the downtrodden. When we marched against man's laws, we were marching for what Jesus stood for and what he was against."

Baldwin recalled the times police used tear gas, electric cattle prods and dogs to thwart the efforts of the marchers. He even remembers the death of Jimmy Lee Jackson who was beaten to death while trying to defend his mother as police beat her during one of the marches. When young Jimmy Lee jumped in to help his mother, police tore into him and beat him to death.

It was that incident, and others following like the bombing of a Birmingham church that left four little girls dead, that made many of the marchers think twice about Dr. King's nonviolent approach, says Baldwin. They couldn't take anymore. They became angry and wanted to fight back.

However, it was ministers like Dr. King, Rev. Ralph Abernathy and young Baldwin who stood steadfast on the principles of faith that God would deliver Blacks from these injustices. Says Baldwin, "Nothing is so powerful as an idea whose time has come."

Baldwin himself was arrested eight times. He was tested time and time again. Memories became nightmares, and nightmares became horror stories. While in jail, he saw even more beatings and injustices. He dreaded these actions, but there was nothing he could do but pray.

Not only that, Baldwin had a painful experience that literally scared him to death. During one of the marches he participated in, a sheriff put a gun to his head, and said, "Nigger, I oughta kill you. I oughta blow your head off." A frightened Baldwin remembers the handgun appearing much larger than it actually was. "I was scared to death, but I've never been scared since."

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Baldwin came to Goodwill in 1983. Prior to that he pastored at a church in Jackson, Mississippi where many of the parishioners worked at nearby predominantly Black Jackson State University.

Since Baldwin has been at Goodwill, the church has grown both physically and spiritually. "There's more of a hunger for the word, a tremendous hunger, in all age categories," says Baldwin. "We put great emphasis on it. You can't have faith without the word, and you can't please God without faith."

Baldwin admits he has also grown spiritually. Last summer, he became a spirit-filled believer, acknowledging all the Gifts of the Spirit. "I've grown more in the last six months than in the first two years I've been here. The Gifts of the Spirit are moving more freely now," he says. "Jesus said to teach to end the unbelief. The unbelief has hindered the works of the Lord in terms of the greater Seattle area churches."

On that note, Baldwin is planning a "Power Week of Prayer and Praise" May 12-16 at Goodwill, and a church-wide convocation May 19-23 "to assess where the church is spiritually and to discuss the things we must do to receive God's full blessings." He also plans to share with them the vision God has given him for the church.

In furthering their own studies, Baldwin and his wife, Etta, visited the nationally famous Crenshaw Christian Center Church in Los Angeles, California earlier this month. Crenshaw is the largest Black church in the country with 16,000 members. The non-denominational church is only 16-years-old, and is pastored by another dynamic Black man of God, Frederick K. C. Price.

The Baldwins were extremely impressed with Price's emphasis on the word and his unique ability to teach. So impressed, Baldwin told the 57-year-old Price, "I'm going to make you my mentor."

And according to Etta Baldwin, Price was equally impressed with her husband. "I'd love to have a son like you," said Price.

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The spiritual and spiritually political side of Baldwin is intriguing. But his family life is equally intriguing.

Baldwin married his college sweetheart, Etta. "Two weeks after I met her, I told her I was going to marry her, and she laughed at me. Now, some 19 years and two kids later, here we are."

A very strong and independent woman, Etta says, "I've always loved the Lord. I've always let him govern the things in my life. And he's always been there for me."

She says her husband is her very best friend. "He's my partner. We're a team. God has ordained us to be a team." And Levi Baldwin agrees. They're like two peas in a pod.

Baldwin has always supported his wife in whatever she set out to do, and she has stood by him. Etta recently made an important but tough decision in her life. Though only a heartbeat away from earning her doctorate degree, she has decided to put that on hold until the "Lord tells me to do otherwise."

But she's doing it willingly, and she's more excited than ever. "I really enjoy doing what I'm doing now. My calling is to minister to families, women, children. I just love it. It's right in line with what I was studying. The Lord uses people's secular and spiritual knowledge and he doesn't force it (his will) on you. I wanted a degree so I could share knowledge with others. I'm excited when I can share. I'm able to do that spiritually and I love it!"

The Baldwins are a happy and exciting team, bubbling with wisdom, joy and love that only God could provide. And to add even more joy to the team are daughters Melanie, 15, and Kimberly, 11. Together, the four of them form a powerful spirit-filled team, giving life to the old saying, "The family that prays together, stays together."

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The Rev. Dr. Levi Benjamin Baldwin, Jr. — the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. — both names give a resounding sound with a certain rhythmic pattern. One is synonymous with the other and the other with the one. There are certain similarities and likenesses in more ways than one. There are certain similarities that perhaps many never realized. Perhaps not even Baldwin himself.

For just as Dr. King went down in history for trying to free his people from the denial of basic human rights, Levi Baldwin will take on a similar stand by setting his people free from the denial of basic spiritual blessings God has promised them.

Baldwin says the seven last words of the Black church are, "It ain't been done that way before." He plans to change that — for the better.

