

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BLACK STUDENT PARENT MEETING

The next meeting of the Black Student Parent Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 20 at 7 p.m. in the library at Mercer Middle School, 1600 South Columbian Way. There will be a review of the activities that have taken place since the last meeting plus other vital topics of discussion. "Each One Bring One." Please bring children to this meeting.

STADIUM CONSIDERED AS CONVENTION CENTER SITE

The Seattle School Board has been notified by the Washington State Convention and Trade Center Corporation that the Seattle High School Memorial Stadium is being considered as one possible site for a new convention center.

GET ACQUAINTED WITH RED CROSS

Persons interested in exploring volunteer opportunities with Red Cross are invited to a "Get Acquainted with Red Cross" coffee hour Thursday, January 27, at 10 a.m. at Red Cross headquarters, 2515 S. Holgate St. A brief audio-visual presentation will be shown. Information about a variety of volunteer assignments will be available. Red Cross' Office of Volunteers, 323-2345, has more information.

DISCUSSION ON CHILDREN'S NUTRITION

London Smith, the well-known and controversial physician, will speak on the subject "A Nutritionally Oriented Pediatrician Straightens out the Word." This public appearance is sponsored by the American Holistic Medical Association and will take place Saturday, Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. at the Seattle Center, Olympic Room. Dr. Smith is a Portland pediatrician with over 30 years experience and author of *Feed Your Kids Right* and *Improving Your Child's Behavior Chemistry*. This event promises to be an informative and entertaining discussion of children's nutrition and how it relates to their behavior, self-image and potential problems of adulthood. Call 326-5581.

WINTER WEATHERBEATERS

Attend Winter Weatherbeaters, programs for school-age children, on Saturday, January 29 at 2 p.m. at the Downtown Library auditorium, Fifth and Spring, and see a Norwegian Festival. Storyteller Henning Sehmsdorf and dancers from the Sons of Norway will perform at the free program. For more information, call 625-2665.

FOR PARENTS OF DIABETIC CHILDREN

The American Diabetes Association is offering a support group for all parents of diabetic children. There will be six sessions, meeting on a weekly basis, beginning on Tuesday January 18, 1983 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The sessions will be led by Arlene Robinovitch from University Hospital and Ellen Ruben from the University of Washington's Department of Social Work. There's a limit of 12 participants. Call 632-4576.

INSULIN UPDATE

Take this opportunity to learn about the new insulins. Find out what is available on the market and what your choices are in insulins. Attend "Insulin Update" a meeting held at North Seattle Community College on Tuesday, January 25, at 7:30 pm in Lecture Room RC 1131. This meeting is free and open to the general public. Call Carl Knirk at 632-4576.

OPEN HOUSE AT HOLY NAMES

Holy Names Academy announces its annual Open House for prospective students on Sunday, January 30, from 1 to 4 p.m. at 728 21st Avenue East. Guests and their families are invited to meet the faculty, staff and students, take tours of the historic building, and enjoy refreshments and music. Holy Names is a 4-year Catholic high school for women now in its 103rd year in Seattle. It accepts all races and creeds, and is served by public transportation. Call the registrar, 323-4272.

SILENT FILM FESTIVAL

POPS (Professionals Organized for Public Service) will present an Old Fashion Silent Film Festival on Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Seattle Concert Theater at Fairview and John Street. Proceeds will go to the Youth Eastside Services, Seattle Country Day School and Special Olympics. Call 283-8600.

ASSERTIVENESS TRAINING WORKSHOP

The YWCA Employment Services will be presenting a one-day workshop on "Assertiveness Training" on Saturday, January 29, from 10 am - 2 pm. This workshop will enlarge your repertoire of effective behavior on the job and off. Sandra Coffman, Ph. D., will be presenting the workshop. Call 447-4855 for more information and registration.

NOON-TIME FITNESS SEMINARS

The YWCA Downtown Health and Fitness Center is conducting a series of noon-time fitness seminars. These seminars will feature: "New Year's Resolutions in Fitness" on January 19, "Cost Conscious Cookin'" on February 2, "Yoga For the Runner" on March 1, and "Message Therapy" on March 15. All seminars will be from noon-1 pm. The cost is \$1 per seminar. Pre-registration is required. Call 447-4868.

FREE HOME SECURITY INSPECTIONS

Free home security inspections and security recommendations are offered as a public service by Safety Assistance From the Elderly (SAFE). Services are provided to residents of Capitol Hill, First Hill, Central Area, and Ballard. For information call 285-3110.

NATIONAL CHOLESTEROL STUDY

A national cholesterol study is seeking volunteers to participate. The study is supported by the National Institutes of Health and is being conducted at four major medical centers. The core clinic is at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. The researchers are conducting the program to try and determine the effects of lowering cholesterol on heart disease. The study is seeking participants who have had their first and only heart attack within the past five years, are ages 29 through 64, and free of diabetes, stroke and heart surgery. Call (612) 376-4494 collect.

JAN. 22 COALITION DEFENDS ABORTION RIGHTS

A group of feminists, abortion rights activists and pro-choice organizations have formed the January 22 Coalition to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortions for women in the United States. To do so, the coalition is scheduling two activities: a day of lobbying legislators in Olympia on Friday, Jan. 21 and a march and rally in support of safe, legal and accessible abortion on Saturday, Jan. 22. Call 682-6147.

