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1986 Rhinestone Club Debutantes

A Portrait Of Elegance



The Washington Rhinestone Club's 33rd annual debutante ball was held Dec. 27, 1986 at the Westin Hotel. The theme this year was "Portrait of Elegance." Pauline Hill, mother, educator (teaches at Emerson Elementary), and author having written a book on the life of Bertha Pitts Campbell, founder of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was the narrator for the evening. Margaret Stephens was choregrapher.

Delores Springfield, president, Washington Rhinestone Club, said " 'Portrait of Elegance' is an appropriate theme for all our debutantes, who are lovely as a picture and are truly elegant as they approach the threshold of womanhood. The young ladies presented have proven themselves to be conscientious students, diligent church and community workers, and are concerned about the future."

The goal of the organization is to encourage young women to pursue post high school education by "presenting them to society."

In keeping with the initial goal and ambitions of the community's youth, the first ball was held in December of 1953. Debutantes presented at the first ball, as well as at all of the subsequent Rhinestone Club balls, were chosen because of their intent to continue their education, which is a stipulation of their selection. Over 800 debutantes have been presented since 1953.

A scholarship award is presented each year to the debutante with the highest cumulative grade point average. She is crowned queen of the ball. This year's queen is Victoria Lynn Carpenter. She is a graduate of Rainier Beach High School and is currently attending Highline Community College, majoring in fashion merchandising. Her parents are Elizabeth and A.C. Carpenter. Her escort was Ronald Digg. Princesses were Ain and Dayo Jones, daughters of Mrs. and Mrs. Matthew Jones. The queen was crowned by last year's queen, Sha Barbara McDaniel.

Barbara Mitchell, ball chairperson, presented Victoria a $1,000 scholarship.

Monica Marie Fudge, first runner up, is a graduate of Garfield High School and is attending the University of Washington. She is the daughter of Marilyn Fudge and her escort for the evening was Aaron Thomas. Mary Hardiman presented Monica with a $700 scholarship on behalf of the Hostess Club, an affiliate of the Rhinestone Club since 1960.

Toi Carvan, second runner-up, graduated from Holy Names Academy. She is the daughter of Charelyn Stennis and is presently attending UW. Her escort for the evening was Tony Shellman. Toi received the E. Timms Scholarship award of $300.

Other debutantes were Karin Elizabeth Crew, a graduate of Sammamish High School and currently attending UW. She is the daughter of Richard and Norma Crews, and her escort was Todd Crews.

Vera La Von Cox, a graduate of Renton High School, attending Seattle Central Community College. Her escort was James Patton.

Monica David graduated from Ingraham High School and is currently attending Bellevue Community College. She is the daughter of Mrs. H. Jean Davis and her escort was Kevin Curvey.

Andrea Holmes, a graduate of Renton High School is currently attending Washington State University. She is the daughter of Michele Holmes Zetzsche and William Zetzsche, and Tony Jackson was her escort.

Virginia S. Pryor graduated from Sammamish High School and is currently attending UW. She is the daughter of Rosemond L. Hill and James Pryor, and Early Taylor was Virginia's escort.

Kimberly Yvette Taylor is a graduate of Franklin High School and is currently attending Washington State University; the daughter of Donald and Lillie Taylor. Bernard Bently was her escort.

Meghan Rachelle Jones is a graduate of Interlake High School and is attending San Diego Mesa University. Meghan is the daughter of Barbara Barrett and Griffin Jones; and Maurice Hunter was her escort.

Nicquelle Patrice Bailey is a graduate of Franklin High School and is currently attending North

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POLITICAL POTPOURRI

We encourage everyone to pay tribute to the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by supporting one of the many events commemorating the second annual national, state and local King holiday.

South, East Seattle Residents May Regain I-90 Access

OLYMPIA — Residents of South and East Seattle would regain adequate access to I-90 under provisions of a bill introduced in the House this week by House Speaker Pro-Tempore John L. O'Brien.

Rep. Jesse Wineberry, and Rep. Gary Locke, are co-sponsors.

Closure of the I-90 on/off access ramps at 35th Ave. South and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way has caused inconvenience and financial hardship for many residents of surrounding communities, including Judkins, Leschi, Lakewood, Mount Baker, Beacon Hill, Madrona, Rainier Valley and Seward Park, according to O'Brien, a Seattle Democrat who represents the 37th District.

"This bill would require the Washington State Department of Transportation to figure out a way to retain the existing ramps at 35th Ave. and modify the traffic signals as well, if that's what's needed to make driving in that area safe," said O'Brien. "Also, the bill would clearly demand that new ramps be designed and constructed at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, so that the economic development efforts underway in that area won't be hindered by restricted access to and from I-90."

"The 40,000 residents in Central Seattle communities alongside I-90 simply can't afford to be cut off from this major transportation corridor," said Wineberry. "Since the ramps have been closed, businesses in these areas have sustained a 20 to 40 percent drop in trade. If the ramps remain closed, the revenue flowing into the community will be permanently reduced."

Under provisions of the bill, the Washington State Transportation Commission would be required to revise its current six-year highway improvements plan to accommodate re-establishing I-90 access to Seattle's Central Area, according to O'Brien.

The Commission would also be called on to reallocate money to pay for the needed modifications using both federal and state funds.

Since the areas most greatly affected by the current ramp closures have been recognized by the state as economically depressed, O'Brien included a clause in the bill that would put its provisions into effect immediately upon its passage, following the usual approval by the Governor.

"We can't afford to underestimate the urgency of the problems the Department of Transporation caused when they shut these communities off from the I-90 corridor," said Rep. Locke. "The sooner we can get the needed ramps open, the better."

"The opinions of area residents were never fully considered by the Department of Transportation, so 8,000 of them signed a petition this summer asking the Department of Transportation to keep ramps open on 23rd Avenue South and 35th Avenue South," said O'Brien, who presented the signed petition to the transportation commission in July. "Strong legislation is the most natural response to the residents of that area who are asking the state for relief. This bill would provide that relief."

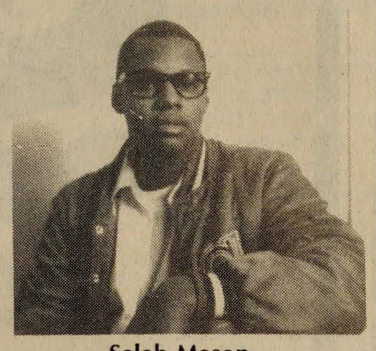
Special To The Medium

Outstanding Negro Student Scholarship Recipient Chooses Morehouse College

Salah F. Mason has received early notification of admission to Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. Sterling Hudson III, director of admissions at Morehouse stated in his letter of congratulations to Salah, "Typically, students who fulfill the requirements for admission this early in our admissions cycle are later found to be among our most concientious students." He will enter Fall of 1987 as a freshman.

To his scholastic credit is recognition from the National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Student as a result of his high college aptitude test scores, and a subsequent commendation from the University of Washington's Vice President for Student Affairs, Ernest R. Morris.

Though constantly busy with his academic studies as a senior at Bush, Salah still finds time to pursue two student internships in areas of interest to him. He is a student intern at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and also interns with Earl Debman at the African American Heritage Museum. When not



Salah Mason

studying he is drawing cartoons, designing sports cars, painting or creating graphics on his computer. He has studied art with local professional artists Sheri Stephens at the Al Dogget Studio and Dennis Evans at Bush.

When asked why he chose to attend Morehouse, Salah stated, "Though I could choose to attend any number of White universities, I feel that too many brilliant young brothers and sisters go to them and never return to our communities. I do believe that Morehouse will not only develop my mind but my character as well." Morehouse College's most famous graduate is the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Salah says his future professional plans are still being decided, but he aspires to combine his scholastic aptitudes and artistic talents to form a rewarding and satisfying career, maybe an automotive design engineer, toy design engineer or graphic illustrator.

Salah is a native Seattleite but has lived in Chicago and Los Angeles, and has spent time in Nigeria. He has two brothers and three sisters; and thanks his parents, Joseph and Dawn Mason, and all the people who have given him positive reinforcement and support.

To all young Afro-Americans, especially the brothers, he encourages them to not give into societal pitfalls, negative images and destructive stereotypes portrayed by those who do not believe in our ability to achieve at the very highest levels.

13th Annual King Commemorative Service

Seattle's 13th annual Martin Luther King commemorative service will be from noon to 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 15 at Mount Zion Baptist Church, 1634-19th Avenue. The event is sponsored by the Seattle Community Colleges.

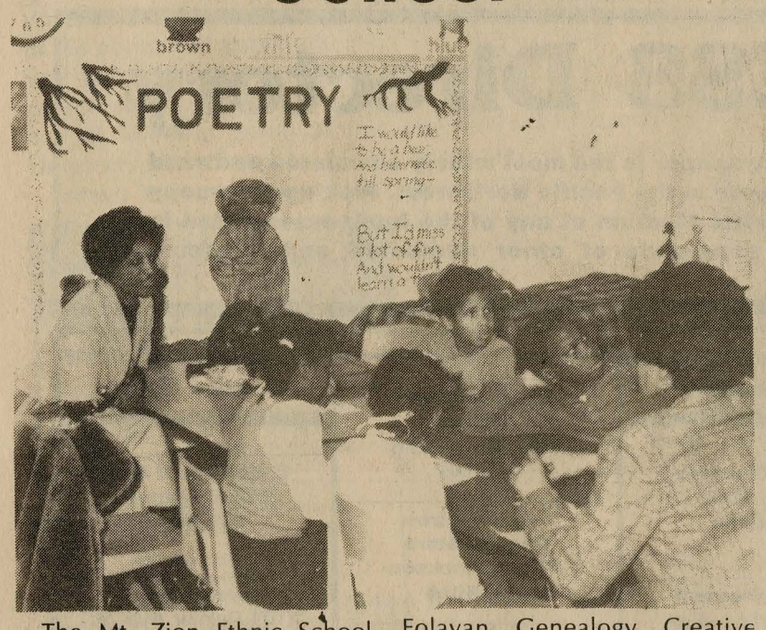
Seattle Community College Chancellor Dr. Donald G. Phelps will deliver the keynote address. The service will also include a dramatic presentation by Seattle actress Tawnya Pettiford-Wates and gospel music by the acclaimed Total Experience Choir.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel B. McKinney, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, will officiate.

In past years there has been standing room only for the Martin Luther King service. Organizers of the event are advising early arrivals to insure seating; church doors will open at 11 a.m.

CHILDREN

Winter Quarter Begins For Mt. Zion Ethnic School



The Mt. Zion Ethnic School starts winter quarter on Saturday, Jan. 17, at 9:30 a.m.

Ages 4 through 19 are encouraged to take advantage of the Saturday courses in Black History, Computer, First Aid, Spanish, Calligraphy, Broadcast Communications, Drama, Folayan, Genealogy, Creative Movement, Career Explorations, Career Conversations and Basic Tutoring.

The school is open to the community. For additional information, contact LaVerne C. Hall at 322-6500.

Education And Employment Opportunities

The Youth Employment Education Program announces openings for its winter classes in GED preparation, basic skills upgrading, skills training and job placement program.

This unique program offers individualized and group instruction to youth who want to obtain their GED (equalivalent to a high school diploma) or to youth who want to obtain the skills and attitudes necessary to acquire a full or part-time job.

Each youth enrolled in the program will be assigned to a teacher and/or job placement counselor who will assist them in planning their educational and career goals. Support service resources are available to youth who may need transportation, financial or childcare referral assistance. New classes start each week.

Eligible youth are 16-21 years of age and may be high school students, graduates or dropouts. Low-income, minority and handicapped youth are encouraged to apply.

Interested youth or parents may contact Tracy Hart at 625-5484 or Portia Carter at 625-5361 for more information.

The Youth Employment Education Program is located in downtown Seattle at 105 Union Street, Suite 160.

Help Your Child Eat Right

"A taste for healthy foods and eating is one of the most valuable gifts parents give a child," says Jan Grant, King County extension agent for Washington State University. "It's never too late, or too early, to start." Here are some suggestions she offers:

Always eat as a family. Turn off the T.V. during mealtime, and, if possible, disconnect the phone. Encourage relaxation. Don't battle about food or anything else during meal-time.

Set a good example. Your child is more apt to give unfamiliar foods a try after watching you eat and enjoy a wide variety of foods.

Encourage your child to sample a new food, but don't force foods on a youngster. Don't ever make a new food the price of dessert.

Keep servings small so children can have the satisfication of cleaning their plates and asking for "more, please."

Encourage smart snacking by keeping the kitchen stacked with a selection of healthy hunger stoppers: fresh fruit, vegetable sticks with a nutritions dip, raisins and cheese with whole-grain crackers.

Give kids a healthy start each morning by making sure they get up early enough for a nourishing breakfast.

The morning meal does not have to be cereal. Try an unconventional breakfast: a peanut butter and banana sandwich, hot soup, cottage cheese with sliced fruit, and macaroni and cheese are nutritious and can be appealing.

Involve kids in menu planning and meal preparation. Children will enjoy helping prepae foods and enjoy eating them.

Grant says, "Children have to be educated to make good food selections. Food habits which build good health are not acquired naturally; they must be learned."

Happy Birthday Dr. King

SPECIAL REPORT

NNPA Tours Japan With The Rev. Jesse Jackson To Discuss Economic 'Reciprocity'

by Nate Clay

"We sustained a $50 billion deficit in trade with Japan last year and that was intolerable; we face a $60 billion deficit this year--the Japanese must simply open up their markets."