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Wednesday

Ebony Fashion Fair

Glimpses Into An Evening Of Elegance









The 28th Annual Ebony Fashion Fair appeared in Seattle Saturday, April 26, at the Westin Hotel. This year's theme, "Body Language," was successfully captured by the more than 200 exquisite garments, complete with the latest and most brilliant accessories that were featured in the traveling fashion show. The show was sponsored by the Seattle Section of the National Council of Negro Women for the benefit of the Mt. Zion Ethnic School and the Carolyn Downs Family Medical Center. Staff Photos/Wallace Salahuaddin

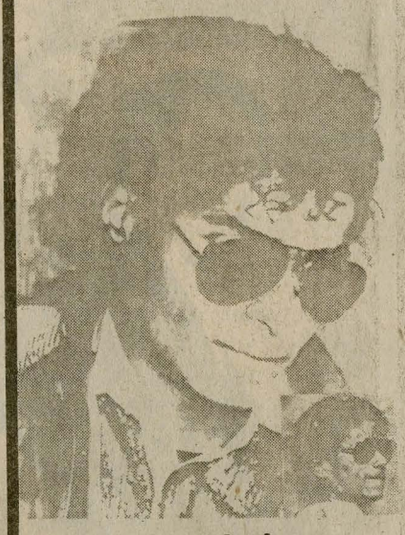
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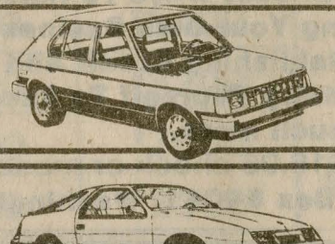
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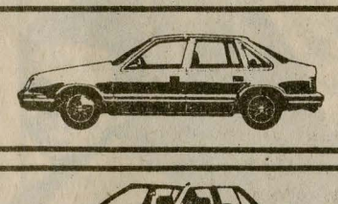
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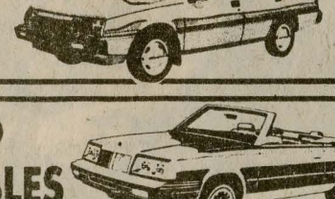
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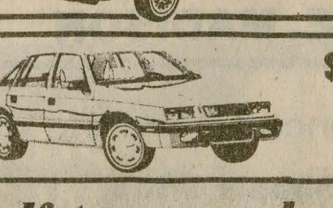
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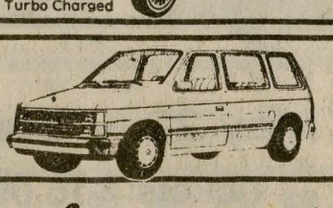
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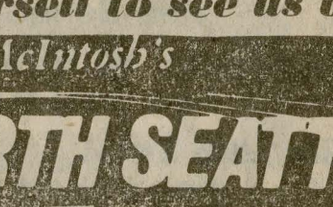
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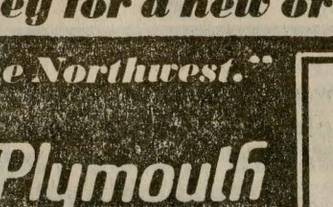
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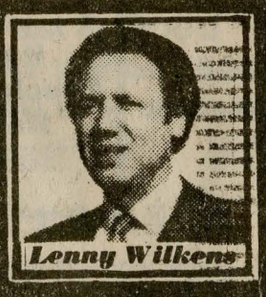
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The Delfonics Return

Having established themselves in the early '70's as outstanding vocal talent of that era, the Delfonics are again entering the fields of recording and live performance with the same kind of professionalism that's already built them fame as recording artists.

The Delfonics have experience, from having blossomed into a dynamite trio with a perfected high-pitched vocal blend, with such hits as "La La Means I Love You," and the Grammy Award winning hit, "Didn't I (Blow Your Mind This Time)."

The Delfonics legend begins with founding members William Hart, born in Washington, D.C., Jan. 17, Wilbert Hart, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Oct. 19, and Randy Cain, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 2, who was later replaced by Major Harris, born in Richmond, Virginia. The group initially sang for local parties and dances under the name of the Veltones, which was patterned after a group called the Teenagers. As they got older they moved on to playing in small clubs in Philadelphia, performing with various groups and working dance routines.

In 1966, after being away for several years, studying at Lincoln University, Randy Cain decided to go back to singing with the Harts. It was at that time that they decided to rehearse their new act under the name, Delfonics. A short time thereafter, they achieved a regional hit with their single "He Don't Really Love You." The song, like almost all of the group's later hits, was written by William Hart.

Two years later Hart wrote another local hit, "He's Been Untrue." Then Hart came up with "La La Means I Love You," based on the words his small son always repeated in the morning. The single began to build up airplay, first locally, then across the country. It became a Top 10 hit on the soul charts and also moved onto the national pop lists. Before long, the record was winning favor in England and Europe. The Delfonics are international celebrities.



The Delfonics

The Delfonics then followed with a steady string of hit singles in 1968 and 1969, including "You Get Yours and I'll Get Mine," "I'm Sorry," "Break Your Promise," "Ready or Not Here I Come" and late in 1969, "Didn't I (Blow Your Mind This Time)." This latter single moved onto the national charts in 1970 and kept moving upward until it rested in the number-one position. Before the year was over, it had sold over a million copies for a gold record.

In the 1971 awards poll of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, "Didn't I" won the Grammy for Top Soul Hit of 1970. Their soft, sexy, sound and style not only was the prime mover in the rising tide of soul music in the late 1960's, but it was also the fancy of popular music followers, Black and White.

The Delfonics were soon to become the stellar attraction in rock concerts, theatre and nightclub circuits. They were featured on almost every highly rated TV variety shows at home and overseas. They toured all over the country including a highly successful tour of Europe. In 1970 the group had such other singles as "Trying To Make A Fool Of Me" and "When You Get Right Down To It." They also recorded their best-selling LPs, "The Delfonics Super Hits" and "The Delfonics."