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Thousands Of Seattleites March For King

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A melting pot of well-wishers from all walks of life jammed a six-mile stretch along Martin Luther King Jr. Way for more than three hours last Saturday, on what would have been the 54th birthday of the slain civil rights leader. For once, people seemed to put aside their arrogance and selfishness, realizing, perhaps, that an attack on one of us is an attack on all of us.

Anxious Seattleites seemed to have waited a long time for Dr. King's birthday this year. It couldn't get here fast enough. Times are hard, and people wanted a way to express a sincere commitment to and an appreciation for Dr. King's dream. And the spirit of what he stood for prevailed throughout the march.

As far as you could see, the image of Dr. King was highly displayed by posters bearing his picture and a clear message to the wise: "I Have A Dream" and "We Shall Overcome The Bigotry And Racism."

The Medium donated the pictures of Dr. King for the posters used in last Saturday's **March For Martin**. But there was not enough to go around because marchers had come surprisingly by the thousands. No one knows for sure exactly how many eventually joined the march. But those directly involved — the marchers themselves — estimated that a crowd of about 1,000 at the beginning of the march had swelled to over 6,000 near the end.

A lot of people from the community seemed somewhat disturbed, however, when some members of the press estimated "such ridiculous figures" as 300 and 1,000. Even 2,500 seemed outrageously low, they said. "Why," asked one concerned citizen, "is it that when Black people do something positive and show support for a worthy cause, do the numbers of how many participated drop so low? If they had been counting us for the welfare rolls, the numbers would probably have numbered way in the thousands for the same group. But that's to be expected, and we won't let it get us down."

People from all walks of life took part in the peaceful, well-organized celebration. And the warm, friendly faces along the way encouraged even the leeriest of people to join in. They were drawn like magnets to the chanting of many of Dr. King's favorite songs and slogans. Soon, as the saying goes, everybody and his brother was there. It was like a reunion of Seattle's Black community. If you hadn't seen an old friend in ages, chances are you would have seen him Saturday.

People were there in wheel chairs, on crutches, and parents thought nothing of pushing their little ones in strollers or carrying them in their arms. Other children marched with their parents, as far as their little bodies and energy could take them. Some marched the entire six miles.

And while many young and old admitted to being out of shape and would probably be sore for days, they didn't stop. This was a serious march, the message was loud and clear, and demonstrators let nothing ruffle their feathers. They were peaceful, and they meant business.

Many demonstrators complained that the Reagan administration is turning back the clock of progress for the poor and minority too fast, and the situation should be nipped in the bud immediately. Another grievance is that record-high unemployment in the Black community is dangerous and frightening. And cutbacks in social programs have made matters even worse.

But maybe the main purpose of the march was to show support for the renaming of Empire Way to Martin Luther King Jr. Way. They want an end to the delays in getting the street and freeway signs changed to reflect the name.

The march, which started on Madison Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way, and ended on Othello Street, was one of the longest and largest ever held in the Black community. Even the mayor and police chief were there, along with City Councilmen Norm Rice and Sam Smith, Sen. George Fleming, and Bob Lamb who heads the Community Relations Service division of the Justice Department.

Many businesses along the way were scolded by the marchers because they oppose the name-change, and have a law signed by the mayor, authorizing the change, tied up in court. "Boycott, boycott, boycott, you, you, you," yelled the marchers as they pointed to the two Exxon stations on Graham and Orcas, and the Holly Park Second Hand Store owned by a Black man. These owners emphatically oppose the change.

As the group neared the Exxon station on Orcas, an unidentified and courageous Black woman dressed in Exxon coveralls, apparently hired to pump gas at the station, realized what was going on, pulled off her uniform and headed for the march. The marchers showered her with applause. To many, she was the hero of the day.



Thousands of Seattleites participated in a birthday celebration march honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. last Saturday. Pictured above are some of the many

who were there. See additional photos on Page 9. Photos by CONNIE CAMERON, CHRIS BENNETT & TONY HOPKINS.

The weather was nice and warm when the march began. But by day's end, the temperature had dropped, and the chilly weather sent many dashing for warmth. Yet, the enthusiasm, momentum and excitement were still there as a brief rally got under way with Rev. Dr. Samuel McKinney of Mt. Zion as host.

Music was provided by the FAME Young Adult Choir and the Total Experience Gospel Choir. Politicians and community leaders delivered brief messages of thanks and praise to the huge crowd for a job well done. Rev. Dr. Fred Stephens of First A.M.E. Church, said the prayer.

Another hero of the march was Eddie Rye Jr. Rev. McKinney acknowledged Rye for having played a major role in getting Empire Way changed to Martin Luther King Jr. Way, an idea he developed at the suggestion of Georgia State Senator Julian Bond on a local radio talk show he hosted a few years ago.

The thousands of marchers who had gathered at the Imperials' parking lot, roared with applause as they finally got a chance to officially thank Rye for his

tremendous effort and courage.

Rye thanked the audience, but cautioned that the battle is not over. He said merchants opposed to the name change have appealed a Superior Court judgment that the change is legal. The appeal was filed by the Empire Way Merchants Association, which has opposed the change since the City Council unanimously voted last July to rename the street. He said a Jan. 20 court date has been set in the Washington State Court of Appeals.

The Empire Way Merchants Association said the change would cost them too much money, but there are many indications quite to the contrary. Because it's rather difficult to find out all the businesses along Martin Luther King Jr. Way that oppose the change, Rye cautioned: "If you don't see any of us working there, that should tell you something. Don't spend your money there. Don't shop where you can't get R-E-S-P-E-C-T!"

Leaflets were passed out at the end of the march, urging people not to shop at a list of businesses that oppose the name change.