IN HIS RAPID fire delivery, Mike Mansfield, the U.S. Ambassador to Japan, encouraged the Rev. Jesse Jackson and his 26-member delegation to continue with their threats to boycott Japanese products.

Preaching the gospel of "reciprocity," Rev. Jackson has launched an ambitious program to pressure Japanese companies to "put something back", to return some of the millions they make in profits off the Black community.

Buoyed by statistics showing that Blacks purchase 15 to 18 percent of all Japanese products sold in the U.S., including 14-15 percent of Japanese auto imports, Rev. Jackson, in meetings with the CEOs of Toyota, Panasonic, Sony, Prime Minister Yosuhiro Nakasone and others, gave them a textbook treatise on the successes of the U.S. civil rights movement, particularly the Operation Breadbasket-led program of boycotts and picketing of major corporations which Jackson started under Dr. King.

When Nakasone declared a few months ago that the intellectual climate of Japan was much higher than that of the U.S. because of the presence of Blacks and Hispanics, his comments set off a round of protests by minorities here and in his own country.

Subsequently, Nakasone issued an apology to the Congressional Black Caucus and representatives of other minority groups.

During his five-day whirlwind tour of Japan recently Jackson, addressing corporate leaders, press conferences and rallies, repeatedly compared Nakasone's belated apology to the response of the Montgomery bus company in 1955. Jackson said the bus company, after Blacks had begun their boycott, issued an apology that was far too little too late. The ante had been upped. Blacks were demanding a public accomodations law, equal voting rights, equal job opportunities, removal of racially demeaning signs, etc. The "can of worms" became a movement and the movement changed the face of not just the American South but the way corporate America does business.

Faced with boycotts and public protests, corporate America soon learned that it was good business to do business with minorities.

Ambassador Mansfield urged Rev. Jackson to teach that lesson to corporate Japan.

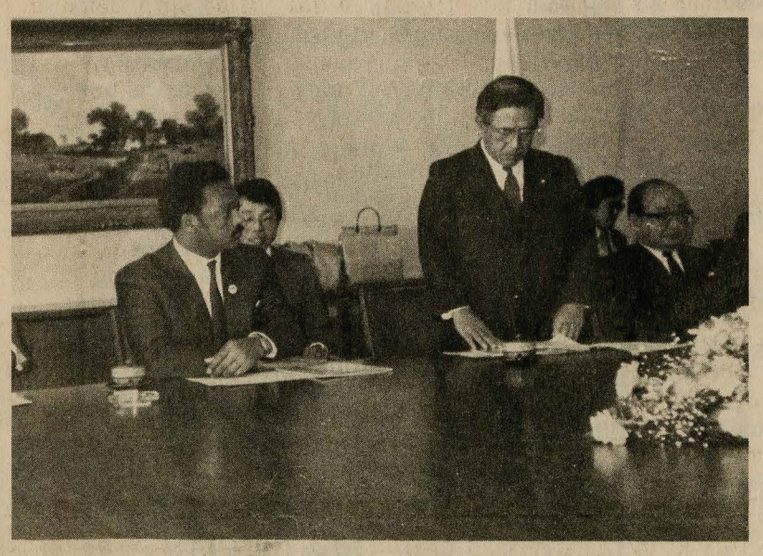
"The best thing you can do is continue doing exactly what you're doing---lay it all out on the table. There will be some misunderstandings but out of misunderstanding comes corporation," Mansfield advised.

The ambassador's comments reflect a growing sentiment in U.S. business and labor circles. Not only are Blacks complaining about unfair trade practices, so are big labor unions concerned about the loss of jobs and the failure of Japanese companies to use union labor when they build U.S. factories; American farmers who ride around their unprofitable farms on Japanese made Yamaha tractors but can't sell their excess produce on the Japanese agricultural market; American electronic firms which complain that the Japanese are allowed to dump all their gadgets here without American companies having the same access to their market.

In his meeting with Shoichiro Toyoda, president of Toyota, Jackson began with an explanation of his mission: "We've come because we're interested in a mutually respectful economic formula. Mr. Nakasone's statement was a great source of pain to all of us but it just amplified the lack of business relations (between Blacks and Japanese companies)."

Sitting across from each other in the huge Toyota headquarters' boardroom highlighted by a panoramic view of downtown Tokyo, President Shoichiro listened patiently as Jackson laid out his case through an interpreter.

Accompanying Jackson were four Black auto dealers, one of whom had gross earnings of $70 million last year; the owner of a Savannah, GA. construction company; three representatives of the Black press, including Citizenspaper Publisher Bill Garth, representing the National Newspaper Publishers Association; Bob Bogle, Co-Publisher of the Philadelphia Tribune and NNPA member and several Asian-American members of Jackson's Rainbow Coalition.



The Rev. Jesse Jackson and prominent Japanese businessmen meet to discuss possible trade agreements between Japan and the Black American business community. Jackson and Shoichiro Toyoda, president of Toyota of Japan, discussed the possibility of Japanese business advertising in Black newspapers, advertising in agencies and magazines. They also discussed the establishment of Black-owned Toyota franchises. Pictured (left to right) are Jackson and Toyoda.

According to William Shack, Jr., spokesman for the Black autodealers and owner of two San Diego dealerships, the Black auto dealers in the U.S. have tried unsuccessfully for years to acquire dealerships from the Japanese. Of the 300 Black auto dealers across the country, only about five have Japanese franchises, Shack says. Yet, according to Rev. Jackson, Blacks bought 750,000 Toyotas last year alone.

Requests for ads by the members of the NNPA have also fallen on deaf ears. Appearing to be surprised by these complaints, Shoichiro initially excused Nakasone's statement as a "slip of the tongue," cited his company's official philosophy of equal opportunity for its U.S. employees, and declared that Toyota's joint ventures with General Motors had helped "revitalize the American economy," benefitting blacks in the process.

With a half smile on his face, Shoichiro contended that he had no control over his company's U.S. operations, claiming that it is an independent entity whose policies he could not dictate.

Unmoved, Rev. Jackson pressed on, steadfastly maintaining that Japanese businessmen could not "look at Black America through the eyes of white America." The economic development of Black America, he explained, is more dependent on fair trade practices than on a company's stated policy of equal opportunity.

Fair trade would mean that Japanese companies who earn huge profits in the Black community would return some of that by consciously seeking out Blacks to handle some of their legal, accounting, insurance and construction needs; by granting more Black franchises and appealing directly to the Black community through its publications.

Realizing that his dodges would not work, Shoichiro promised to discuss Rev. Jackson 's complaints with him people in the U.S. and even tentatively agreed to come here to attend a meeting with Black leaders and his U.S. representatives.

Shoichiro, thus, was far more forthcoming and agreeable than any of his counterparts. But the Japanese are nothing if not past masters at the artful game of wearing down suitors and opponents by calculated delays and deceits.

If he can crack this nut, Rev. Jackson will have succeeded where the American government and corporations have largely failed.

(Nate Clay accompanied Rev. Jackson on part of his tour of Southeast Asia. He is doing a series of articles on the trip.)



A delegation of Black American business representatives, led by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, wait at a Tokyo station for a high speed bullet train to Osaka, Japan. The 400-mile trip took three hours. Pictured above (left to right) is Ben Polote, president of Polote Corp. of Savannah, Ga.; Jackson, president of the National Rainbow Coalition and founder of Operation PUSH; Bill Shack, chairman of the PUSH Trade Bureau and president of Yucca Ford-Lincoln-Mercury in Yucca Valley, Calif.; William Garth, president of Citizen Newspaper Corp. and member of the NNPA Board, and chairman of NNPA's advertising committee and board member PUSH Trade Bureau; Bob Bougle, co-publisher of the Philadelphia Tribune and a member of NNPA's advertising commmittee; the Rev. Ed Reddick, vice president of Operation PUSH and PUSH research.

Russell Named Assistant VP Of Minority Affairs

A strong believer in community and civic responsibility, Millie Russell was recently appointed to the position of assistant to the vice president and manager of community outreach in the Office of Minority Affairs at the University of Washington.

Known in many walks of life, Russell serves as an important bond between groups in Seattle's minority community and UW. Dr. Herman Lujan, vice president for Minority Affairs stated, "Millie Russell serves as a valuable link to several segments of Seattle's Black community, a community which is central to this office and its role in higher education. She is especially valuable in the health professions, attracting Black youth to study in its many fields and specialties."

An advocate for advancing educational opportunities for minority students, Russell has coordinated several activities for the university's minority student population.

Russell has also published several articles that examine the education of Black youth in the public school system. Of note is Russell's joint effort with education expert, Roberta Byrd Barr in their study of "Stress and the Black Child."

Working to fulfill what she perceives as a mission in assisting Black students reach their full educational potential, Russell has stated, "There are many challenges ahead for Black youth in today's society. We as educators and professionals, must place ourselves in positions as facilitators and mentors. Without support, our youth are destined to stray from their individual goals, and not realize their individual potential. Therefore, I take very seriously my position to serve as one link in the chain that connects goals to fulfilled educational dreams for Black and minority youth."

As an assistant to the vice president for Minority Affairs, and an advocate for educational opportunities for all students, Russell works with the Office of Minority Affairs' (OMA) Educational Opportunity Program Scholarship Fund. Of this program Russell stated, "We have set a high goal for the 1987 scholarship effort; community support of educational opportunity through the availability of scholarships is the responsibility of all."

Her many duties at OMA include serving as an advisor to the Educational Opportunity Program Alumni Association (EOPAA). The current leadership of EOPAA is made up of many of the individuals who were instrumental in laying the groundwork for the development of the Educational Opportunity Program at the University of Washington. "EOPAA has worked diligently to keep the Black community aware of the many positive outcomes for Black youth as a result of the program's existence. EOPAA has provided and continues to support scholarships for Black students enrolled in the Educational Opportunity Program," Russell commented.



Millie Russell

One who wears many hats, Russell is also a health sciences professional and teaches in the Health Sciences area at the UW. In this role, she serves as a mentor to minority students aspiring to careers in the health sciences field.

As a member of the Washington State Association of Black Professionals in Health Care, Russell is assisting in the organization of a Camp-In, at the Seattle Center Pacific Science Center, for Black youth ages 8-12. She also serves as a charter member of the newly organized Seattle chapter of Africare.

Among her many accomplishments, Russell is in the final stages of her doctoral study at the University of Washington and anticipates the final defense of her doctoral study early next summer. With her degree in hand, she plans to improve academic opportunities for minority students in this area.

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SU Commemorates King's Birthday

Wednesday, Jan. 14, a lecture forum on "Martin Luther King Remembered" will be held from noon-1 p.m. in the Lemieux Library Auditorium. Featured speakers will be Norm Rice, Seattle City Councilman, speaking on minorities in Seattle and how they have been affected by Dr. King's work; James Hanson, former SU professor of political science, on his experiences working with Dr. King in the 1960's and the historical perspective of his life; and Henrietta Tolson, SU professor of community services, on minorities' gains and losses since Dr. King's life.

Friday, Jan. 16, a continuous showing of the film, "From Montgomery to Memphis", the story of Dr. King's life, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Student Union Building.

Both events are hosted by Seattle's U's Minority Student Services Office, and are free and open to the public. For more information, call Minority Student Services at 626-6226 or the Office of Communications at 626-5656.

Sharing The Dream:

A Tribute To Dr. King

State Rep. Jesse Wineberry will be the guest speaker at an assembly at Ingraham High School honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Friday, Jan. 16.

The theme will be "Sharing the Dream—A Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." The assembly is being sponsored by the Black Student Support Group of Ingraham. Advisors for the group are Colleen Walls and Elizabeth Jackson.

Parents and the community are invited to attend either of the two assemblies on Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Steve Wilson is principal and Elizabeth Jackson is assistant principal.

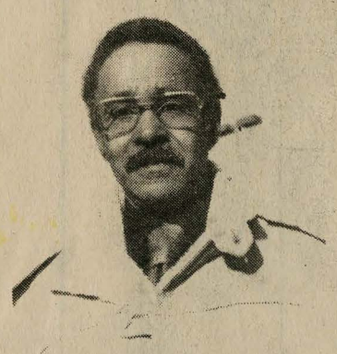
King Celebration

The Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday celebration for South King County will be held on Sunday, Jan. 18, 6 p.m., at St. Anthony's Center, 314 South 4th in Renton. Guest speaker will be City Councilmen Norm Rice. Music will be rendered by the Peace Chorus and the Martin Luther King Mass Choir, directed by Robert Ridley and Frank Bolden. Admission is free.

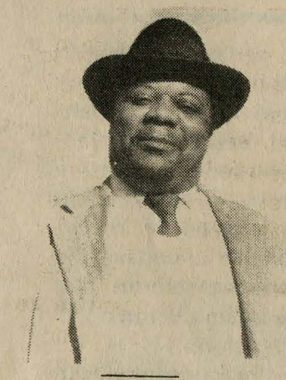
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From Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life was there something that influenced your life?



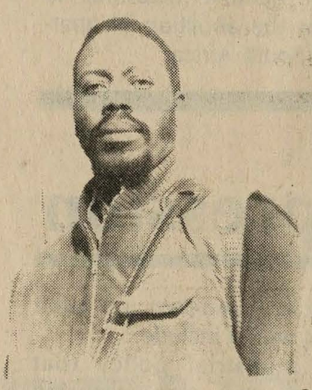
Paul Rogers: "Dr. King brought reality to not only Blacks but all people, that everyone had concerns and special needs. Secondly, he brought to us equality. Dr. King showed us that when Blacks and Whites got together they could bring out understanding. During Dr. King's life was the first time in my life that all races were brought together for a common cause. I'm not saying that it is still happening today but through him we got it started."