Early in 1971, Randy Cain left and Major Harris took his place. Major had worked with other groups including the Teenagers, Jarmels, the Impacts, Nat Turner Rebellion and finally the Delfonics. During 1972 the group made the charts with the album "Tell Me This Is A Dream" with the single "Walk Right Up To The Sun." In 1975 another chartmaker was made with their LP "Alive and Kicking," and in 1980 the "Delfonics Return" LP made Cash Box Magazine, Billboard and Black Radio Executive.

William Hart has recorded and released a number of records as a single artist. Hart has also written songs for various artists such as the Jackson Five, Aretha Franklin, Tiarra, Michael Jackson, and the theme song in the movie entitled, "The Fish That Saved Pittsburgh."

The Delfonics have performed with various artists in the music industry, including Al Green, James Brown, Chilites, Commodores, Four Tops, the Supremes, Nancy Wilson, Chaka Khan, Stylistics, Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes, Temptations, Sugar Hill Gang, Blue Magic and Billy Paul.

They have traveled and performed in such cities and countries as London, England; West Germany, Hamilton, Bermuda; Toronto, Canada; Kingston, Jamaica; Nassau, Bahamas; South America and the U.S., Virgin Isles and many more.

Well recognized for the debonairing, ("always today's look") stage attire, the Delfonics have maintained a style which is uniquely their own. It is often imitated but never really duplicated. Their latest LP is entitled "The Best Of The Delfonics."

Class Magazine Seeks New Cover Girl



Karen Smith

In conjunction with Class Magazine's seventh anniversary, a search is on for a new Cover Girl. Young ladies between 16 and 30 are encouraged to compete for the honor.

Fifteen finalists will be selected from all across the country. They will be flown to New York City for the weekend of Aug. 22, and judged by a panel of well-known fashion and beauty experts. The spectacular event will take place on Sunday, Aug. 24.

In addition to gaining international exposure, the winning contestants will receive prizes worth over $2,000. The Cover Girl will also be featured in a cover story and photographed for a fashion layout. Last year's lovely winner was Miss Karen Smith of Philadelphia.

Interested contestants should send for an application at Class promotions, 27 Union Square West, New York, NY 10003, attention: Yvonne Rose, Fashion Editor. Or forward a brief biography/resume including vital statistics, two photos or snapshots (one full-faced and one swimsuit) along with a $15 (non-refundable) registration fee, payable to Class Promotions. The deadline date is June 16.

Rare, Collectible Book Sale

Nearly 8,000 rare, collectible and better books will be available at Seattle Goodwill's first two-day book sale at its main store on Rainier S. and S. Dearborn, Saturday, May 3 from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 4, from noon until 4 p.m.

Items of special mention include a collection of Custerana, a number of illustrated children's volumes, 1947 editions of the Nippon Times and the Tokyo editions of Stars and Strips, and a three volume set of the History of the City and County of Spokane.

Funds raised from this sale will support Goodwill's vocational training program which helps hundreds of disadvantaged persons become self-supporting each year.

It's Happening In The Seattle Public Schools

Book Fair

Washington Middle School, 2101 South Jackson will be having a book fair through May 2 from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. The fair will be held in the school's Learning Resource Center. For additional information call 587-6482.

Multi-Cultural Week

Meany Middle School, 301 21st Avenue East, is celebrating Multi-Cultural Week through May 2. The event will feature many different ethnic groups. Assemblies, workshops and multi-ethnic meals will be included.

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Cheryl Taplin



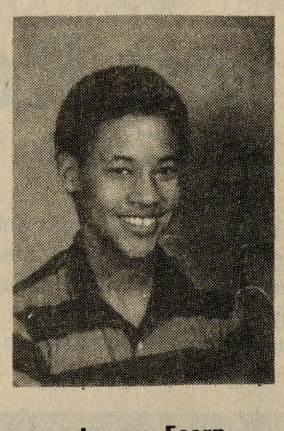
Rochelle McDade



Rene' McDade



Maisha Greenwood



Jeremy Fearn



Pamela Taylor

Middle School students to be honored at the Seattle Chapter of Links' 11th annual Youth Awards Program who have 4.0 grade point averages are Sean McMillian, Washington Middle School, and Tene' Frazier, Eckstein Middle School. Students with a 3.8 or better GPA are Shawnda Ganter, Ronald Brown, Pamela Taylor, Rene' McDade and Rochelle McDade.

Also placing high scholastically are Michelle Stone, Maisha Greenwood, Rochelle Jones, Maria Benjamin and Michelle McRae.

Sean McMillan participates in all school-sponsored activities. He was a leading performer in the "Best Christmas Pageant Ever," sponsored by the Seattle Children's Theater. These activities compliment his outstanding academic achievement.

A double recipient of the Seymour Kaplan Humanitarian Award, Tene' Frazier, Eckstein Middle School, is also gifted in music. Her teacher describes her as an "exceptional young lady."

Michelle McRae, Hamilton Middle School, has received a full scholarship from Pacific Northwest Ballet and has been a principal in "The Nutcracker." Her counselor writes that Michelle "is a prime example of blending natural talent with academic success."

In addition to being an excellent student, Maisha Greenwood, Eckstein Middle School, radiates enthusiasm and friendliness. She swims, dances, plays tennis and enjoys reading—which her good grades reflect.

Michelle Stone, Whitman Middle School, is a member of Camp Fire Girls, takes ballet lessons, tutors her peers in math, skis and is active in her church. She also plays the piano. Michelle is a horizon student and a recipient of the Seymour Kaplan Award.

