



Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bonner cut their 40th Anniversary cake.

Bonnors celebrate 40 years of marriage

By Nyewusi Askari
(aka Kelly Norman)

In this time of economic hardship, political confusion, and the fast creeping, social decline of the American family structure, it's enlightening, refreshing, and an honor to know that among us here in Portland, is a Black man and woman, who've survived the times, healed many personal wounds and have loved every bit of it! They are Black history makers from whom we can

learn much.

On May 4, 1980, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene C. Bonner celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at their home at 3926 N. Vancouver Avenue.

Present were 350 guests, including Mrs. Corlee Williams, sister of Mrs. Bonner and Principal of a Junior High School in Denver, Colorado. From 3-6 p.m., there was an open house and guests were treated to yet another "unique event," the taking of repeated vows by Mr. and Mrs.

Bonner, presided over by Rev. John H. Jackson. Afterwards came the cutting of a beautiful four layer cake.

I, along with members of the staff of the "Portland Observer" newspaper, congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Eugene C. Bonner and pray that our creator will grant them another forty years of happiness, love, and inner peace together.

To them, I personally say, "Strive for fifty years! and may love and unity continue to be yours."

Bike theft clinics set

Portland area GI Joe's stores and local crime prevention agencies plan to spearhead a new program, Bicycle Awareness Week, May 12-17.

The Portland Police Bureau's Crime Prevention Division has organized efforts with crime prevention agencies from Beaverton, Clackamas County and Multnomah County. These agencies will sponsor a one-day "Bicycle Theft Prevention Clinic," on Saturday, May 17th, in commemoration of the awareness week. Starting at 10 a.m., children and adults can go to GI Joe's stores to have their bicycles marked and registered. Crime prevention staff and volunteers will also be providing free bicycle safety inspections.

GI Joe's stores planning to participate in the bicycle clinic are located at: 8900 N. Vancouver; 4000 SE 82nd; 15600 SE McLoughlin; 18400 SE Stark and 3485 SW Cedar Hills Blvd.

The first 50 persons to register their bicycle will receive a free crime prevention iron-on, "Take a Bite Out of Crime." All five GI Joe's stores will give away one bicycle, two locks and chains, three tea shirts and Trailblazer crime prevention trading cards.

For more information on the "Bicycle Theft Prevention Clinic," contact the Crime Prevention Division at 248-4126.

What do you think

By Paul McCoy

Q. What do you think about the BUF Boycott May 19th?

Troy Simms, Student PCC
Sylvania

I think it's a good idea. There should be more done to raise the level of education for Blacks. It would be good if some well known people were involved from National Black Organizations, there would be more publicity about the boycott. There should be some type of demonstration or something. I hope it is a success.

Bonnie Tinker, Portland Field Representative for McKenzie River Gathering (MRG)

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tinuing efforts of the Black United Front. I wonder if the support from parents with children in schools other than Portland Public Schools would help. There should be more recognition for Malcom X and other Black leaders. This day should be recognized as the beginning and not the end.

Juagutter Stringer, Dark room technician UO Medical School

It's a good thing because it shows that Black people in Portland are serious about the education or lack of education their children receive. This is one way to prove to the School Board that Black people want changes and are willing to fight until they get them. Also Malcom X will get the recognition he deserves, but mostly, it will show that the Black community behind the BUF, is just that, "united."

Byron Brown, Student PSU

It's right on, but I don't really know why they are doing it. I respect their efforts, (BUF) and will participate on May 19th.

Timothy Goudy, Warehouse worker, Student

I'm all for it. I think this will let white folks know that we are serious about our children's education. If we must fight to be equally educated, then we are willing. That's the way I feel.

Mrs. Magie B. Friday, housewife, Mother

I think it is necessary that we boycott. We will never get what we need without being recognized and speaking out. Malcom X birthday should always be celebrated. It is important that Black people know why their Black leaders were killed, it should be a national holiday. Black people should do more on May 19th than just sit home. There should be a march or a rally.

