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Cinema 30 open for business

Cinema 30, located on N.E. Alberta at 30th Avenue is open for business. Charles Allen and James Brannon are the new owners of the theater.

"Our first goal is to fix up the building to make it comparable with the better neighborhood theaters," Brannon told the *Observer*. "We want to show the better movies, the ones that are family fare, but of course the quality depends on the support we receive from the community. Films are expensive and we can get the best only if we can guarantee a good response."

The pair has spent several months working in the old theater building and are still hard at work. "We expect to use the building for concerts, plays and other culture events in addition to movies," Allen said.

Allen, who has lived in Portland for fourteen years, is concerned about recreational opportunities for young people in the area. "We want the theater to be a place parents can send their children in the evening and know they are safe. They won't have to catch the bus downtown or hurry around the downtown street corners and get in trouble with the curfew." The theater hopes to have a summer matinee program for younger children.

"We are here and open for business. We want to be an important part of the community. The services we can provide will depend on the people of the neighborhood and what they want," Brannon explained.

Prices will be kept low (\$1.75 for adults) to encourage patronage.



James Brannon and Charles Allen are the proud owners of the new Cinema 30.

Rally supports Death Row youth

A rally in support of Gary Tyler, a seventeen year old Black youth who has been sentenced to death in Louisiana, will be held on Saturday, June 19th, at 1:00 p.m. in Irving Park.

Tyler was convicted by an all white jury for a 1974 shooting death of a white student in Dresham, Louisiana. The shooting occurred during a mob attack on a busload of Black students in opposition to school desegregation. A gun was shot and a thirteen year old white student was killed.

Tyler was convicted of the killing in the testimony of Natalie Blank, who has since claimed that she was coerced by prosecutors into testifying falsely. Additional evidence was a pistol, later discovered to have been stolen from a gun range used by police, that was never conclusively traced to Tyler.

Added to the fact that the investigat-

ing officer was a cousin of the dead student, Tyler protested the treatment of Black students following the incident, and he was convicted by an all white jury. The Ku Klux Klan has intimidated supporters in Louisiana.

Judge Ruche Morino last month denied Tyler's motive for a new trial. He currently awaits execution on Death Row.

A massive demonstration is set for New Orleans on July 17th, sponsored by the Southern Conference Education Fund (SCEF). Representatives of SCEF say only through a "massive grass-roots movement that takes place in the streets" can Gary Tyler be freed.

"In the days of slavery, teaching Black bondsmen to read or write was a crime punishable by death. Today, almost twenty years since Little Rock, the

struggle continues in the streets of Boston, Louisville and in small towns like Dresham. Equal rights to education has always been part of the struggle for complete Black liberation," said Robert Zellner, SCEF director.

"This only proves that the stench of the slave market is still present - that the democracy, of which this country boasts, is practiced only for a select ruling class of whites with wealth. It is clear that simply appealing for justice in their courts brings no results."

Additional support has come from SCLC, the National Conference of Black Lawyers, the Southern Region of the National Lawyer's Guild, California Congressman Ron Dellums, Julian Bond, and others.

The local committee can be reached at 228-5733.

Hays led attack on Adam Powell

Those who believe the "chickens eventually come home to roost" had more to add to their collections when U.S. Representative Wayne L. Hays (D-Ohio) recently admitted having an affair with 33-year-old Elizabeth Ray, for it was Hays who was a leader in the movement to sack Harlem Congressman Adam Clayton Powell in 1967.

Powell, the object of what civil rights leaders and many others called a "legislative lynching" for his flamboyant escapades, died in early April, 1972 on the island of Bimini. He was repudiated by the regular Democratic organization in 1958, and denied his seat in the House in 1967, but was seated again in January 1969. He was defeated for his seat by current U.S. Black Congressman Charles Rangel two years later and went to the small island he first moved to in 1966 where he died in 1972 after an emergency hospital trip to Miami.

Even in the years when Hays battled

with Powell over some of Powell's escapades, there were reports about Hays' own activities and reports that other Congressmen had sex-scandal stories waiting to explode if anyone did enough probing.

Powell was ousted on charges of misuse of public funds. His wife was on the payroll, but it was shown others had sons, daughters, sisters and brothers on the payroll. His critics blasted him for poor attendance and others were cited for worse attendance. As chairman of the House Committee on Education and Labor, he successfully guided to passage 49 important laws.