A gift of communication skills "far beyond her age in human relations" as well as the gift of humor, are some of the qualities of Maria Benjamin, Whitman Middle School. She attends horizon classes for gifted students.

Rochelle and Rene' McDade, Asa Mercer Middle School, are twins with identical 3.83 grade point averages. Both girls are excellent students who help other students with their studies.

A member of the Bethany Church Choir and who also attends Barbazon Modeling School, Pamela Taylor, Hamilton Middle School, is an excellent student. She is in the horizon program and is a member of the National Honor Society.

"Conscientious and thorough" are words which clearly describe Jeremy Fearn, writes Lou Eichelberg, South Shore Middle School English Department chairman. "He is a student who pursues an assignment to the last detail."

Cheryl Lynn Taplin, Madison Middle School, was Student of the Year in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades. She had a 4.0 GPA in the 7th grade. Her teacher writes that Cheryl is an outstanding young lady, has excellent school attendance and contributes through community service.

Other Middle School students to be honored on May 18 are Faneka Gadison, Natasha Brown, LaDale Turner, Margo Denise Young, Kalu Dennis and Damani Williams.

Next week's Seattle Medium will feature senior high school honorees.

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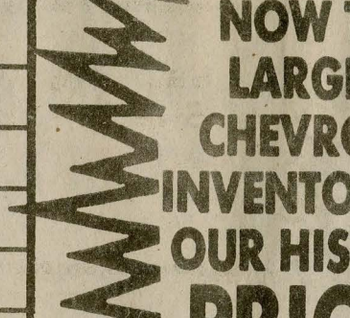
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Metro To Consider Direct Route Between Rainier Valley And S.C.C.C.

King County Councilman Ron Sims announced that the METRO Service Evaluation Subcommittee intends to propose a new bus route for the Rainier Valley area. According to Sims, METRO data indicates that over 1,000 daily riders from Rainier Valley use the bus as tranportation to Seattle Central Community College.

"This should justify a bus that travels directly from Rainier Valley to Seattle Central Community College", says Sims.

METRO, at Sims urging has scheduled to propose this route to its METRO Transit Service Evaluation Subcommittee at its May 9 meeting.

If you support this bus route, Sims urges to contact his office at 344-4033.

Double Platinum

Kool & The Gang's "Emergency" a;bu, has gone double platinum. The Kool & The Gang LP has been on the pop charts for over 70 weeks to date. "Emergency" was the only album by a group to produce four top 40 singles in 1985.

NARM — the trade association of record store owners recently voted "Emergency" 1985's Best Selling Black Music Album By a Group. And the American Music Awards called the Kool & The Gang record Album of the Year in the R & B category.

Music Workshop For Teachers At Mt. Zion

Ella Jenkins, internationally known teacher and children's composer, will give a workshop for teacher's of young children on Wednesday, May 14, 7:30 a.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

The workshop is sponsored by the Seattle Central Community College Childcare Center, the Mt. Zion Ethnic School and the Mt. Zion Preschool.

Jenkins has been teaching children with song since 1957. She has given concerts and workshops on children's music throughout the United States. Her song, "This is Your Year Children," was selected as the theme for the 1979 International Year of the Child activities.

She has published more than 22 albums and appeared on "Sesame Street" and "Mister Rogers" television shows.

"This workshop will provide children's teachers with some proven techniques for incorporating music into their instructional programs," said workshop coordinator John Wrobleski.

As a child growing up in a poor neighborhood on Chicago's Southside, Jenkins said she had no toys, but found a richness in singing and dancing. "Music surrounded us in the neighborhood," she said. Using that initial experience, she has based her teaching on the premise that music is something everyone can appreciate and participate in.

It's a natural experience, one that all children can appreciate. Music is not just for the talented but for everyone," she said.

Tickets for the workshop are $7.

To register, or for more information, contact Wrobleski at Seattle Central Community College, 587-6900.

Officers Of The Euclid Club

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Abiff Lodge No. 37 F.A.M. announces and presents their new officers of its Euclid club for the ensuring year of 1986.

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ASK YOLONDA

Brawling Relatives Spoil July Brides Day

DEAR YOLONDA: I have a brother who is gay. But that's his problem, not mine. My family knows it, but they won't accept it. The only peace we have known came when he moved out of town, five years ago.

I'm getting married in July, and I decided that I want him to attend the wedding. After much debate, family members agreed to welcome him at the wedding, and back into the family.

Everything was fine until my brother called with his news. It seems as though he wants to bring his live-in lover to the wedding. I tried to discourage it, but he insists, and he also insists that the other family members know about it in advance, so that they won't treat his friend rudely. Well, when family members heard about his plans, they started dropping out of the wedding.

My sister is one of the ones engineering the boycott, and in her case it's really bad-- her son is my ring bearer. My brother has been stubborn, too. If his friend can't come, he says, neither can he.

How can I resolve this and continue with my plans? My family is spoiling the day that I have looked forward to all of my life.

Laverne C., Ind.

DEAR LAVERNE: In cases like this, I go with the above-the-fray approach. Go on with your plans. Tell everyone that they will get an invitation. If they choose not to attend, it's their loss (but do have an alternate ring bearer on stand-by, just in case).

Teenager Lacks Goals, Zest For Life

DEAR YOLONDA: My sister and I attend the same school. I am 16, she is 17. For some reason, she is going through a weird stage. She has given up on herself, and her future. She already has a two year-old son, and now she's pregnant with another child. She used to be smart in school, now she won't even go to school.