James Taylor: "Influences in my life...good can triumph no matter what the obstacles. You build character when you are able to turn the other cheek and learn to love your enemy. Dr. King to me was the ultimate in Black role models."



Donald U. Carter: "The whole way he lived his life. What I remember most was 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you'."



Michael Clark: "I do believe the dream is living on. Dr. King reached out to all people but today some people forget what his dream was all about. We as Black people need to try and understand what our ancestors, especially Dr. King, died for. They died for a purpose and it was to better our lives and condition, for all races."

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New York's Big Apple:

Racist To The Core

By Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.
Executive Director

Their faces were contorted with rage, their bodies wracked with hate. As we marched in protest, over 2,000 strong, through the streets of predominantly White Howard Beach in Queens, New York, we saw racism in its rawest form. No longer hidden behind fluffy lace curtains and neat row houses, the obscene racism that had driven Michael Griffith to his death on a Queens highway had finally been laid bare.

Now, all major charges against the young men who killed Michael Griffith have been dropped. One of them admitted beating Griffith — even stating during the attack, "Let's go back and kill them". Yet they are now all free, reminders of the racism which pervades not only a community, but the criminal justice system as well.

Let us remember the circumstances of the Griffith death which the court so conveniently dismissed. Michael Griffith and two companions were chased by a mob of approximately 12 Whites as the three left a pizza parlor in Howard Beach. The mob then repeatedly beat the three Black men with baseball bats and tree limbs. Chasing them like dogs, they forced Michael Griffith onto the highway where he was struck by a car and killed. The car was driven by a man whom one of the victims identified as a member of the mob.

These are the facts of the case, but they do not tell the whole story. For the whole story can only be seen on the faces of those who live in Howard Beach. We saw those faces as we marched: the families sitting on stoops, young and old alike showing the same looks of rage and disgust. For in this community hate is passed on from generation to generation, from the adults to the young people who screamed, "Go back home, niggers, you don't belong here."

If Howard Beach tells us anything it tells us this: in New York City, the nation's so-called melting pot, racism is a way of life. A Black man who works in the Howard Beach area told a reporter he always wears his uniform home as identification because if he didn't he would be attacked. White security guards routinely patrol the area to ensure that Blacks, as one guard noted, "get through properly".

However, it would be a mistake to see Howard Beach as an exception in New York City. Back in 1982, three Black transit employees were brutally beaten in Brooklyn by a mob of Whites as they left a donut shop. One of them, Willie Turks, was beaten to death and left to die on a sewer grate. In 1983 three Black employees at a Veterans Administration hospital were attacked by White youths hurling bricks and bottles as they left work. That same year young Michael Stewart was beaten to death in a subway station by 11 White Transit policemen. Then, in 1984 White members of a SWAT team shot to death a 66-year old Black grandmother during an eviction in the Bronx.

These are just a few of the racially motivated incidents which have plagued the whole city of New York in recent years. The tolerance of the Black community has been pushed far beyond any rational limit. If we are to deal with this anger constructively we must begin to build strong local, grass-roots organizations, city-wide, to keep the pressure on. Local organizations are needed which can confront racism proactively, rather than scrambling to react to each incident after it occurs.

The series of mass meetings being planned by and for the Black youth of New York City is a good start. The first such meeting will be held in a Black church and this is as it should be. For the Black churches, particularly, must assume a more active role in this struggle.

As always there are those who will now try to minimize the horror of the Howard Beach murder by fefaming the character of the victims, or by ferreting out the so-called "good people" of Howard Beach. And as he has always done, Major Koch continues to portray these incidents as isolated incidents and not symptomatic of the deep-seated racism of the entire city. These tricks will not stop us from remembering what caused this horror, for the Big Apple has been shown to be racist to the core.



Human Rights In Africa

By Norman Hill

In a general, discussions in this country on human rights have focused mainly on Central America, Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union and other areas deemed to be of particular strategic or political importance to the United States. For a number of reasons, rights abuses (or advances) in Africa, with the possible exception of Ethiopia and South Africa, have been largely ignored.

Some have argued that this indifference is tied to the perception that most of Africa is of little economic or strategic value to the United States. A more cynical (and innately racist) view is that democracy and civil liberties are alien to the continent, and that the proliferation of totalitarian regimes is an indication that Africans are "not ready" for democracy.

For Black leaders in America, the issue of human rights in Africa presents something of a conundrum. Their relative inattention to serious rights abuses in a number of nations is partly rooted in a reluctance to acknowledge the political, social and economic repressiveness of some Black African countries, even if many of these conditions are the direct by-product of colonial oppression and the arbitrary drawing of boundaries without regard to tribal and linguistic realities.

When discussing human rights in Africa, several major historical factors must be taken into account. First, the slave trade and colonialism disrupted Africa's independent evolution. Economic progress, education and individual rights were made subservient to the needs of the colonial power. Second, many of Africa's leaders spent the colonial period in exile or jail, where they embraced anti-democratic notions and Marxists ideologies irrelevant to African conditions. And third, many newly independent nations were defined by arbitrary borders, drawn in Europe without regard to tribal and language considerations.

These factors, coupled with desperate economic conditions, often led to the development of systems of government that put a premium on strident state control of all facets of social and economic development at the expense of civil liberties and individual rights.

Of late, a number of African nations have been experimenting with economic decentralization and other reforms that may contribute to greater freedoms in politics and social life. Zaire, Zambia, Somalia, Mali, Guinea, Senegal, Kenya and others have adopted changes that take market forces into greater account, and the resulting economic growth is encouraging.

Increased sensitivity to the issue of human rights and political freedoms has been demonstrated lately in Nigeria, the Sudan, Uganda, and Liberia, although there is certainly more room for improvement. Botswana is a country with a record of democracy and human rights that is unrivaled in Africa. Gambia and Senegal have vigorous parliamentary systems and Kenya is committed to democratic principles and economic reform.

Yet, continued progress in human rights and economic growth depends on continued Western involvement and assistance that help alleviate the causes of abuse. Western funds have been used to assist in law codification, to promote fair elections, to upgrade legal facilities, to educate people about civil and political rights. Economic aid has also been used to combat hunger and disease, and to help refugees.

But financial assistance must be offered in conjunction with diplomatic efforts to promote human rights. Unfortunately, the Reagan Administration has sharply curtailed our economic involvement in Africa and our ability to help African countries make the difficult economic and political transitions they are attempting. Congressional cuts in foreign aid and other factors will dramatically reduce our economic assistance for Africa to $705 million this fiscal year.

That is 35 percent less than in 1985 and 18 percent less than in 1986. As a senior State Department official recently observed, these cuts will seriously damage our interests in Africa and could lead to a reversal of recent African efforts to undertake the critical economic reforms that are so vital as underpinning to human rights reform.

For those of us concerned with democracy and the fundamental issues of human dignity, individual rights and civil liberties, this country's growing indifference to developments in Africa is a disturbing development. Freedom of the press, religious tolerance and free elections are not exclusively Western rights; they are vital human rights. But the impoverished nations of Africa will be unable to foster these rights without resources to meet the basic needs of existence. America cannot ignore Africa, and then point accusing fingers at human rights abuses or the rise of Marxist regimes.

If our human rights policies are to have moral consistency, then we must be ready to aid the aspirations of Africans the way we helped those in Haiti, the Philippines and Latin America. And Black leaders in America must help send this message with the same urgency and force as calls for punitive measures to press for the abolition of apartheid in South Africa.

Reagan's Racist Legacy

By Chuck Stone

A mushrooming of racial setbacks in the last few weeks may be fulfilling the ominous prophecy of a 1968 government report.

"This is our basic conclusion," warned the Lyndon Johnson-appointed Kerner Commission:

"Our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white, separate and unequal."

On the threshold of 1987, that movement leapfrogged across the country in Howard Beach, N.Y; Tampa, Fla.; Jefferson Parish, La.; Charleston, S.C.; the University of Massachusetts; Philadelphia and Arizona.

No longer a regional aberration, racism has been upgraded to legitimacy.

Until Ronald Reagan became president, the Kerner Commission's words have never been ratified with the imprimatur of the presidential seal. It's taken Reagan six years to accomplish this distinction.

But Reagan's benign spirit of "separate but equal" is not new, even though it may deny it finds inspiration in the 19th-century eloquence of that distinguished Southern racist, Henry W. Grady.

"Not the cowardly mask or shotgun," declared Grady, for whom the University of Georgia School of Journalism and Mass Communication is named, "but the peaceful majesty of intelligence, massed and unified for the protection of its (the South's) homes and the preservation of its liberties."

A few days ago, those same sentiments were uttered by a Howard Beach construction worker after a black man had been beaten and killed by a car as he fled from his white assailants.

"It's very easy to spot a black person in this neighborhood," said the worker, "and whenever I see one, I know he's up to no good. They come in the neighborhood and rob everybody."

I can appreciate that emotion, implied Washington Post columnist Richard Cohen, who wrote a justification of D.C. downtown merchants who refuse to admit young black males to their stores.

In Jefferson Parish, La., Sheriff Harry Lee ordered his men to stop all black men "driving a car late at night in a predominantly white neighborhood."

At the famed Citadel in Charleston, S.C., Ku Klux Klan-clad cadets harassed a black cadet, who later resigned. The tepidity of their punishment suggested to many blacks that the Citadel was not offended by the racist prank.

At the University of Massachusetts, a large group of white students violently attacked a small group of blacks who had made the mistake of cheering for the New York Mets' defeat of the Boston Red Sox in the World Series.

According to several black students who attend colleges in the area, racial harassment has become an integral part of their college curriculum.

In Arizona, Reagan ally Governor-elect Evan Mecham rescinded the state's designation of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as a holiday.

This is the new racial polarization that Ronald Reagan has left America as his legacy.

And all of us are morally poorer because of it.

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TO BE EQUAL

Breaking The Back Economic Depression

By John E. Jacob, President
National Urban League

One of the most striking things about the current economic situation is the widespread belief that the United States is operating at full employment levels even though unemployment has stabilized at about seven percent of the workforce.

Black unemployment is stuck at Depression-levels of 15 percent overall, and around 50 percent for young people.

And since the official definition of the labor force excludes discouraged jobseekers who no longer look for work that isn't there and part-time workers who want and need full-time jobs, the official jobless rates are grossly understated.

But we are up against a political climate that is comfortable with what used to be recession-level unemployment rates for the total economy and is comfortable with a prolonged economic Depression in the Black community.

This comfort level continues even though the safety net for the unemployed has been torn away. Less than a third of the jobless today receive unemployment benefits compared to about two-thirds a decade ago.

With a sluggish economy, it is unlikely that unemployment will fall without federal policies that stimulate job growth — and this Administration is not going to do that.

Nor will it try to do much about the racial job disparity. Blacks are disproportionately found in low-level manufacturing, sales and clerical jobs, often in industries hit hardest by automation and by imports.

The combination of high unemployment, low wage job concentrations, and vulnerability to lawoffs have helped to lower the real income of Black families. Blacks are 11 percent of the population but earn only 7.4 percent of all money income in the U.S.

A Census Bureau study released this year shows that the median household net wealth of Black families is only $3,400 — and that includes the car and the house! The median net wealth for White families was almost 12 times more — $39,100.

A third of all Black households had no assets at all, and the bulk of Black assets were in useable goods like autos, while White families typically had income producing financial assets.

The federal government must implement social and economic policies to close the racial gap in economic performance and create opportunities for Black economic growth. While those steps would be non-racial, they would have a disproportionate impact on Black people, thus advancing Black economic progress.

A brief rundown of such policies would include:

•An inudstrial policy that preserves our manufacturing base.

•Rational trade polices that create jobs at home and don't export them to East Asia and other parts of the world.

•An education policy that assures quality training and higher level skills that enable disadvantaged youngsters to enter the economic mainstream.

•And a national full employment policy that guarantees productive work to all of the jobless and training to all who need it to become productive.

The economic future of Black Americans largely depends on those or similar federal policies that will redress the imbalance of an inefficient market and the ravages of history.

RELIGION

Odessa Brown's MLK Birthday Celebration

We Need A Rainbow Coalition For God, Says Black Actor

By Priscilla Hailey
Staff Writer

The Rev. Clifton Davis, co-star of "Amen," was the special guest speaker at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Birthday Celebration presented by Odessa Brown Children's Clinic, last Sunday, Jan. 11 at Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Davis, a composer and accomplished singing artist, brought the audience to an uproar as he sang, "God Sent His Son, They Called Him Jesus."

An assistant pastor at Loma Linda Seventh Day Adventist Church in Loma Linda, California, Davis spoke on, "The Real Price of Freedom." He said that we have a Rainbow Coalition for civil rights but now we need a Rainbow Coalition for God.

"When you think about Dr. King's dream," he continued, "you think about Jesus. You think about how God sent him that he might bring freedom.

"The price of freedom goes beyond economics. Visions go beyond suffering. King had a vision that refused to wait anymore.

"Dr. King had a higher calling—a vision from God, a commitment to God," he continued.

He said, "We should take time to serve mankind because when you're serving mankind, you're serving God."