The initial author of a Black political plan and one of the first ministers to bring the church into the civil rights arena, Powell during his ouster troubles, authored the popular saying, "Keep the Faith, Baby."

When the pastor of Harlem's Abyssinian Baptist Church was under fire in

Congress, Representative Hays was one of the Congressmen mentioned in a Baltimore Afro-American story that kicked off with the lead, "People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones, especially hypocritical ones."

The Baptist Ministers Conference of Greater New York had complained in 1967 about Hays having been named head of a subcommittee to investigate abuses charged to Powell when the ministers said Hays had been in trouble in 1963 over a junket to Paris. The record, said the ministers, showed Hays had taken along on the trip a New York head waiter and a greenhouse owner at government expense.

The ministers declared: "While none of us expected that Representative Hays would investigate his own ethical conduct, it was expected that his subcommittee would investigate activities of all members of the Education (Please turn to p. 2 col. 4)

McCoy certified winner

Bill McCoy has been certified winner of the tightly contested race for Senate District 8. McCoy was appointed to the seat in 1975, after serving a term in the House of Representatives and being re-elected to that position. He sought election to the Senate position in the May 25th primary election.

McCoy's election by a margin of nine votes was certified by Multnomah County Elections Registrar Bill Radakovich.

McCoy received 5,924 votes; Max Runyon, a North Portland electrician received 5,915; and Jimmy "Bang Bang" Walker had 1,839.

Runyon was first announced the winner by 48 votes, but when the absentee ballots and a precinct that had been misplaced had been counted, McCoy took

the lead. An Oregon law requires a recount when an election is won by less than one-fifth of one percent of the votes cast. The recount will be ordered by Secretary of State Clay Myers, but a date has not yet been set.

McCoy, a former social worker, juvenile court counselor, vocational rehabilitation specialist, has served as committee chairman of the Interim Resource Committee subcommittee on delivery of services.

He was appointed to the Ways and Means Committee during his first term of office, an appointment unused in House procedure, McCoy also headed the Committee on Aging.



April Adams, Camp Fire Girl from Humboldt School; Matt Anderson, North Project Move, YMCA, Sylvan Grade School; and Tony Runnels, also North Project Move, from Rose City Park grade school, demonstrate packing of Time Capsule to be

dedicated as part of Bicentennial observance by nine youth agencies. Dedication ceremonies at 7:00 p.m. June 20th at Western Forestry Center in Zoo-OMSI complex will be open to the public. Capsule will not be opened until nation's tricentennial in 2076.

Portland youth plants Bicentennial time capsule

A Time Capsule will be dedicated to the youth of the year 2076 in ceremonies Sunday, June 20th, at 7:00 p.m., packed with memorabilia of nine contemporary youth organizations and then sealed for 100 years.

The public is invited to attend the event, to be held on the steps of the Western Forestry Center in the Zoo-OMSI complex.

The dedication is one of a series of Bicentennial projects undertaken cooperatively by youth agencies of the tri-county area; it is the prime responsibility of Camp Fire Girls, assisted by the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Boys Club, 4-H Club, Salvation Army, YMCA, YWCA and Junior Red Cross.

Highlights of the program, in addition to loading of the ten-cubic foot capsule, will include flag ceremonies led by the Girl Scouts and a historic flag display by Boy Scouts; presentation of winners of the youth agencies' Bicentennial writing competition, and introduction of various

dignitaries.

Ms. of Ceremonies will be Chris Haug and Tutti Anderson, both representing Camp Fire Girls and both graduating seniors at Adams High School, Portland. Contestants whose work will be placed in the capsule are Julie Olson, essay, Girl Scout from Hillsboro; Heather Otto, essay, Camp Fire Girls from northeast Portland; and Shirley Ann Bennett, poetry, senior Girl Scout from southwest Portland.

Co-chairmen of the coordinating committee are Austin Leach and Senator Victor Atiyeh, Portland; contest coordinator is Ms. Sarah Anderson, Portland; and Time Capsule chairman is Ms. Ruth Otto, Portland. The Time Capsule itself was donated by Esco Corporation, and the brass plaque by Oregon Brass. The capsule matches a similar one packed and sealed by Grant High students during Oregon's Centennial and scheduled to be opened in 2059 - seventeen years ahead of the one which will be dedicated Sunday. The matched pair will wait out

the century on display at OMSI.