My mother has given up on her. She hardly talks to her.

I say that my sister needs help, and if only someone would take the time to help her she could be somebody important one day. She can type pretty fast, and she would make a good secretary.

Please tell me how to help my sister.

Maya

Dear Maya: First you can help her by urging her to talk honestly with her nurse, doctor, or any other health official with whom whe is in contact. He or she can give her the kind of parenting and birth control information your sister apparently needs.

Second, you can help her by continuing to be encouraging: Having two children at 17 is a stumbling block, but it does not mean that life is over. Now, it's even more important that she stays in school—for her own future, and for the future of her young ones.

This Student Won't Go To Her Counselor

DEAR YOLONDA: I read your column every chance I get. I'm a senior in high school with fairly good grades. I've never been in any serious trouble, but if I were I'm not sure I'd follow your advice if the advice is, "Talk to your teacher or counselor at school."

The problem most teens have is that they don't have a teacher or counselor who is willing to help them do anything.

If a student at my school did something wrong, or was accused of doing something, all the counselors here would do is draw up the suspension papers. So, for the sake of your high school readers, please don't send them to their high school counselors. I'm sure many student feel as I do.

Pauline

DEAR PAULINE: Too bad that you find your teachers and counselors unhelpful, but that's certainly not consistent with what I see. Instead, I see a lot of headstrong teens who are unwilling to seek experienced help, until it is too late.

I get your point, but I'll continue to refer young readers to their high school counselors and teachers. Everyone needs someone who they can turn to. A wise student knows the value of an ally on the teaching staff.

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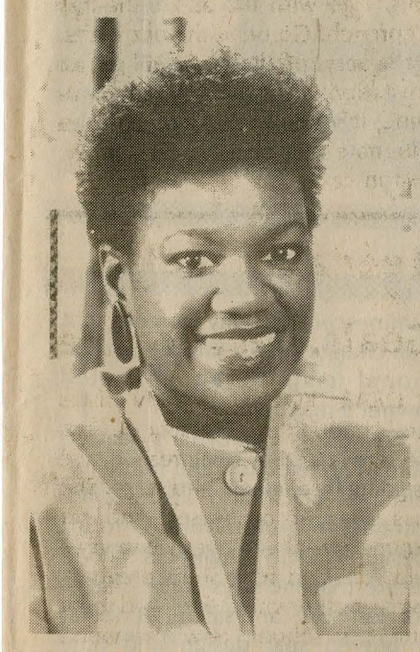
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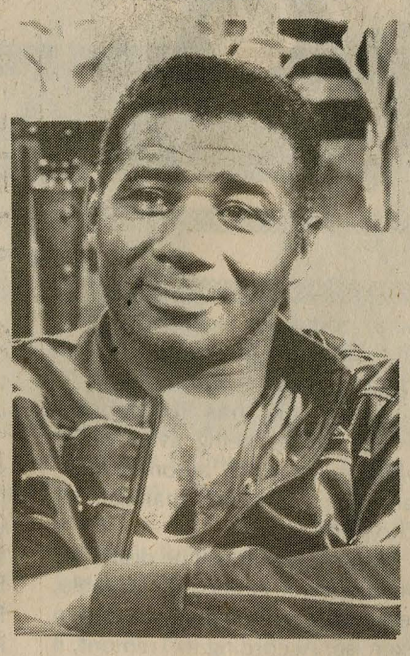
Sports

'Black Champions' Profiles Great Black American Athletes

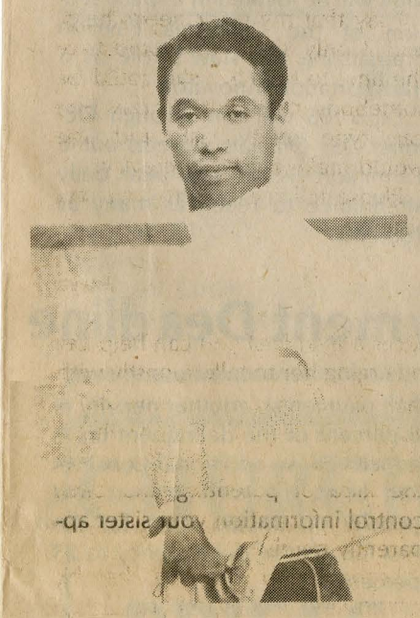
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Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

During the early part of the 20th century, the number of Black athletes participating in major American sports leagues was miniscule. Today, Blacks figure prominently in many of the major sports leagues-earning top dollars and wide-ranging respect.

For Black athletes, the road from being "the only Black in the locker room" to playing a major role in the world of professional sports has been one of heroic gestures, personal triumphs, and shared victories and defeats. Public television chronicles the Blacks in American sports in the new three-part series, "Black Champions," premiering Wednesday, May 14, at 10 p.m.

The series, produced by award-winning filmmaker William Miles combines archival film footage with present-day interviews, still photos, and period music to provide an insightful look at how Blacks have made the transition from groundbreakers to multi-million-dollar superstars.

In the premiere episode, "Who Will Wear the Crown?" "Black Champions looks at the experiences of athletes who served as "the first" or "the only" Black in their fields. Among the pioneers profiled are baseball's Josh Gibson, track and field's Ralph Metcalfe, boxing's Joe Louis, and football's Fritz Pollard and Paul Robeson.