Davis, who television viewers know best as the handsome son on the series "That's My Mama," concluded by saying that when he was asked to return to show business, he didn't want to compromise his faith by getting involved in Hollywood but out of the blue, there was a need for someone to play a minister in a new television series — "Amen."

He said the Lord told him, "To go forth my son, I'm with you every step of the way."

He said that as a minister, he has to think about the kind of roles he takes. But "Amen" gives him a chance to work as an actor and still express Christian values.

The Martin Luther King Odessa Brown's Clinic Award was presented to **Lisa Jacobs** who spent three fourths of her life as a patient at the clinic. She is now a sophomore at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia.

Curtis Midkiff, a student at South Shore Middle School received a standing ovation after reciting Dr. King's famous speech, "I Have A Dream."

The Odessa Brown Children's Clinic celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday is one of the many programs scheduled during January as we celebrate his birthday.

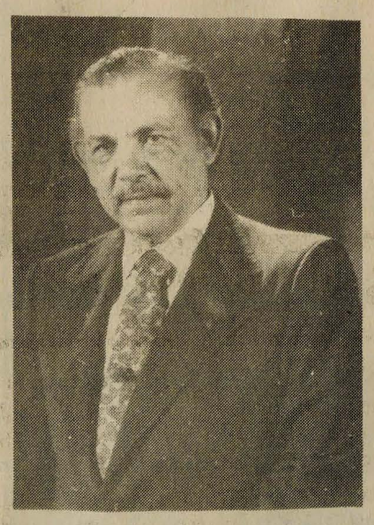
In Remembrance Of
Robert James Melonson, Sr.

A U.S. Postal Service employee for 28 years, Robert James Melonson, Sr. passed away Jan. 9, 1987 in Swedish Hospital Medical Center. Robert was born in Ames, Texas on June 20, 1924.

In 1948, he was united in matrimony to Cecilia Broussard (who preceded him in death). To this union eight children were born.

In 1981, he was united in matrimony to Ethel Hebert.

Rosary will be held on Friday, Jan. 16, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Therese Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Saturday, Jan. 17 at 11 a.m. at St. Therese Catholic Church. Arrangements are by Bonney Watson Funeral Home.



Robert Melonson, Sr.

His survivors include, his wife, Ethel; one daughter, Wanda Melonson of Harvey, Louisiana; seven sons, Wayne, Gary, Marlowe, Michael, Errol, Yul and Robert, Jr., of Seattle; his mother, Frances Melonson of Ames, Texas; four brothers, Douglas of Detroit, Michigan; Jerome and Timothy of Ames, Texas; and Allan of San Antonio, Texas; 12 grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Herman Cotton Dies At 61

Mr. Herman Cotton died on Jan. 4, 1987 after a brief illness. He was one of the few Black men who owned and trained thoroughbred horses.

For 21 years, Herman raced his horses at Longacres, Yakima Meadows, Portland Meadows and Bay Meadows.

Prize Rebel, Fair Court, Kissin' Rebel and M. Dear Rebel are only four of the several horses trained and owned by Herman.

A United States Army veteran, he joined the service at age 18, following graduation from high school and served until the end of the war.

He leaves to mourn, his loving wife, Jacqueline and his devoted aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Funderburg.



Herman Cotton

Rememberances can be sent to the Oncology Department of Providence Hospital in Seattle.

In Memory Of The Rev. Carson

The Rev. Dr. B. Leon Carson departed this life at University Hospital in Seattle on Saturday, Jan. 10, 1987 at 12 p.m.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. at Ebenezer A.M.E. Zion Church, 1716-23rd Avenue, where the Rev. L.J. Thornton is pastor.

Funeral director is Allen's Evergreen Funeral Home.

Governor Gardner Keynotes
Special King Tribute

Governor Booth Gardner will be the keynote speaker for the Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday celebration at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 19 at the Emerald City Seventh Day Adventist Church, 25th and East Columbia.

The Seattle Committee of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Washington State Holiday Commission is sponsoring this event, which will feature the Hosanna Community Choir, directed by Alfred Taylor, in a musical tribute. The committee asks that everyone attending bring a food item for donation to a local food bank.

The program caps a week-long tribute to Dr. King in the Seattle area. The State Holiday Commission's official theme for this year's celebration is "Keeping The Dream Alive—A Day Of Peace."

Dr. King expressed this vision in his December 1964 Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech: "Sooner or later all the people of the world will have to discover a way to live together in peace. We must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love."

CHURCH BRIEFS

The Table Is Spread

God's spirit is falling and many already have stepped out into it's rain.

The revival, at Unity Church of God In Christ, 4055 38th Avenue South, has proven to be all that was promised last week.

Beginning with the musical held last Saturday, the power of God has manifested itself mightly throughout this week. Under the anointed charge of Elder Reginald Witherspoon, God's evanglic message explodes with the promise of great things to come in 1987. So come, feast with the Unity family and their pastor, Elder James E. Hicks now through Friday, Jan. 16. Choirs will sing each night.

1987 MLK Lectureship

The Odessa Brown Children's Clinic, an outpatient facility of Children's Hospital and Medical Center is sponsoring the 1987 Martin Luther King, Jr. Lectureship.

This year's guest speaker is Dr. Henry W. Foster, professor and chairperson, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Meharry Medical College and clinical professor, Department of Obstretics and Gynecology, Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

His lecture topic is "Adolescent Pregnancy: A National Dilemma." The lectureship will take place on Thursday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m. in Jessie Shields Fellowship Hall, Mount Zion Baptist Church, 1634 19th Avenue.

A reception will follow the lectureship. For more information call Marie Aldover at 329-7876.

An Evening With The Rev. William Gray

The Christian Century Lecture Series Northwest presents an evening with the Rev. William Gray and a House of Representative from Pennsylvania on Friday, Feb. 6, 8-10 p.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 1634-19th Avenue.

Gray who is an ordained Baptist minister, is also chair, House Committee on the Budget; and his serving his fourth term in Congress from Pennsylvania's Second Congressional District. Rep. Gray authored the House version of the Anti-Apartheid Acts of 1985 and 1986.

Gray will address the topic "Church and State: Allies or Adversaries?"

The event is free and open to the public. Freewill offering will be taken to cover local expenses of the lecture. For additional information call the Church Council of Greater Seattle at 525-1213.

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The White Family In Concert

The Emmanuel Baptist Church family will be presenting the White Family in concert Saturday, Jan. 17 at 6 p.m. The concert is being held at Beacon Hill First Baptist Church, 1607 South Forest, where Dr. Robert Houston is pastor and Sister Sharon Smith is the minister of Music.

They will be praising God in song, you don't want to miss these young people. Appearing with the White Family, are Bro. Demetrius White, drummer, Sister Yolanda White and Bro. Cuttray White, lead singers, who are also students of Garfield High School. Sister Yashica White, minister of music, will play the organ and piano.

Sister Ernestine Dillard In Concert

The Mass Choir of the Progressive Missionary Baptist Church will be presenting Sis. Ernestine Dillard, the wife of the Rev. Lomus Dillard pastor of Curry C.M.E. Church, in concert Sunday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.

Sis. Dillard is a newcomer to the Seattle-Tacoma area and a dynamic soloist. We are asking all our friends to come and hear this woman of God sing praises to the Lord. Come expecting an explosion for the Lord.

Progressive Church is located on the corner of 14th & Spring where Rev. A. Bernard Devers is the pastor.

Friday Evening Worship Services

To every person that is letting Satan hold them hostage, there is a way out through the plan of Salvation. On Friday, Jan. 16, 10:30 p.m. there is a worship service you are invited to attend at Beacon Hill First Baptist Church, 1607 South Forest Street. The public is invited.

Their pastor has been blessed with a total ministry. His Sunday morning message was "The Decision You Make Determines Your Destiny," Genesis 13:1-2. Think about it. Dr. Robert Houston is pastor.

King Celebration

The Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday celebration for South King County will be held on Sunday, Jan. 18, 6 p.m., at St. Anthony's Center, 314 SO. 4th in Renton. Guest speaker will be City Councilmen Norm Rice. Music will be rendered by the Peace Chorus and the Martin Luther King Mass Choir, directed by Robert Ridley and Frank Bolden. Admission is free.

Annual Washington State Dinner

Come and join us, on Saturday, Jan. 24, 7:30 p.m. The Full Gospel Pentecostal Federated Church Association is having their annual Washington State dinner, being held at the East Madison YMCA located at 23rd and Olive.

All are welcome. Donations accepted. Sister H. Jefferson is state supervisor; Elder James Shaw is state overseer. For more information call 226-7411.

Abernathy To Speak At Goodwill



The Rev. Dr. Ralph Abernathy

The Rev. Dr. Ralph David Abernathy of Atlanta, Georgia will bring the message at Goodwill Baptist Church, 126-15th Avenue during a special Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Service Sunday, Jan. 18 at 11 a.m.

Dr. Abernathy was Dr. King's closest friend and confident. Special music will be rendered by Goodwill's Mass Choir.

The Rev. Dr. Levi Benjamin Baldwin, Jr. is pastor.

A Gospel Choir Festival

Celebrating the life and ministry of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Shades of Praise Choir, directed by Kent Stevenson and the Total Experience Choir, directed by Pat Wright, will be having a gospel choir festival Sunday, Jan. 18, 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 811 Fifth Avenue.

This will be an evening for remembering with honor and reverance the man who inspired millions of people to fight for their personal and religious freedom; a night to hear the best gosepl in Seattle; a time for lifting up the work of the Emergency Feeding Program, sponsored by the Black United Clergy for Action (BUCFA); and night for recognizing the Church Council of Greater Seattle, innovator and leader of social programs and ecumenical action in the great Northwest.

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King Holiday Growing Into World Movement

By Larry Still

Wash., D.C. — Republican senate leader Robert Dole (Kan.) and Rep. Mervyn Dymally (D-Calif.), new chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus in the 100th Congress opening here, joined Coretta Scott King in urging support of the second official King Holiday observances in 40 states, 120 countries and thousands of cities throughout the U.S. and world.



Although the observances are continuing to grow into a worldwide movement affecting all peoples, Senator Dole expressed "some disappointment" that the private business sector was not providing more support along with municipal, state and federal agencies, and the United Nations.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development, which maintains the Federal Holiday Commission, and the Department of Defense, ironically, provided much of the logistical and manpower services for organizing 1987 activities, including the annual march-parade, with military units, in Atlanta, Jan. 15-19. (Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday is Jan. 15)

The commission receives no government grant, but hopes to help raise a million dollars for the King Center to invest in sustaining funds when the agency expires in April, 1989, an official stated, after it was reported $60,000 short of its $250,000 budget this year.

However, Mrs. King agreed she would urge the commission to take steps to prevent the commercialization of the observances similar to other national holidays. "Martin was such a moral person, it would be tragic to honor him with a white sale on sheets," she declared in announcing plans.

"We must continue to be on guard against those who would make the holiday a 'Black Holiday', his widow also stated. "Martin's life represented a triumph of all peoples-Black, White, Hispanic, Native Ameicans, Asians and many others, all of whom joined together in a common struggle for justice and righteousness," she added in emphasizing that his influence "extended beyond the Afro-American Freedom Struggle to every nation of the world."

"We are convinced that the first national observance strenghtened... the world's commitment to Martin's nonviolence and will continue to do so with each succeeding year. The unbelievers in time will become the believers", she added in referring to current struggles in the Philippines and Africa.

Secretary of State George Schultz, Dr. Robert Schuller of the 'Hour of Power' television ministry, and the Revs. Joseph Lowery, Jesse Jackson and Benjamin Hooks, NAACP executive director, were scheduled to participate in the annual ecumenical service at Ebenezer Baptist Church, which King and his father pastored. Other participants include Dorothy Height, president National Council of Negro Women; Dr. Lynne V. Cheney, chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities; British star Michael York and representatives of India. A national symposium on "Economic Justice for African Frontline Nations" will be held at the King Center

The official noliday theme, "Living The Dream: Let Freedom Ring" will be emphasized by having Freedom Bells symbolically struck in Philadelphia and in 50 states in cooperation with 5,000 radio stations who will carry messages from such stars as Kenny Rogers, Stevie Wonder and Barbara Streisand. The formalization of instruction on Dr. King and non-violence will be outlined by Secretary of Education William Bennett and the re-establishment of the national student coalition so active during the civil rights movement will be discussed at a conference of college and university students during the five day conference.

Distinguished Lectureship Series:

A View from Within

By Dr. Ali A. Mazrui

Noted Africanist and scholar Dr. Ali A. Mazrui will speak on "The Africans: A View From Within" Jan 14 at the second of the University of Washington's 1986-87 Distinguished Lectureship Series in Foreign Affairs.

Mazrui is research professor at the University of Jos in Nigeria, professor of political science and of Afro-American and African studies at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

More recently, he has been noted as the writer and presenter of PBS' nine-week controversial television series "The Africans."

The Wednesday public free lecture will start at 7:30 p.m. in Meany Theater.

A native of Kenya, Mazrui, 53, is professionally associated with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) as an author, narrator and presenter.

He is the author of five books, including African documentaries as well as a novel with an African setting. He is a past president of the African Studies Association of the U.S. and a past vice president of the International Congress of African Studies.

Mazrui's causes also have involved him with the International Congress of Africanists, the International Political Science Association, the African Section of the World Order Models Project, WETA Television, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences, United Kenya Club, London' Athenaeum Club and the Royal Commonwealth Society in London.

He received a bachelor's degree with distinction from Manchester University in England, a master's from Columbia University in New York and a doctorate from Oxford University in England.