Michelle DePass, Teachers and Childrens Club Daycare

It's a good idea because the School Board has not been responsive to the Black community's suggestions. It is also a good time to remember our Black brother Malcom X. I think this is important considering who Malcom X was and what he did. The boycott is right on time.

Larry Hill, Student, Athlete, Warehouse worker

My opinion is that the boycott is good, but, there should be some type of organized event, a meeting, march or something that people can go to on that day and voice their opinions and views on the School

Board's recent ruling and also talk about Malcom X and what he said and did.

Michelle Bell, Office worker Metro Life Insurance, Student

It seems that in this system, the Portland Public School Board has been pacifying the BUF, by telling them that they were going to do something and never intended to do anything. There should be a boycott, because it will make more people aware of what is going on.

Oliver Smith, retired politician

It should have happened forty years ago! Blacks for years have been afraid of what the power structure thinks and never wanted to make waves. Now Blacks are getting the right attitude. They plain and simply don't care what the white power structure thinks. I'm glad to see the BUF bringing this change about and respect their efforts.

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Quality education is where a child learns the basics, reading, writing, math and art. These things should be taught on an international or multicultural level, to provide knowledge and understanding of people other than the Euro-American point of view. Teachers should be taught more and be better qualified to teach our children. Parents should be more accountable and play a larger role in their child's development. If and when we achieve quality education, children will be much better able to continue the war against racism, sexism and other social problems that must be faced now and in the future.

Juneteenth celebration

"Juneteenth Enterprise" will present a Juneteenth celebration at Holiday Park, from June 4th to 8th.

In the South, the Emancipation Proclamation is understood to have been made on January 1, June 10, August 5 and even on December 31. According to one historian, news did not reach certain areas until those dates.

According to Mary Berry, who is sponsoring the Juneteenth celebration, many are reluctant to turn back the pages of time and remember the many sacrifices Black forefathers made so Black people might attain the status they enjoy today, "but we cannot fail to appreciate and recognize the contribution and tremendous sacrifices made by our foreparents. It was they who, with the sweat of their brow, their bleeding hearts, and in many instances their very lives, that living conditions would improve for those who would come after them."

"Although it is not vastly known, recognized or admitted, the Black race, in its uniqueness, has contributed greatly to the building and constant progress of this great country."

During the five day Juneteenth Celebration, open from noon until 5:00 p.m., there will be exhibit of arts and crafts, culinary arts, games etc. Any community group or person is welcome to participate in a booth.

In conjunction with the celebration, Mrs. Berry is publishing a book, "Every Day People." Anyone desiring their picture in the book is asked to send a photograph with their name, address, telephone number and a \$2.00 fee to 2544 NE 8th Avenue.

The book will contain not only achievements events of today, but many historical facts that are largely unknown. For information on the booths or the book call 288-4514.

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...in a word, attention. One of the future issues, of course, is the Union Avenue project. And an on-going concern is getting an equal share of day-to-day city services. As Commissioner of Public Works, I insist on that.

Okay, let's talk about Union Avenue. Just beautifying a street isn't enough. The first thing we need is input from the entire Union Avenue community -- you who live and work in the area. You need to be guaranteed pleasant shopping, good jobs, and really liveable residential neighborhoods. Each leads to the other.

We can all the Union Avenue plan "revitalization," and we can tag a proper share of city services "equity," but what they boil down to is people. Homes, businesses, children. That's what makes Portland workable.

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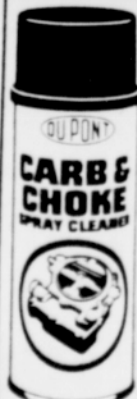
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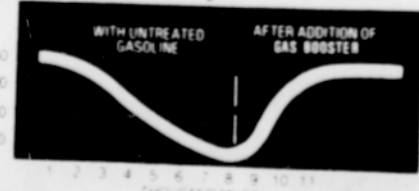
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