Items to be placed in the capsule include a television tape covering preliminary packing of the capsule, newspapers, magazines, Bicentennial mementoes, letters from civic dignitaries, and such specialty items as directions for the Hustle and the Seattle Slide, a skateboard, a frisbee, styrofoam cups, a mini calculator, Elton John records and Rose Festival photos, a copy of *Future Shock* and letters addressed to counterpart agencies in the year 2076. (Books in the 1959 capsule include *1984* and *Brave New World*.)

Each agency will have one-half a cubic foot of space for its own collection of tomorrow's artifacts; the remaining five cubic feet will be filled with youth-oriented items of general interest. Among the debates: if jeans are included, and it was generally felt that they should be, should those jeans be brand new, with price tags attached, or should they be well-worn in current fashion?

Safeway assists family shopping lesson

Eight families who shopped at Safeway Stores as a demonstration on buying economic and nutritious foods received the groceries they selected, as a gift from Safeway.

The shopping trips precedes a Consumer Conference sponsored by the Portland Chapter of the National Association for Community Development, which will be held on July 14th at the Ramada Inn.

The shopping survey, which took place at the Union and Ainsworth store, will be

nutritionists. Ms. Wanda Phipps, nutritionist with the Expanded Food Nutrition Education Program, and Ms. Carol Herron with the Expanded Food Nutrition Education Program, and Ms. Carol Herron, Home Economist with Portland Community College. The nutritionists shopped for one senior citizen couple and one single senior citizen. Four families did their own shopping: one family of five or more; one family of three; one senior citizens couple; and one single senior citizen.

Speakers for the Consumer Conference are Ms. Roberta Baylan, Assistant Director for Consumer Protection, Legal Services Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, D.C.; Ms. Mercedes Bates, Vice President, Consumer Center, General Mills, Incorporated of Minneapolis; Ms. Wanda Phipps and Ms. Carol Herron. Topics are purchase of consumer drugs, financial planning, Social Security and problems of the aged. Coordinator for the event is Art Dilworth.

Liberian ambassador sees changes in U.S. life

S. Edward Peal, Ambassador from Liberia, is leaving Washington - going to represent his country in Moscow.

Peal has seen many changes since he came to this country fourteen years ago. When he arrived in Washington, his appearance caused confusion everywhere he went. When he entered a restaurant the headwaiter did not want to seat him because he was Black.

When he drove around Washington in his native dress he was stopped by disbelieving police asking who he was. "There was hostility to the fact that ambassadors could be Black," he recalls.

At the State Department, African policy was non-existent and Peal often had to defend Africa when U.S. Senators from the South flaunted their racism.

Peal has seen some dramatic changes. Now the second-ranking ambassador in the Washington diplomatic corps, he re-

ceives letters inviting him to buy property and is welcome at the most exclusive Washington parties.

Peal said changes have been slow and painful and he is not satisfied. He came here "to see if Americans live by their Constitution," and now thinks they do.

"The African ambassador still has to work ten times as hard to get twenty percent of the attention," he explained.

Peal is leaving at a time when Third World ambassadors are gaining in credibility and influence. "Lately we have received our due recognition because of our unity at the United Nations and various conference," Sierra Leone Ambassador Philip Palmer said recently. "And recognition is what effective diplomacy hinges on."

"Before, the world looked elsewhere for a view on us, but now the powers talk directly to us. They know we are just as confident and can hold our own."

Since Peal's arrival in Washington, the American Black presence has also grown with the prominence of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Liberia has strong historic ties with the United States. A group of freed American slaves founded the country in 1822.

Pele himself has contributed to the changing attitudes about Africa, being a sophisticated, educated man who participated in all levels of community activity and was one of the best informed and frankest diplomats.

Although Peal will be in Moscow soon, he will not lose his interest in U.S. policy on Africa. "We are committed to the liberation of our Black brothers in southern Africa and this will be made clear to the Russians. I would like to see the peace and stability soon rather than later, but I will wait for the little signs to see if the United States is sincere."