DID YOU KNOW?

By Robert N. Taylor

When you are depressed the simple act of smiling can make you feel better. According to experiments at the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine adopting a facial expression — be it a smile or a frown — can trigger a feeling associated with that particular expression.

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The fastest growing segment of the nation's homeless population is families with children. According to a survey of 25 big city mayors families now account for 28% of the homeless. A shortage of low-income housing and Reagan administration cutbacks in social programs have made the problem worse.

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This week's favorite quote comes from W. Clement Stone: "When you are burdened by self-doubt, say to yourself: 'DO IT NOW!'"

Applications Are Now Being Accepted For Project Homecoming

Project Homecoming is a unique educational and cultural program that provides the opportunity for Seattle, Tacoma and Portland area high school students to visit Black colleges and universities.

Applications are now being accepted for potential candidates for the 1987 tour of prominent east coast schools.

Any high school student who will be a sophomore, junior or senior in 1987-88, with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5, and is interested in attending a historically Black college or university is encouraged to apply.

All applications must be submitted by Thursday, Feb. 5.

For additional on Project Homecoming and the application process please contact: James Staples at 644-4071.

Drugged Driving Program Wins National Honors

Kids and drugs aren't usually a winning combination. But one teenage anti-drug video program sponsored by the Washington Traffic Safety Commission is piling up national honors.

The program is a multi-image presentation, called "Soul Survivor," produced by Seattle's Watts Silverstein. So far it has captured a Gold Award in the 1986 Association for Multi-Image Festival, "Best of Show" in the Best of the EWest Festival, a Gold Award in the New York Film & Television Awards and a Gold Award in the Industrial Film Producers of America annual awards ceremony.

The 14 minute presentation, featuring music by Tina Turner and Glenn Frye, bombards, a 9 x 25 foot screen with images from nine slide projectors. The message is clear: mixing driving and drug use is dangerous. The story line hits hard the dangers of peer pressure and the need for sound decision making.

"Soul Survivor"; is shown in high schools statewide with the aid of three State Troopers. It is the newest of three Traffic Safety Commission multi-image programs. The other two award-winning shows promote safety belt use and sober driving under the titles "A Matter of Time" and "Friday Night Live."

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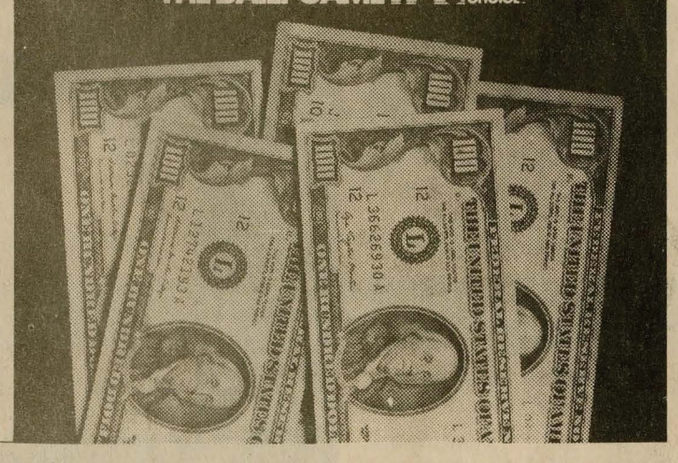
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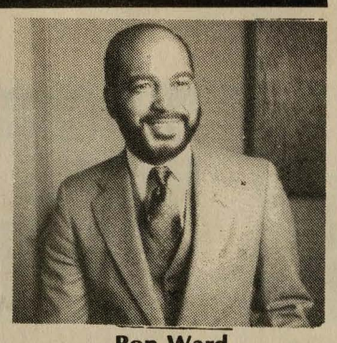
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ASK YOLONDA

READER ASK:

Should I Become An African Queen?



Yolonda Gayles

DEAR YOLONDA: I'm a 35-year-old Black woman, and the mother of three boys. I've net a gentlemen who treats me ike a queen. He's a native African, and he has those strong British mannerisms. I can truly say that I've never been with a man who treats me better.

Recently he has been getting very edgy about living in the United States and he has told me that he is ready to return to his native country, Ghana. I understand that his family is prosperous, so a job and a home is already waiting for him. He has asked me to move home with him--and get this, he has even agreed to take my kids with us!

Before I met this man, the thought of Africa had never entered my mind. All I know about the continent is the starvation, and the repeated military coups they seem to always have here. I've done a little traveling, but I've never been out the country.

My friends tell me that I would never adjust to Africa. They also tell me that I could never be happily married to a native African. They tell me that after I leave the country, I would be his servant. I don't believe my friend is like that, but I don't know how he would act on his own territory. I would like your opinion.

Lourie

DEAR LOURIE: Are you the adventurous type, capable of living away from family and friends? Ghana's a big country. Will you live in the city or country? Your answers will determine how well you adjust.

Solution: Let him go, but make a decision to visit him in the summer. Go to your nearby college and look on the bulletin boards for summer overseas charters. You don't have to be a student to take advantage of the many affordable rates.

After the visit, you can make a clearer choice. Don't go to your friends. I mean, they sound as though they know less about Africa (and Africans) then you do.

A Valuable Xmas Gift

DEAR YOLONDA: My creative 13-year-old niece sent this to me. I value it more than some very expensive things that I've received so far. You may share it with your readers.

Marsha

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DEAR MARSHA: Now that's a good idea. Thanks for sharing.

One Way To Find The Truth

DEAR YOLONDA: My girlfriend tells me that the only way to find out if a man is being honest and truthful with you is to put him to the test. She says tht if she spends the night over a man's house, she rambles through his closetsand medicine cabinet to learn more about him, and to find out if any other women have been in his life in the past few weeks.

It sounds sneaky, but I admit hat I find the idea interesting. What do you think?

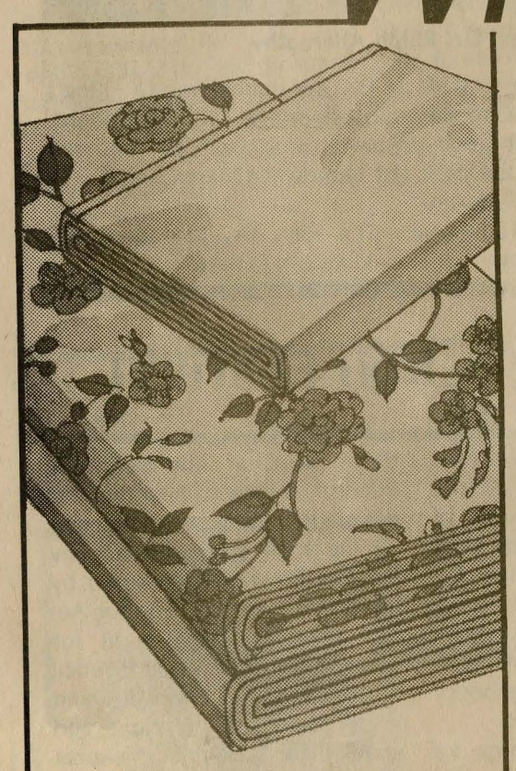
C.C.D.

DEAR C.C.D.: Would you want a man going through your closets? I think not. Further, suppose your girlfriend's friend wakes up and finds her rummaging through his personal stuff? That might be the end of their friendship. File this in the bad idea category.

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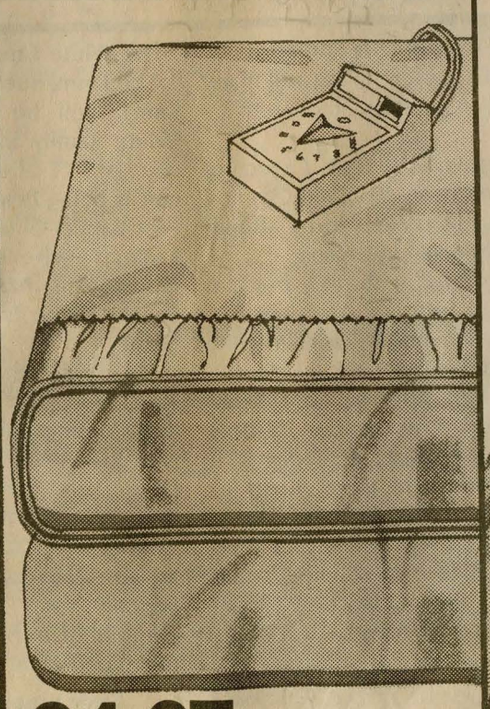
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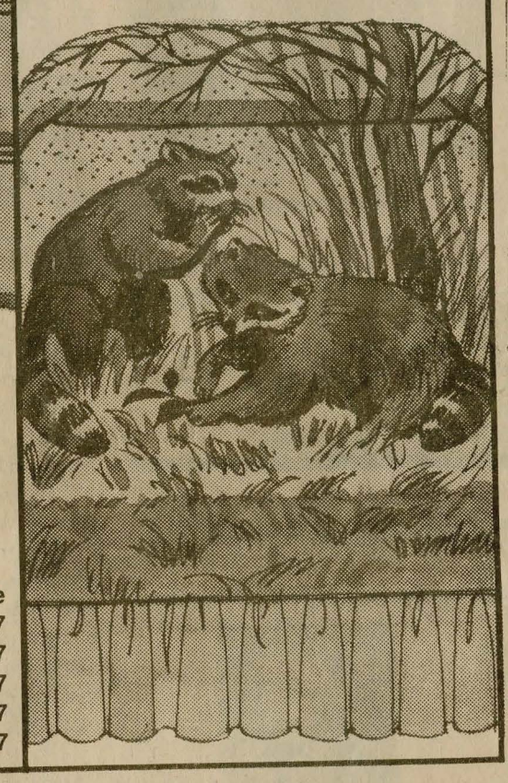
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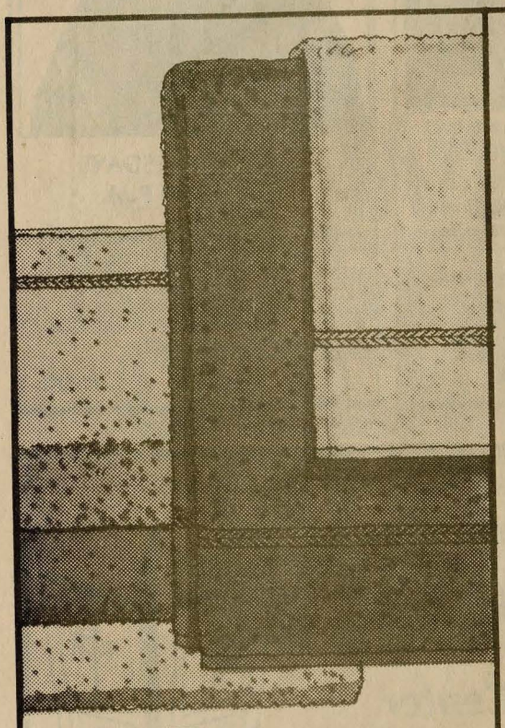
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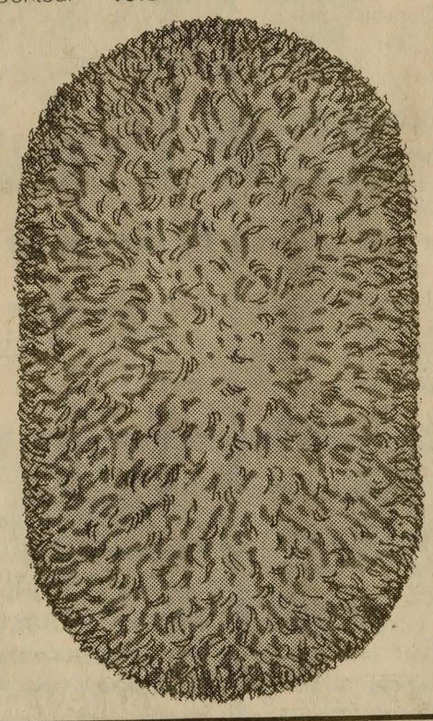


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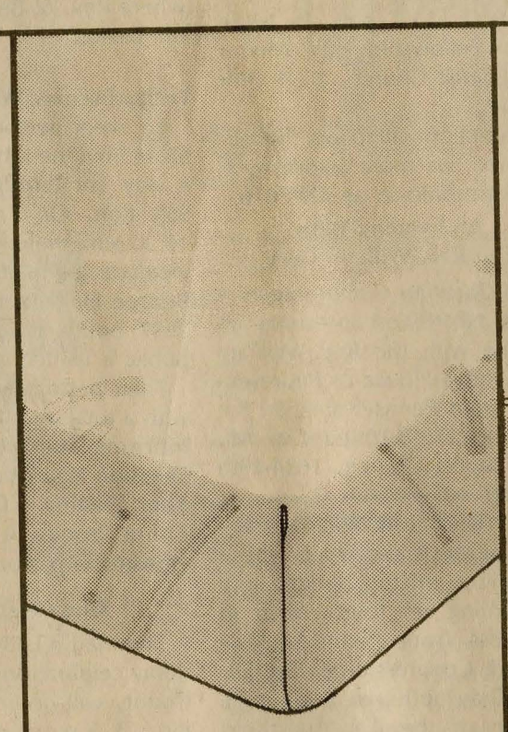
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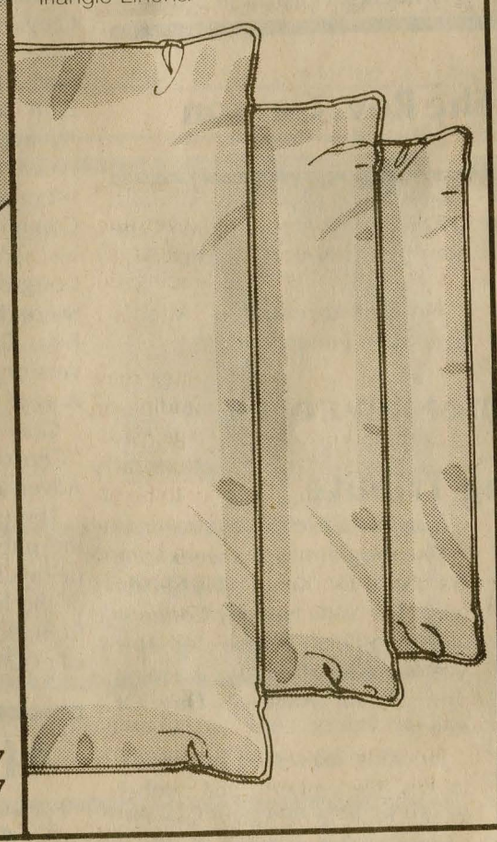
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SPORTS

It's A Doubleheader

Baseball Superstar Dave Winfield Talks With Basketball Supertstar Michael Jordan On Essence



Pictured from left are Dave Winfield and Michael. Photo/Jim Taylor.