In its second program, "New Times--The Integration of American Sports," the series takes a look at an important, but largely ignored resource in the development of Black athletes during the first half of this century-the athletic departments of segregated Black colleges. Recalling their experiences are Olympian Rafer Johnson, tennis great Althea Gibson, and other stars from the worlds of football, boxing, basketball, baseball and the Olympics.

The third program, "Looking for Tomorrow-Black Athletes and the Sporting Life" focuses on the fast-paced, multimillion-dollar world of corporate sports and the pressures, both emotional and financial, facing today's Black athletes. Interviewed are such superstars as Arthur Ashe, Sugar Ray Leonard, and Kareem Abdul Jabbar.

Central Area Boys & Girls Update

The club's drill team held its first practice last Monday, April 21 at 5 p.m., under the direction of Jackie McGee. Thirteen girls showed up, but they are expecting more.

Spring basketball league update: Rainier Beach beat the Mustangs, 116-78. The leading scorer for Rainier Beach was Fears with 29 points.

Franklin defeated O'Dea by score of 78-65. Dubose had 32 points for O'Dea. Garfield also defeated O'Dea in an earlier game, 77-75. Thomas had 21 points for O'Dea and Wiggs led Garfield with 19 points.

Last Wednesday Garfield defeated Central with a score of 71-68. Hartwell had 19 for Central, followed by Kennebrew with 17. Garfield was led by Powell with 13 and Barrett with 15 points.

The Rainier Beach Mustangs were defeated by Franklin last Friday with score 96-74. Leading the Mustangs were Fears and Meneese with 14 points each. Leading scorer for Franklin was Klecop with 17 points and French with 22.

The King County Boys and Girls Club had their Capital Campaign Kick-off last Tuesday, April 22 at the Westin Hotel. Jackie Perrino, Central Boys and Girls Club's Young Lady of the Year and treasurer of their Keystone Club provided some of the entertainment.

Last Saturday at the Burien Club, Central was well represented at the Games Room Tournament by Mike Riggins who won three first places, Willie Stewart and Jafar Roseman.

April Gibson: Girl Of The Year

April Gibson who is a member of the Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club was selected as King County Girl of the Year on April 17 at their Awards and Recognition Banquet. April was competing against nine other girls from nine different clubs.

April won this great honor by demonstrating great leadership skills in the club. For example, she is the president of the Keystone Club which she exemplifies great pride in, coached the girls 11-year-old basketball team, and started the club's drill team.

The staff feels that she has done an excellent job with the youth at the club and highly value her club assistance. April is also on their junior staff and she helps out on all of their special events.

The most notable thing about April is that she is reliable, dependable, and always willing to lend a helping hand.

Congratulations April!

Summer Meals For Youth

The City of Seattle's Department of Human Resources will again provide the Summer Sack Lunch Program at community service sites throughout Seattle beginning in July.

Free meals will be made available to children and youth under 19 years of age, without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex or handicap.

Federally funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the program provides breakfasts and lunches to children in low-income neighborhoods as an extension of the School Lunch Program.

Any agency in Seattle providing summer programs for youth may apply to participate. Call 625-2440 for further information on how to apply or for the location of a meal service site in your neighborhood.

Summer Fun Day Camp

The summer fun day camp program at Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club provides a duel service. First, it is a day care service for working parents. Secondly, the day camp provides constructive summer activities for youth.

Activities include field trips (zoo, beaches, Water Works Park, Aquarium), arts and crafts, tutoring, physical education (volleyball, basketball, softball soccer, low organized games) and an overnighter at the club. The summer fun day camp provides free breakfast and lunch.

The day camp is July 7-Aug. 22, from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For more information contact Denise Overton at 725-4197.

A Note Of Appreciation

The Electronetts Drill Team of the Cascade Lodge Youth Council no. 134 wishes to thank the community, parents and pledgees for their assistance given the Electronetts in their recent annual 10K walkathon.

The Electronetts walkathon will become an annual event in order to provide the necessary support of operating a community drill team. This year's walkathon was given to raise funds for new drill team uniforms.

Anyone wishing to contribute a tax deductible donation in any amount to the Electronetts Drill Team, make checks payable to the Electronetts Drill Team c/o Ms. Mervie R. Raines, 502 31st Avenue East, Seattle, Washington 98112.

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BUSINESS SECTION



BLACK MAYOR'S CELEBRATION. George J. Powell, right, director of sales operations for Philip Morris U.S.A., welcomes Andrew Young, mayor of Atlanta, to the "Tribute To A Black American Celebration" dinner recently at the 12th Annual Convention of the National Conference of Black Mayors, in Atlantic City. James E. Thompson, left, manager, special markets, Miller Brewing Company, greets "Marvelous" Marvin Hagler, middleweight boxing champion, to the event sponsored by Philip Morris Companies Inc. and Salomon Brothers Inc. at Caesars Atlantic City Hotel. Former heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali was honored by the 291 Black mayor's organization. Mayor Young, the master of ceremonies, thanked the sponsors for their "continuing support" of the conference. He also praised "Philip Morris for its support of Black education through the United Negro College Fund, Miller Beer for introducing Black athletes to television commercials and Salomon Brothers for pulling half a billion dollars out of South Africa." Photo by Cecil Williams.

