

## Bits and Pieces

by Ruth Spencer

Clifford Freeman, Portland Attorney, has been elected chairman of the State Board of Education.

Gene Harris, West Coast Director for the United Negro College Fund, was in Portland recently to begin local planning efforts for Portland's annual hosting of the Lou Rawls Parade of stars — TV special to be aired this winter. Word has it in December on Channel 12, KPTV.

Mrs. Rosemary Daniels, head teacher at Brooklyn Primary School, has been promoted to elementary school principal.

Bryant Gumbel is the first Black in the history of NBC to anchor a national news program — "The Today Show." Ten million viewers watch the show five mornings a week. It is estimated that his salary



BRYANT GUMBEL

is \$750,000 a year with a five-year contract at nearly \$4 million.

D.C. Rep. Walter Fauntroy charged in Washington that the Reagan Administration's economic program will deprive students at 102 Black colleges a chance to gain a college education by enforcing a clause that required institutions to maintain a below 25 percent default rate in repayment of the loans.



REP. WALTER FAUNTROY

The only Black colleges now eligible to receive the loan offered by the government are: Miles College, Tuskegee Institute, Clark College, Morehouse College, Dillard University, Southern University, Bennett College, Fayetteville State University, Morris Brown College, Tennessee State University, Jarvis Christian College, Hampton Institute, and Virginia University.

The Reverend Jesse Jackson and Hicks Waldron, president of Heublein Inc., a worldwide food and beverage company, signed an agreement for a \$180 million program to develop Black business projects that could generate more than \$360 million in economic activity and create 9,000 jobs in Black communities. The project includes 112 Black-owned Kentucky Fried Chicken outlets in the U.S.

The Reverend Jesse Jackson is president of PUSH, a Chicago-based international human rights organization.

### UL seeks foster homes

The Urban League N.E. Youth Service Center is currently seeking adults willing to open up their homes to youth. There are numerous youth on waiting lists that are eligible for placement in foster homes, many of whom could benefit from a foster home placement as opposed to being detained at the Juvenile Detention Home or other temporary Care Facilities, used by Children's Services Division.

For more information, contact Renee Watson, 288-6708.

A grand jury found the Compton School District in California guilty of falsifying test scores by allowing only bright students to take the tests and altering upward some scores.

The Portland Oregon Branch of the NAACP was one of a hundred and fifty branches selected by the National NAACP to participate in a project to implement four special programs: ACTSO, the Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics; Outreach/Communi-

ty Help Center; Neighborhood Youth Center; and Prison Branch Support. The Special Project will be coordinated by the Branch and Field Services Department, under the direct supervision of Dr. Emmett C. Burns, National Program Implementor and the Regional Directors.

A belated thanks to Herb Cawthorne for helping keep alive the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King with his TV program "Not in Vain," aired over Channel 6. The

community appreciates you, and thanks you.

Omaha's school district is under intensive investigation by the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights. The probe focused on the disproportionate numbers of Blacks in special education programs, gifted and talented programs, and stereotyping in counseling.

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