On this week's "Essence," guest co-host New York Yankee superstar Dave Winfield talks with basketball superstar Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls. Jordan, considered today's hottest marketing commodity, discusses his successful career on the court and his enterprising business ventures, which include several product endorsements and personal appearances.

Asked by Winfield what is the downside of being a single man, Jordan answers, "There's no downside...I love it."

Also featured this week, master music video choreographer Michale Peters narrates the first of a two-part "Our Style" series that focuses on the influence of Black men on the art of dance. Features include tap dancers Harold Nicholas and Maurice Hines and choreographer Henry Letang, whose credits include the movie "The Cotton Club," and Broadway shows "Eubie" and "Sophisticated Ladies."

On "Up Front," host Susan Taylor talks to a recovering alcoholic mother and her son about how the disease has affected their lives.

"Essence" airs Sunday, 8 a.m. on KTZZ Channel 22.

It's Basketball Time Again!

The Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club is looking for basketball teams for an in-house basketball league. The age levels are the following: 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, and 16-18. There will be eight seasonal games and playoffs and championship games. Trophies will be awarded to the first place teams.

This program is designed to provide fun, physical fitness, team work, positive attitude and fair play. The cost is only $8 a player, which includes an insurance plan and membership.

Sign-ups are being held at Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club, 4610 Virburum Court South, Jan. 19-31. For more information call 725-4197.

ENTERTAINMENT

Pointer Sisters Star In First Special

By Wendy Wallace

"I'm really excited about it. It's like a dream come true," says June Pointer, the youngest member of the singing Pointer Sisters, rounded out by Ruth and Anita.

"Our first network special is getting to know the Pointer Sisters; it's a lot of our own personalities coming out. And that's what the special is built around. It's our time and we want to make sure everyone else has a good time, too."

Pointer is describing the sisters' first special, "Pointer Sisters... Up All Nite," airing Friday, Jan. 23, on NBC. The special features the Pointers in an all-night musical tour of Los Angeles after they miss the last plane home.

Included are appearances at some of the city's top clubs, such as the Palace and Scream, as well as musical numbers from their latest album "Hot Together."

"We're night people and we work mostly at night. For the title, it was a toss up between 'Up All Nite' or 'Out All Nite,' " the singer says. " 'Up All Nite' was more realistic, more like what we're really like. Once you see the special, you'll realize that you can be 'Up All Nite' and still have a good time."

Joining the Pointers are guest stars Whoopi Goldberg and Bruce Willis, who makes his singing debut with songs from his upcoming debut album. The McGuire Sisters also make an appearance, which, according to Pointer, was "in itself a rare treat."

"Whoopi Goldberg was definitely our choice. We asked her and she made time to do it," Pointer says. "And in the middle of her honeymoon, too. We really appreciated that. And Bruce Willis, we're singing on his latest single. So everything clicked, everything fell into place. It was a group effort."

That the Pointer Sisters have been a dynamic presence in the music industry for over 12 years is quite evident by the number of awards they've claimed — three Grammy Awards — and endless gold and platinum albums.

"We're hard workers and we like to do the best we can posibly do. And we do it well, that's what we go for.

"We'll wait and see what will come out of this and we'll take it from there," the singer responds when asked about doing another special.

"We have the bait and everything's out there. We're just waiting for the fish to take it. Let's hope they'll bite and everything will work for us."

FRIDAY



The Grammy Award-winning Pointer Sisters (l.-r., June, Anita, Ruth) are joined by Whoopi Goldberg on "The Pointer Sisters ... Up All Nite." The musical special airs Friday, Jan. 23, on NBC.

(Stations reserve the right to make last-minute changes.)

SPORTS

WEDNESDAY'S SPORTS

JANUARY 14, 1987

EVENING

6:00 (15) COLLEGE BASKETBALL North Carolina at Virginia (Live) (Subject to blackout)
(U) WRESTLING
8:00 (15) AMERICA'S CUP: CHALLENGE DOWN UNDER Challenger's Final. (Live)
8:30 (10) SPORTS TONIGHT
11:30 (10) SPORTS LATENIGHT
12:00 (15) SPORTSCENTER
12:30 (15) NBA TODAY
1:00 (15) COLLEGE BASKETBALL Western Kentucky at Jacksonville (R)

THURSDAY'S SPORTS

JANUARY 15, 1987

EVENING

6:00 (15) COLLEGE BASKETBALL Wake Forest at North Carolina State (Live)
7:00 (13) HUSKY BASKETBALL
7:30 (13) COLLEGE BASKETBALL Arizona at Washington State (Live)
8:00 (15) AMERICA'S CUP: CHALLENGE DOWN UNDER Challenger's Final. (Live)
8:30 (10) SPORTS TONIGHT
(15) SPORTSCENTER
9:00 (15) NFL FILMS PRESENTS
9:30 (15) VOLLEYBALL World Pro Beach Tournament of Champions, from Santa Barbara, Calif. (R)
10:30 (15) WINNER'S CIRCLE HORSE RACING MAGAZINE
11:00 (15) SPORTSLOOK
(19) INSIDE THE NFL Hosts: Len Dawson, Nick Buoniconti. In stereo.
11:30 (10) SPORTS LATENIGHT
(15) SPORTSCENTER
12:00 (15) TOP RANK BOXING Lupe Aquino vs. Anthony Wiley in a junior middleweight bout scheduled for 10 rounds, from Las Vegas. (R)
2:30 (15) FITNESS CHALLENGE

SATURDAY'S SPORTS

JANUARY 17, 1987

AFTERNOON

1:00 (7) COLLEGE BASKETBALL Regional coverage of West Virginia at Notre Dame or Nevada-Las Vegas at Oklahoma. (Live)
(13) COLLEGE BASKETBALL Arizona at Washington (Live)
2:00 (15) NFL FILMS PRESENTS Highlights of Super Bowl XII. (Dallas Cowboys vs. Denver Broncos)
2:30 (15) NFL FILMS PRESENTS Highlights of Super Bowl XIII. (Dallas Cowboys vs. Pittsburgh Steelers)
(13) COLLEGE BASKETBALL Stanford at Califronia - Berkley (Live)
(15) SPEEDWEEK
3:05 (17) WRESTLING
3:30 (5) KODAK ALL-AMERICAN FOOTBALL TEAM A salute to outstanding players in college football, as selected by the American Football Coaches Association.
(7) THIS IS THE NFL A weekly feature highlighting a player or team from the past, a current personality and an analytical preview of the week's most important contest. (Taped)
5:30 (17) COLLEGE BASKETBALL Southwest Texas at Oral Roberts (Live)

EVENING

7:30 (7) NBA BASKETBALL Seattle SuperSonics at Sacramento Kings (Live)
(15) NFL FILMS PRESENTS Highlights of Super Bowl XIV. (Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Los Angeles Rams)

SUNDAY'S SPORTS

JANUARY 18, 1987

MORNING

8:30 (10) NFL PREVIEW
(15) SPORTSCENTER SUNDAY
9:00 (7) NBA BASKETBALL Houston Rockets at Boston Celtics (Live)
(15) NFL SUPERSTARS Profiled: Pat Fischer.
(U) WRESTLING
9:30 (15) COLLEGE BASKETBALL: 1983 FINAL FOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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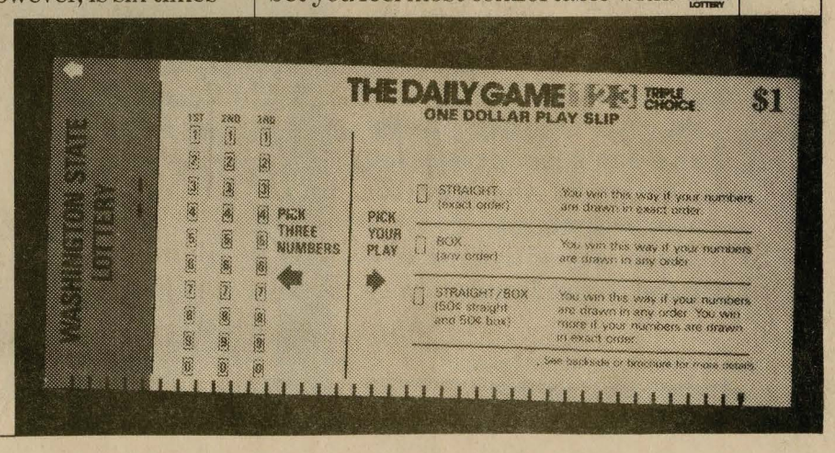
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CHILD WATCH

Prevent Children Having Children: Start Early

By Marian Wright Edelman

In trying to prevent teen pregnancy, which stage of a child's life is most cruical?

Many adults would automatically answer: the preteen and teen years. This is when we usually become most urgently concerned about a child's risk of too-early pregnancy and parenthood.

But we cannot afford to wait that long. Helping a child to develop and grow in the crucial early years—birth to five—will improve that child's chance of becoming a healthy, motivated teen. And we know that such a teen has a better prospect of avoiding too-early pregnancy and parenthood.

One important key to helping lay a firm foundation for a young child is a strong early childhood development experience. Programs that help children learn and that assist their emotional and social development pay off in later life, research tells us. A 20-year follow up study on graduates of one such program found that the children in it were more likely to graduate from high school, more likely to be supporting themselves, and less likely to become teen parents.

The importance of aiding our children's development before they go to school is now becoming widely recognized. In a report issued in August, the National Governor's Association recommends that states provide quality programs for four-year-olds and, where possible, three-year-olds as well. In the past three years, 14 states have passed legislation that sets up or expands such programs.

Early childhood programs must be able to serve both parents and children well. Working parents need full-day services which accommodate their schedules. All children, regardless of whether they are participating in full- or part-day programs, need comprehensive and high quality services.

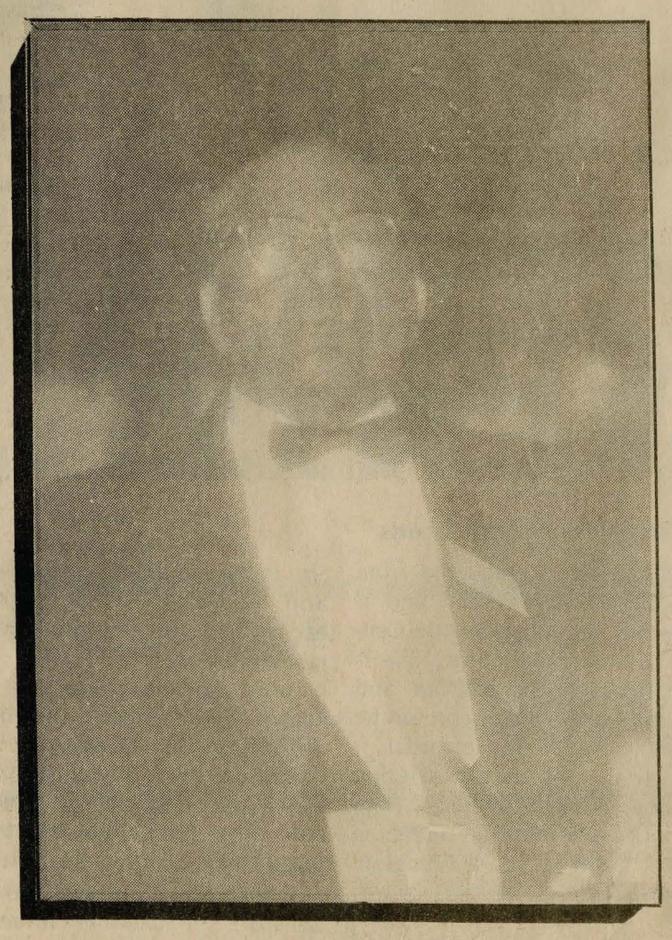
As the NGA report says, "The early years of a child's life are the foundation upon which all skills will be built. If there are weaknesses in this foundation, early detection and correction are essential to future growth and learning."

Our government must make the investments in child care, Head Start and other programs for young children that can give every child this foundation. The problems will be harder and costlier to fix later on.

Mrs. Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund, a national voice for children.