Chrysler Teams With California To Bring Future To Canadian Expo

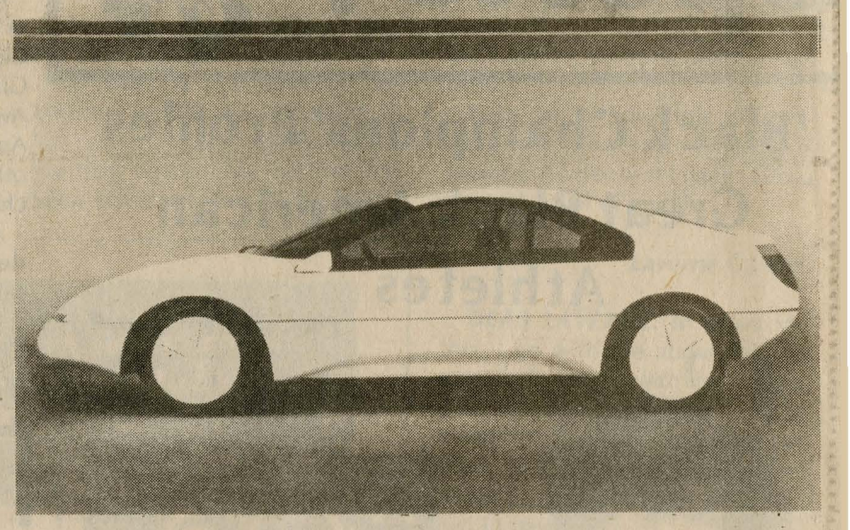
Expo '86

Chrysler Motors is bringing the magic of California to the Canadian "Expo '86" in Vancouver, British Columbia.

When the world's fair opens to the public May 2, Chrysler will display one of its advance concept vehicles, the Mojave, in the California Pavilion at Expo '86. Designed and constructed at Chrysler Pacifica, the company's advance design studio in Carlsbad, Calif., the sleek model represents the trend-setting innovation in automotive design the Golden State is known for.

In keeping with the state's Expo '86 theme "California: Creating the Future," Chrysler will also give visitors a preview of automobile interiors with an EDGE — Ergonomic Digitally Generated Environment.

Displayed both in video form and on a 30-foot long wall that will flank the Mojave concept car, EDGE will show the results of combining California's Silicon Valley computer technology with Chrysler's electronics and ergonomic engineering.



Mojave

"California has long been recognized as being avant-garde when it comes to automobiles," said Tom Tremont, manager of Chrysler Pacifica.

Mojave, which will be displayed on a special canopied turntable, represents more than just a design exercise. According to Tremont, it is being considered as a 1990's replacement for the sporty Dodge Daytona.

EDGE transforms today's functional automobile instrumentation into dazzling space-age imagery of tomorrow. The display will explore such concepts as holographic displays to show fluid levels as a three-dimensional graphic, and an electroluminescent display screen that can change from a satellite navigational map to an animated owner's manual.

Reflecting California's leadership in architecture and home furnishings, EDGE also addreses advances in automobile interior design. EDGE engineers see a future that includes softer shapes for aesthetics and safety, as well as improved seat design and construction.

Chrysler's 1,000-square-foot exhibit will be located in a speial section of the California Pavilion dramatizing the state's role as a transportation innovator.

Expo '86 will run through October 13. Officials expects some 15 million visitors with peak daily attendance to reach as many as 100,000.

Property Tax Payment Deadline

April 30 is the payment or postmark deadline for 1986 first half property taxes in order to avoid interest and penalties.

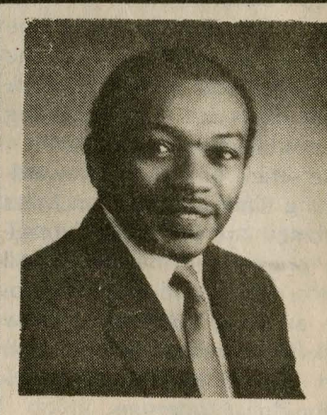
At least one half of 1986 property taxes must be paid by the April 30 due date or the entire tax becomes delinquent with the entire tax accruing interest at 12 percent per annum (1 percent interest is added to the delinquent tax on the first day of each month). If half the current year tax is not paid by May 31 (one month after the due date), an additional 3 percent penalty is added.

If the current year tax is not fully paid by Nov. 30 (one month after the Oct. 31 deadline for second half payments), another penalty of 8 percent of the delinquent tax is added. These additional penalties can bring the total interest and penalty on unpaid taxes for the first full year of delinquency to 23 percent.

Revisions to Washington State property tax laws which became effective in 1983 reduced the allowable delinquency period from five years to three years before foreclosure action is taken. Action to foreclose on property and sell it at public auction will be initiated on May 1, if full 1983 taxes or earlier years' taxes remain delinquent.

Saving Jobs For Workers

By Isiah Turner, Commissioner WA State Employment Security Dept.



Isiah Turner

In these weekly columns, I have been telling you about Employment Security Department programs that put people to work or provide training. Our department also has an important role helping employers find qualified workers and keeping people on the job.

Minority businesses make up an increasingly large portion of the employer community in this state. The number of Black-owned businesses almost doubled between 1977 and 1983, growing from 1,350 to over 2,400.

Washington was the fourth state in the nation to initiate the Shared Work Program as an alternative for employers to avoid laying off valuable workers when business is slow. Keeping trained workers on the job allows employers to quickly gear up when business conditions improve.

During the past year, Shared Work saved over 1,700 jobs in Washington state. Almost 400 employers with nearly 9,000 employees participated in the program.

The concept is simple. The program allows employers to reduce an employee's hours of work by an agreed percentage, while the worker receives a corresponding percentage of unemployment insurance benefits. Employees are spared the hardship of full unemployment and employers do not have the expense of recruiting, hiring and training new employees when business improves.

