Bits and Pieces

by Ruth Spencer

If we are without our own voice and our own forms of communication we are at the mercy of those who control what we read, hear, and think.

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The number of cities in the U.S. having a majority Black population zoomed from seven in 1970 to fifteen in 1980.

BLACK MAJORITY CITIES—1980

1980 Rank	% Black 1980	% Black 1970	Total 1980 Population
1 East St. Louis, Ill.	95.6	69.1	55,200
2 East Orange, N.J.	83.5	83.1	77,025
3 Compton, Calif.	74.8	71.9	81,286
4 Gary, Ind.	70.8	52.8	151,953
5 Washington, D.C.	70.3	71.1	637,651
6 Atlanta, Ga.	66.6	51.3	425,022
7 Detroit, Mich.	63.1	43.7	1,203,339
8 Newark, N.J.	58.2	54.2	329,248
9 Inglewood, Calif.	57.3	11.1	94,245
10 Birmingham, Ala.	55.6	42.0	284,413
11 New Orleans, La.	55.3	45.0	557,482
12 Baltimore, Md.	54.8	46.4	786,775
13 Camden, N.J.	53.0	39.1	84,910
14 Richmond, Va.	51.3	42.0	219,214
15 Wilmington, Del.	51.1	43.6	70,195

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau
NOTES: Ranking is by percentage of blacks in population.
Includes cities of 50,000 or more in 1980.

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By 1985, *Hispanics* will make up the *largest minority group* in the U.S.—their numbers have grown by 124 per cent in the last 15 years, reports Marketing Executive's Digest.

There are an estimated 13 million Hispanic Americans and seven million illegal Hispanic Aliens in the country today. Over 62 per cent live in California, New York, and Texas.

They are much younger, as a group, than the general population —42 per cent are under 18, according to the report.

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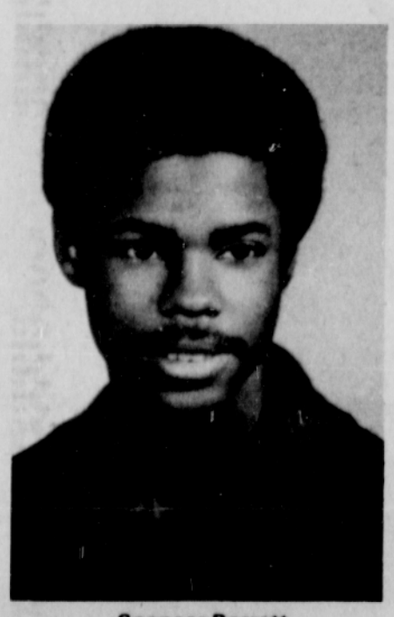

Spencer Barrett

Spencer Barrett is in Portland visiting his mother, Joanne Barrett, and other relatives. A graduate of the University of Portland, Barrett is attending Interdenominational Seminary in Atlanta.

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The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that *police do not have to let juvenile suspects talk with their parents before questioning them about a crime.*

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The *Portland Board of Education* in its November 9, 1981 meeting, directed the Superintendent, *Dr. James Fenwick*, to take the "*necessary action*" *to bring the average achievement level of all underachieving schools closer to district average.*

The late *Dr. Robert Blanchard* and his Board announced achievement as their *major goal each year* after the introduction of the *Blanchard Plan in 1970*. The Blanchard Administration did not deliver the promised rise in achievement level.

Judging *Dr. Fenwick*'s past performance in this area as demonstrated in his *selection and deployment of uncommitted, insensitive and unskilled* staff, change is unlikely.

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Chase a dream, but catch *an education* is the slogan of *AFBE (Athletes for a Better Education)* who is spending 750,000 a year *improving academic skills and preparing for life after basketball* for 1,500 select athletes in basketball camps and follow-up seminars around the country.

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The Pentagon announced that more men and women joined the military services last year than in any single year. However, only *19 per cent of all recruits were Black, down from 22 per cent* in fiscal 1980. The percentage of Black enlisted troops in the military remains at *22 per cent*. The Pentagon also said the percentage of high school graduates in the services reached an all-time high.

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Radiation Therapy for *cancer* has progressed a long way in 60 years. *The Oregon Health Sciences University* has just installed *one of the most advanced machines* for delivering *x-ray therapy*, a $386,000 six million electron volt linear accelerator.

According to *Dr. William T. Moss*, professor and chairman of radiation therapy at the Oregon Health Sciences University, not only is the accelerator highly efficient in killing cancer cells, but because of the distribution of rays in the patient, they are better tolerated by patients than beams produced by previous generations of equipment.

Some of the *new laws enacted by the 1981 Oregon Legislature* that affect us are:

House Bill 2882—Raises from *65 to 70* the *maximum age* for which age discrimination in employment is prohibited.

House Bill 3013—Allows a teacher to use *reasonable physical force upon a student to the extent necessary to reasonably perform the teaching responsibility.*

House Bill 2139—Mandatory immunization.

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A class in the *Art of Living* will be offered by *Rick Dunn* beginning Thursday, January 7, and continuing on Thursdays through February 4, at 8 pm, Room 250 Cramer Hall, PSU, 724 S.W. Harrison. Fee is $12. Contact Debbie Tramposh, 659-6199.

James Walker III, Cavalier, his guest, Miss Dorothea Round, and James Walker, II (Jimmy "Bang Bang" Walker) at the Les Femmes Debutante and Cavalier Ball.

(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

The *Singing Gospel Lights* ends 1981 with the successful completion of 109 performance engagements including 91 different church engagements and 18 special affairs engagements.

They have performed in Washington and Oregon, including Seattle and Tacoma, Washington; and Salem, Eugene, Gresham, Woodlawn, Hubbard and Milwaukie, Oregon; and many performances in Portland churches, community centers, colleges, State and County facilities and federal establishments.

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Singing Gospel Lights

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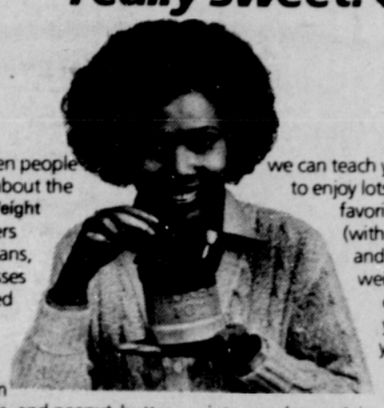

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