Ernest Moore:

An Indigenous Person



Ernest Moore

Ernest R. Moore a coal miner was born May 15, 1912 in Franklin, Washington to his parents Alfred and Annie Moore.

As a child he attended Franklin Elementary School and Black Diamond High School.

In the year of 1928, he and his brother Alfred Jr. came to Seattle and resided at the Woodson Apartments until 1933.

After the passing of his brother, he returned to Franklin and started working in the coal mines until 1940.

His father passed away, then he and his mother moved to Seattle. He was employed at the Quartermaster's Depot during World War II.

In 1952 he was employed by Seattle's Engineering Department and worked with the department until 1970 upon his retirement.

The Seattle Arts Commission, was seeking history of the Northwest and Ernest Moore joined a writting class at Langston Hughes Cultural Arts Center. After writing the story of "The Coal Miner Who Came Wesxt," it was published by the Northwest Advertising Company.

The old town of Franklin is now being remembered by Green River Community College's history class. In the summer of 1986 students explored for artifacts, coins, medicine bottles and firearms.

There will be a display at Green River Community College in Auburn Thursday, Jan. 15 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Dinner will be served from 12-1 p.m. Ernest will be guest speaker and will display pictures and prints of Franklin.

The Flu Is Here

During the past week, influenza A/Taiwan/1/86 (H1N1) was detected in a Washington resident, the first confirmation of influenza in the state this season. In King County, influenza-like illness is being reported widely.

Most of the reported illness has been seen by physicians and outpatient clinics, without requiring hospitalization.

Symptoms are generally an acute onset of high fever, bodyaches, headache, and nonproductive cough. Of those reporting illness, the majority have been children and young adults, as expected with the Taiwan flu.

The public is reminded that aspirin and other aspirin-based medications should be avoided by children and young adults who experience flu-like illness because of their linkage with the dangerous, but rare, Reye's Syndrome following influenza and chickenpox. Use an aspirin substitute for relief of fever and pain, instead. Aspirin is generally safe for adults experiencing flu symptoms.

In addition, your doctor may prescribe a drug (amantadine or Symmetrel) to protect against illness caused by the influenza A virus. This drug, in order to be effective in persons who are unvaccinated must be taken before exposure to the virus for protection, or within 24-48 hours after the onset of illness to lessen the severity of symptoms.

The best protection against influenza is previous vaccination. Both the standard and the supplemental Taiwan vaccines for high risk persons under 35 years of age are still available. Since a two week period after vaccination is required for adequate protection, your doctor may prescribe a drug during that time to protect you if you are at high risk for complications of influenza.

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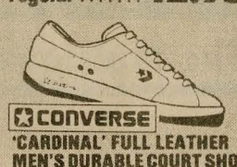
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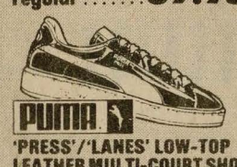
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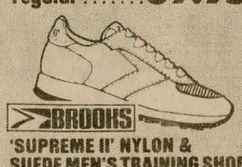
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IRS Announces 1987 Assistance Programs Available

The Internal Revenue Service recently announced the schedule of services that will be available during the 1987 filing season. The services available include: direct telephone assistance, walk-in assistance, automated self-help areas, Forms and Publications, Outreach, VITA, TCE, Tele-Tax, and TTY assistance for the deaf.

Direct telephone assistance will be available Monday through Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:25 p.m. The number to call for assistance in Seattle is 442-1040. From anywhere else in the state, the toll free number is 1-800-424-1040.

Most calls will be answered quickly, but during peak periods, such as near the end of the filing period, or on most Mondays and Tuesdays, you may be faced with repeated busy signals or waiting on hold for some time. The best times to get through are the middle of the week and mid-morning or mid-afternoon.

Walk-in assistance will be available in IRS offices in Seattle and Spokane. IRS employees will not prepare your return for you, but they will answer questions and help you prepare your own return at these locations. Walk-in hours in Seattle are Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. These hours are for the filing period only.

IRS offices in the following cities will offer Automated Self-Help Areas: Aberdeen, Bellevue, Bellingham, Bremerton, Everett, Kennewick, Olympia, Tacoma, Vancouver, Wenatchee and Yakima. Automated Self-Help Areas provide a selection of the most used forms and publications and automatic dial telephones from which to order additional forms or request answers to tax questions.

The IRS has over 100 free publications giving detailed information on specific tax subjects. Publication 910 provides a complete index to all publications and a description of how to use the different services available. Forms and publications can be ordered by using the order blank provided on the back page of your tax package, or by calling the forms order phone number. The number is 442-5100 in Seattle, and 1-800-424-3676 (toll free) in the rest of Washington.

Local libraries may have certain forms and publications that can be copied. Call your local library for information on what it has available. The basic 1040 family of forms will be available at most IRS offices. Forms distribution hours will be announced in the near future. As in the past, banks and Post Offices may have some limited types of forms as well.

The Outreach Program provides assistance through Tax Information Seminars, in which IRS employees give presentations on specific tax provisions affecting a particular group or address general groups on new tax law provisions, followed by a question and answer period.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, (VITA) in which volunteers provide assistance to low-income, handicapped or other taxpayers with special needs, will again be available. This program will be operating in most areas of Washington. Watch for local announcements of sites and hours.

The Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program, co-sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons, will provide free tax assistance, particularly to those over 60 years of age. Again, watch for local announcements of sites and hours.

Tele-Tax provides recorded tax information on about 150 topics, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This year there are two Washington state sites for Tele-Tax: Seattle — (206)343-7221, or toll-free 1-800-554-4477; and Spokane — (509)455-9213. Complete instructions and an index to the subjects available is in Publication 910, which is available for reference or copying in many libraries, as well as at local IRS offices or by calling the Forms and Publications number.

Toll-free telephone assistance for deaf taxpayers is available for those who have access to TV/Telephone-TTY equipment. From Washington State, this service is available from 5 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. by calling 1-800-428-4732 from January to April.

SPECIAL TO THE MEDIUM

Unemployed Returned To Work

By Isiah Turner, Commissioner WA St. Employ. Security

In these columns I have written about several new and innovative programs which the Employment Security Department has undertaken in an effort to meet the challenges of putting people to work.

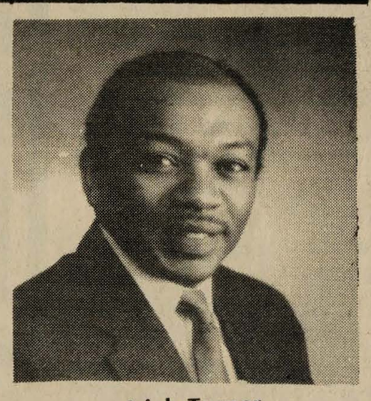
It was just a year ago that our department put the Claimant Placement Program in operation to provide special employment services for unemployment insurance claimants.

During the year about 14,000 claimants have been returned to work with a potential saving to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund of more than $10 million. The number of people returning to work exceeded our goal for the first 18 months of the program.

Of course, we will proudly present these results to the legislature during the coming session in anticipation of their extending the program.

This was the first time in the history of the public employment service that a state agency received job placement funds through an employer tax at the state level. Our program serves as a model for other states in serving unemployment claimants.

The funds allowed us to assign additional staff to our Job Service Centers to help claimants with skills evaluation and job search techniques and advise them on labor market conditions. Participants have been involved in group and individual job search



Isiah Turner

training and self-directed job placement activities. In addition, our staff worked with employers to develop jobs and arrange interviews for claimants.

The efforts of this additional staff enabled participants to return to work quickly, and therefore, they are no longer drawing unemployment insurance benefits.

We will continue our efforts during 1987 to use the resources available in the most efficient and productive manner to meet the needs of jobseekers and employers.

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Dealing With Debt You Can't Deduct

The holidays are over. You vacuumed the stray pine needles from the living room corner. You returned the last gift that didn't fit. And you received the first of many credit card bills in the mail this week.

So what's your strategy for paying off the holiday debts? If your usual practice is making the minimum payment and carrying a large balance from month to month, you may want to reconsider in 1987. "Beginning this year, interest on revolving credit is no longer fully deductible," reminds Louise Parker, King County extension agent for Washington State University. "The new tax law specifies that only 65 percent of your consumer interest payments can be deducted in 1987." She adds that the percentage will continue to decrease until 1991 when the write-off will cease altogether.

Parker offers some suggestions for consumers seeking a new credit card strategy in light of lower interest deductions:

Reduce your dependence on credit. Consolidate your credit card holdings. Getting rid of all but a few cards can help you control spending on credit and reducce overall finance charges. If you have relied heavily on credit for daily transactions, switch to a cash system for those purchases.

Become a convenience credit user. Convenience users are those who charge only as much as they can pay off in one month. Because they do not carry a balance, no interest charges are levied against them. This staretegy allows you to take advantage of the 25 to 30 day float period commonly allowed before interest is assessed.

Look for a low-interest card issuer. If you must rely on revolving credit, find a bank card with a lower-than-average interest rate. The national average for credit cards is currently 18.27 percent, but rates do vary anywhere from 12 to 21.9 percent.

Check the APR (annual percentage rate) on your current cards as a first step. Then start shopping around for lower interest alternatives. You can get some help from a non-profit consumer group called Bankcard Holders Of America. For $1, you can obtain a list of banks offering low-interest credit cards. Their address is 333 Pennsylvania Avenue SW, Washington D.C. 20003.

Consider the annual fee for bankcards. Be sure the potential savings from a lower interest rate is not offset by a significantly higher annual fee. Among the 25 largest issuers, fees for a standard VISA or MasterCard range from $12 to $25. A few still offer a "no fee" card but may come with no grace period and a higher interest rate.

If you are strictly a convenience user of credit cards, you should shop for a "no or low" fee issuer.

Deal with serious debt problems. If you are already in a credit crunch that is impossible to remedy within a few months, take action immediately. Call DialExtension at 344-7984, and ask for Tape #986, **Coping With A Credit Crisis.** The tape has suggestions for recognizing and resolving debt problems.

OEC Opens Additional Distribution Point

Operational Emergency Center (OEC) is now open two days a week for the distribution of food and clothing at 3300 Rainier Ave. S., Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Jan. 13 at 10 a.m.

The purpose of the additional location and hours is to provide local service to the clients in the 98144 Zip Code area.

OEC will continue to provide all regular services at 3800 Othello.

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Ritchie's Law: The Star System Pays

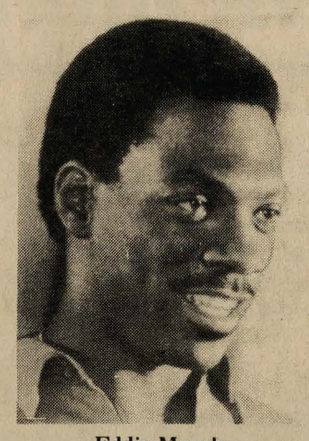
By Frank Lovece

One might expect that on the set of an Eddie Murphy movie, everything boils down to Murphy's Law. One might be right. And as Michael Ritchie, director of Murphy's current film, "The Golden Child," knows, that dictum translates into Chase's Law, Hawn's Law and the universal Theory of Superstars.

"What happens," explains Ritchie's, "is that stars treat the script as a suit which they tailor to their own personae. That's of an actor's job. With comedy — where nobody really knows what makes a person laugh — that job becomes much tougher.

"'My job as a director is to get the reality of a scene, then to start throwing out what I call 'the unfunny fer-instance.' From there, the scene belongs to the comedian."

"With 'Golden Child' the script was a different animal they do with almost every script they get — he's under contract with them and he's their hottest property. Eddie said he wanted to do it but didn't feel secure with a first-time director on a picture this complicated.



Eddie Murphy

When Paramount got the script they sent it to Eddie, as before Paramount optioned it," the director recalls. "It was going to be an adventure picture for someone like Mel Gibson. And it was going to be directed by the author (Dennis Feldman).

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2. As We Lay	Shirley Murdock	22. Falling	Melba Moore
3. Facts Of Love	Jeff Lorber & Karyn	23. Don't Make Me Wait	Kenny G
4. Once Bitten Twice Shy	Vesta Williams	24. She (I Can't Resist)	Jesse Johnson
5. Misunderstanding	James (D-Train)Williams	25. U-Turn	J. Blackfoot
6. Shiver	George Benson	26. Big Fun	Gap Band
7. I Wanna Know Your Name	Force MD'S	27. How Do You Stop	James Brown
8. Situation #9	Club Nouveau	28. How Long	Confunkshun
9. Take It To The Limit	Ray, Goodman & Brown	29. Slow Down	Loose Ends
10. Victory	Kool & The Gang	30. Send It To Me	Gladys Knight & Pips
11. You Got It All	The Jets	31. Ballerina Girl	Lionel Richie
12. Control	Janet Jackson	32. Two People	Tina Turner
13. Tell Me What I Gotta Do	Al Jarreau	33. Stay	Howard Hewitt
14. Jimmy Lee	Aretha Franklin	34. Since I Held You Close	Billy Preston
15. Tenderoni	O'Bryan	35. In Your Eyes	Jeffrey Osborne
16. Have You Ever Love Somebody	Freddie J.	36. I Wanna Make Love To You	Bobby Womack
17. Come Share My Love	Miki Howard	37. Take It From Me	Commodores
18. Someone	El DeBarge	38. When You Love Somebody	Maze
19. Hold On	R.J.'s Latest Arrival	39. Sexy	KLYMAXX
20. Love Letter	World Class Wrecking Cru	40. Love Is Forever	Billy Ocean

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1986 Rhinstone Club Escorts

Seattle Community College. Theoma and Teto Bailey are her parents. Reginald White was Nicquelle's escort.