For example, instead of permanently laying off 20 workers, an employer could reduce the work week of 100 employees from five days to four days to achieve the same 20 percent solution. The workers would receive unemployment insurance benefits for the fifth day or 20 percent of their regular weekly benefit amount.

For employers who need to reduce their workforce permanently, we can provide a transition period prior to the layoff. Affected employees can continue to work at reduced levels with the opportunity to find other employment.

All employers, large and small, may participate in the Shared Work Program. Employees who would normally be eligible to receive regular unemployment insurance benefits are eligible to participate. The program is flexible and can be customized to a variety of situations. More information is available by calling 1-800-752-2500.

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Noted Playwright, e. shockley Visits Seattle



e. shockley

Returning to the U.S. from a 14-day tour of Nicaragua, e. shockley will call Seattle home for the next couple of months. Shockley's visit is prompted by the West Coast premiere of his award winning play "Little Miss Dreamer, (A Nite in the Life of Bessie Smith)" which will be performed by the Madrona Youth Theatre, beginning May 16.

Originally from Philadelphia, PA, shockley began acting and writing for theatre while attending St. Paul's school in New Hampshire. While continuing his education and playing basketball at Columbia University, shockley discovered he was more talented as an artist than as an athlete. This discovery led to his being awarded the Chiappe Award for Excellence in the Arts.

shockley's professional career was launched while at the Frank Silvera Writer's Workshop in New York, with "Little Miss Dreamer." The cabaret drama received three Audelco awards during its off-Broadway run, and a Jefferson Award in Chicago, while playing to ovation audiences.

shockley is proud of the awards "Little Miss Dreamer" has received, but prouder still of the fact that two professional careers have been launched by "Dreamer" performances. That of Alysa Guise, Tony nominee for "Uptown It's Hot," and Linda Brown, touring with "Dreamgirls."

Other acclaimed works by shockley include, "The Stalking Horse," winner of the 1985 American Minority Playwright Festival, "The Strange Career of John Hopewell," recipient of the Lorraine Hansberry award, and "The Playground," performed by Madrona Youth Theatre last year.

"Little Miss Dreamer" makes its West Coast premiere May 16, for a limited run through June 8, at the Madrona Community Center, 832-32nd Avenue. Performances are Friday and Saturday evenings, 8 p.m., Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m.

For information regarding tickets, or to contact shockley for a presentation, call 325-6900.

East Madison YMCA's 50th Anniversary

The East Madison YMCA is celebrating its 50th anniversary during the month of May. "Fifty Years of Growing, Caring and Sharing With Its Community" has been identified as the theme for this celebration. Over that time one of the most significant roles that the East Madison Y played was that of developing leadership qualities of young men's lives.

Indeed, around the nation as well as here in Seattle, outstanding Black women and men have played, worked and studied at their neighborhood Y's. The 50th anniversary of the East Madison Y offers us an excellent opportunity to rekindle the spirit.

Tuesday night, May 27, the East Madison Y is inviting you to its 50th anniversay dinner. Keynoting the banquet will be Larry Bolling from Oakland, California.

Also on hand for the dinner will be Seattle Mariner's Alvin Davis, who will make a short presentation.

The following Saturday, May 31, a number of youth events will highlight an open house at the Y, which is located at 1700-23rd Avenue. The day will climax with a swimming tournament featuring some of the Y's best swimmers. On Saturday evening, May 31, there will be a dance at the East Madison Y. Sunday, June 1, the East Madison YMCA will be featured in proclamations from the pulpits of the local churches.

Join the Y and its supporters as it propels itself in to the next 50 years with a rejuvenated interest and zeal. For ticket information, call the East Madison Y at 322-6969. Seats are available on a first come, first served basis. Tickets for the dinner are limited.

First Aid Training For Youth

The First Aid Service Team (FAST) is now acception applications for its spring training. FAST, a group of young people between 14 and 21, provides first aid coverage at community events, gives safety demonstrations and offers blood pressure screening.

Each spring FAST trains young people in the Seattle-King County area in first aid skills to qualify them for membership in the First Aid Service Team.

Classes will be on Saturdays, May 3 through June 14 at 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The class consists of three courses: Standard First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Blood Pressure.

The cost is $15.15 and new trainees must complete 25 hours of volunteer time with FAST at community events to qualify for the team membership.

The first class will be held at the Seattle Chapter of the Red Cross, 1900 25th Avenue South, will all remaining classes to be held at the East King County Office, 1840 130th Avenue NE in Bellevue. If needed, transportation will be provided from the Seattle office in the specially equipped FAST van.

For more information or to register for the class call Youth Services at 323-2345.

Senior Writing Contests

The Mayor's Office for Senior Citizen's announces the Sixth Annual Senior Writing Competition, open to anyone 55 and above, living in Seattle-King County who has never published. Entries will be accepted through June, in the following categories: Short Fiction - 2,000 word limit; Articles - 1,500 word limit; Poetry - three poems or a three page limit for a single poem.

Manuscripts will be accepted in one category only, must be typed double spaced, and must have a cover page with name, address, zip code, telephone number, birthdate and category. Please indicate category on mailing envelone.

Entries should be mailed to: Senior Writing Contest, 6401 Sand Point Way N.E., Seattle, WA. 98115.

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2200 So. Jackson
323-3884

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2038 E. Madison

La Bakery & Restaurant
4863 Rainer Ave. So.
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Moore's Coffee Shop
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322-9517

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1816 Yesler Way
322-0271

Southern Comfort
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722-3401
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