Reshae Vester graduated from Garfield High School and is currently attending Seattle Central Community College. She is the daughter of Mary Vester and Ernest Whitney; Robert Wright was her escort.

Denise Gray graduated from Cleveland High School and is currently attending Seattle Central Community College. She is the daughter of Barbara and Louis Gray, Sr. Her escort for the evening was Efrem Howard.

Tracey Claudice Rutledge graduated from Interlake High School and is currently attending the University of Washington. She is the daughter of Ernestine and Thomas Rutledge. Her escort for the evening was Jahmal Poston.

Tara Lynn Rye, a graduate of Garfield High School is currently attending the University of California. She is the daughter of Jackie Rye and Digene Farrar. Her escort for the evening was Jason Eichenger.

Renee Walker a graduate of Ballard High School is currently attending the University of Washington; is the daughter of Ann Walker. Andrew Jones was her escort.

Patricia A. Watkins a graduate of Franklin High School is currently attending Grambling University. She is the daughter of Gwendolyn S. Mills and Kenneth E. Grant; Gerald Bradford was her escort.

Tonya Scott a graduate of Roosevelt High School is currently attending Washington State University. She is the daughter of Clara and George Scott; her escort was Matthew Bailey.

Robin Lynnette McLemore a graduate of Ingraham High School is currently attending Bellevue Community College. She is the daughter of Wanda Brock and Arthur Shaw; Roy Simmons was her escort.

Demetra Michelle Owens a graduate of Sammamish High School is currently attending the University of Washington. She is the daughter of Vera Owens and Carl F. Owens. Louis Johnson was Demetra's escort.

LaDonna Torrey a graduate of Rainier Beach High School is currently attending Highline Community College. She is the daughter of Christine Brown and Edward Brown, Jr.; Curt Bolar was her escort.

Cyndi Lorraine Bickerstaff a graduate of Redmond High School is currently attending Hampton University. She is the daughter of Eugenia and Bernie Bickerstaff; Rodney Jackson was her escort.

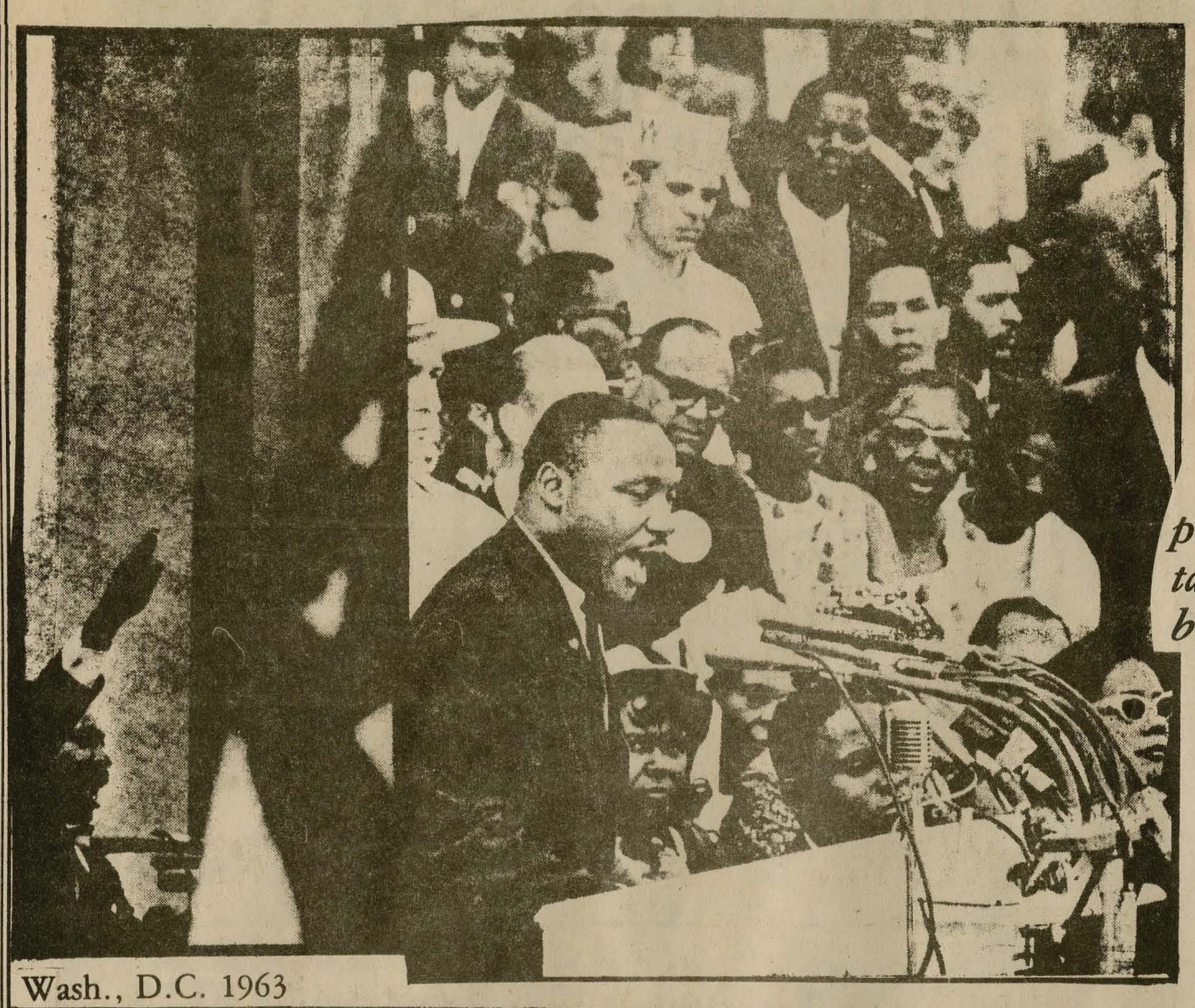
Shellise May Montgomery a graduate of Garfield High School is currently attending Fisk University. She is the daughter of Shirley Mae Montgomery Cann and Tommie Walker Montgomery; Laridon Jackson was her escort.

Debs, escorts, parents and Rhinestone members attended Sunday morning worship at First A.M.E. Church.

Their community project was that Rhinestone members provided annual Thanksgiving dinner and debs served seniors at the Seattle Central Area Center. They also volunteered services for the elderly at Parkside Nursing Home.

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NAACP Jubilee Commemoration A Success

Nearly 300 members of Seattle's Black community converged on Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church for the NAACP Jubilee Day program held Sunday, Jan. 4. The program was designed to kick-off the new year with a renewed, firm commitment to civil rights.

During one portion of the program, attendess witnessed the installation of the recently elected Branch Board of Directors by keynote speaker Nathaniel Colley, NAACP attorney, Sacramento, California. The eloquent and dynamic Colley challenged the Board membership to keep the Branch president inspired to be an effective leader. Those accepting the call to duty included: Lacy Steele, president; attorney Philip Burton, first vice president; Constance Herring, second vice president; William Whittaker, treasurer; members, Gordon Cureton, Coter Cunningham, Magnolia Daniels, Oscar Eason, Judge Donald Haley, Florence Harrell, Grover Haynes, Bernice Holland, attorney Gwendolyn Howard, Judge Charles Johnson, Joyce Johnson, attorney LeRoy McCullough, Sharron McMullin, Carolyn Riley Payne, Mae Phillips, Ernestine Robinson, James T. Smith, Sr., Cynthia Travis and Katherine Vasser.



Nathaniel Colley



Pictured left to right: Judge Charles Johnson, Attorney Nathaniel Colly, Sharon McMullin, Nyra Gray and the Rev. Robert Manaway, Sr.

Another program segment consisted of a presentation by Bernice Holland and City Council President Sam Smith to NAACP fully paid Life Members presents, Minnie H. Browne, Seattle's Golden Heritage member. Smith and Holland extended the Seattle Branch's heartfelt appreciation to these dedicated persons. Golden Heritage memberships are $1,000 over and above the $500 Life Membership.

Another program highlight was a roll call of organizations present. Among the groups recognized at the call by Cothron Huey-Ray and Joyce Johnson were Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (Life Member); Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Central Area Chamber of Commerce, City Light Black Employees Association, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (Life Member); Dunbar Alumni Association (Life Member); East Madison YMCA Executive Board, First A.M.E. Church (Life Member); International Association of Black Firefighters (local unit, Life Member); Les Dames Bridge Club (Life Member); Loren Miller Bar Association, Olympus Lodge #45 F.&A.M. (Prince Hall Masons); Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church (Life Member); and the United Negro College Fund.

The other outstanding program participants included master of ceremonies Norm Rice, Seattle City Council; King County Councilman Ron Sims, Rep. Jesse Wineberry, School District Supervisor Nyra Gray, ACT-SO student Faedra Chatard, City Comptroller Norward Brooks, the Rev. Howard Hailey, host pastor, the Rev. Robert L. Manaway, Judge Donald Haley, Judge Charles Johnson, the First A.M.E. Chancel Choir and the Tabernacle Sanctuary Choir.

Voter registration was available through Gwendolyn Howard and an array of refreshments by Lishey Crews, Charlene Williams and Joyce Johnson. Branch President Lacy Steele, Sharron McMullin, program co-chair; LeRoy McCullough, program chair; and the Branch Executive Board says "Thank you, Seattle," for your support.

READING TOGETHER

Talk Groups

By Dorothy W. Robinson

There are many issues regarding race, economics and politics which are carefully avoided in social conversations because they can be quite controversial. Opposing opinions can clash like swords, tearing friendships apart and leaving a trail of hostile feelings and wounded egos.

Yet, it we don't exchange opinions with each other, our silence becomes so loud that we can't hear ourselves think, leaving us vulnerable to the opinion molding power of television.

Fortunately, while television holds a threat in one hand, it holds the solution in the other. The "TV Talk Show," in which controversial topics are raised and thrown open for discussion, has become the model for talk groups in homes, churches, libraries — wherever a group can find a place to gather and hold a discussion.

The talk group avoids the usual pitfalls of controversial discussion by posing an issue for discussion, then using a book as its information source and pivotal point. For example, one talk group posed the question: "Are we leading our children astray with false values?" as the issue to be discussed, and used the book "Linden Hills" by Gloria Naylor as its information source. This is a novel which steps down hard on the toes of the Black middle class, as it presents some very recognizable characters who have achieved success, but who have lost their souls in the process. The talk group was able to handle this volatile issue, however, by directing their fiery agreements and disagreements toward the characters in the book, rather than toward each other.

Like the "TV Talk Show," a panel of two or three people serve as the "experts" for the discussion, which keeps the talk group from falling into a lecturer/classroom type atmosphere. The panel reads the book, or certain parts of the book, and gives a compact, three to five minute presentation of information from the book which addresses the issue under discussion. The panel interacts with the audience not so much in a question/answer type exchange, but in a sharing of views and opinions. The panel's purpose is to present the author's views and opinions as they relate to the discussion.

While the talk group uses the issue rather than the book as its centerpiece, the book serves to keep the discussion from flying off into all directions. It helps when the moderator can keep the discussion of the issue directed toward the book so that disagreements do not become personalized.

The result of the growing trend in talk groups is that more people are gaining access to the information and ideas found in books, while at the same time, they are being given the opportunity to examine and exchange their own ideas and opinions.

Organizations seeking to promote community interaction and involvement might consider using the talk group as a vehicle. It promises to be the key to an informed and thinking community.

BLACKNEWS BRIEFS

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT STRENGTHENS VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Washington, DC — The Justice Department took steps last week to strengthen the voting rights act designed to prevent discrimination against Black and other minority voters. Under the new policy the department could reject election law changes in thousands of local communities if it is determined that the changes could result in discrimination. Such rejections could come regardless of whether the local officials intended to discriminate. In essence the department adopted the so-called "results test" long advocated by civil rights groups. Last week's decision represents a reversal for the Reagan Justice Department which last year had announced its intention to weaken enforcement of the Voting Rights Act.

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SOUTH AFRICA DENIES WINNIE MANDELA VISIT TO BALTOMORE

Baltimore — The South African government has denied a passport to Black activist Winnie Mandela. The decision prevented her from appearing at a Baltimore, Maryland tribute in honor of slain U.S. civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mrs. Mandela, wife of the jailed "father" of South Africa's Black liberation movement Nelson Mandela, had been invited to speak at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institution's sixth annual birthday tribute to Dr. King. South Africa's White minority government gave no reason for the passport denial.

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NAACP CRITICAL OF RECORD INDUSTRY

Los Angeles — The NAACP is issuing a report highly critical of the music industry. The report accuses the industry of widespread employment discrimination against Blacks and failing to promote Black acts which do not have "crossover appeal" to Whites. According to the civil rights organization "Black artists are responsible for 25-30 percent of the revenues of the record industry" while the industry itself "allows for total control and domination by Whites." The NAACP is reportedly planning to meet with major record companies in a bid to pressure them to increase employment and opportunities for Blacks.

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VANESSA WILLIAMS MARRIES

New York—The nation's first Black winner of the Miss America beauty contest Vanessa Williams got married last week to her business manager Ramon Hervey. Williams was forced to give up her crown when Penthouse magazine published nude photographs for which she had posed prior to winning the contest. Williams recently finished filming her first movie—a new detective film entitled "Under The Gun."

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