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The crowd at last Saturday's Community Unity Day cheers on unidentified "Baby Breaker". The event at Peninsula Park is sponsored annually by the Portland Black United Front. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Candidates rally over Jordan's departure

by Chuck Goodmacher

Charles Jordan's decision last week to resign from the City Council in order to accept a post in Austin, Texas, has triggered a flurry of announcements and rumors regarding candidates to fill his seat.

Jordan's resignation-to-be has also raised the possibility that, should Jordan not resign between September 7th and September 27th, and not leave Portland by the 27th, then James MacDonald, his only opponent in the May 15th primary, will be the only name on the ballot in November. The other candidates would then have to run write-in campaigns which traditionally favor the candidate with the widest name recognition. A rumor flying about City Hall has it that should this situation develop, Frank Ivancie will enter the race as a write-in candidate.

As the *Observer* went to press, the following people had submitted documents pertaining to campaign committees to the City Auditor's office:

Dick Bogle: former police officer and KATU Television anchor; and executive assistant to Commissioner Mildred Schwab. Leon Jordan of 6118 S.W. Nevada Court is Bogle's campaign treasurer.

Herb Cawthorne: member of the Portland School Board and a director of the Office of Special Services at Portland State University. Kay Sohl is Cawthorne's treasurer.

Jerry Marcus: no information is available on him yet since the document he filed with the Auditor says he will not raise or spend \$500 on the campaign.

Joan M. Smith: former president of the Portland Planning Commission; widely respected among Portland's economic elite, Smith is expected to raise a great deal of money for the campaign. Her treasurer is Joyce B. White.

Other persons rumored to be seriously considering running for the Council seat include Fred Milton, Gladys McCoy, Rick Gustafson, Freddy Petett, and Bill Deiz.

Milton came to city government during the Goldschmidt administration and has worked for years on economic development efforts. Gladys McCoy is currently serving as a Multnomah County Commissioner.

Gustafson is the director of the

Metropolitan Service District and is said to have ambitions for higher office. Freddy Petett will step down in December as head of the Urban League, and Deiz, who is said to have put the fire in Commissioner Lindberg's political style while serving on his staff, also might run.

The first volley in the campaign was shot Thursday morning by Herb Cawthorne when he officially announced his candidacy and called for a series of debates to be held in several parts of the City. Cawthorne said his campaign theme will be "the clear choice" and has been endorsed by the Black United Front and the steering committee of the Oregon Rainbow Organizing Committee.



Herb Cawthorne, center, seeks an endorsement for his City Council campaign from Tuesday night's meeting of the Oregon Rainbow Organizing Committee. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Housing Authority hosts camp

by Chuck Goodmacher

If Thursday, August 23rd, had been just like any other summer weekday, Sara Belcher of Northeast Portland would have been at home watching "General Hospital" on television.

But last Thursday was the fifth day of a six-day summer camp at Camp Rilea, and Sara was learning "about friends and new songs, stuff like that ... it's fun," she added. Sara and ninety-nine other ten- to twelve-year old tenants of Housing Authority of Portland buildings were the guests of HAP and the Oregon Air and Army National Guards.

The fourteenth year of the annual summer camp was also made possible by contributions of time, effort and goods by various Oregon businesses and individuals.

The most prominent private contributor to the camp was Nike, Inc., which has provided sports shoes to every Rilea camper for the past eight years, as well as T-shirts and other clothing. Nike was given the Walli Schneider Award, Thursday, for its contributions. The award was named for the late *Oregon Journal* reporter who was an early supporter of the camp.

The campers spend twenty-four hours a day with their hut-mates—

five to seven other children and two adult counselors—and many close bonds of friendship and respect develop during the week. At the end of the camp, says counselor and HAP Director W.E. Hunter, "tears flow freely, even for the counselors." Hunter added many of the counselors continue to see the children long after the camp is over.

The counselors are National Guard personnel, HAP employees and volunteers. Cooks for the hungry children are provided by the Air Force and Army National Guard.

Oregon Air Force National Guard General Rosenbaum said his organization sees the camp as fulfilling part of their obligation to "serve country and community." He added though, "I don't want you to have the impression that the Oregon National Guard is only in business to do children's camps."

During the course of the week, the children are treated to such activities as building sandcastles, riding horses, making arts and crafts, and hiking in the nearby forests. For many of the children, the camp is their first visit to a coastal environment.

They also cook over an open fire and learn how to set-up and take-down a campsite.

Citizenship is given a strong emphasis too. Each day of the week has a different theme on the central concept of friendship. Daily themes included: friends work together, friends share, friends are fair, friends are loyal, and friends care.

Individuals and groups are both awarded prizes for good deeds. Michael Taylor, for instance, had five ribbons by Thursday. One of them, he said, was for saving somebody from falling into the fire.

HAP spokesperson Connie Easter said the 100 campers were selected from among several hundred applicants. Each year, said Easter, HAP notifies tenants of the upcoming camp and asks for applications from the parents of eligible children.

100,000 estimated killed in Cambodia

by Lanita Duke

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W. — "Cambodia Witness", a photographic exhibit that documents the mass murder performed by the government of Khmer Rouge between 1975 and 1979, is on display at the Central Branch of the Multnomah County Library through September 7th.

The photographs for this graphic, explicit example of man's inhumanity against man were taken by David Hawk during two trips to Cambodia in March 1981, and March 1982.

Hawk, former executive director of Amnesty International, was based in Bangkok, Thailand, while he worked for the Cambodian Famine Relief and Refugee Crisis Project. He heard rumors of governmental murder of massive proportions. "I went inside Cambodia and saw the physical remains of genocide," Hawk recalled. He discovered mass grave sites throughout the countryside. One site had over eight thousand skulls.

"It was shocking. People think of mass graves as a field with 20 bodies, but here you had a field with 8,000," he noted.

The murders were instigated by the Khmer Rouge who entered the capitol of Cambodia in 1975. Of-

ficials and military officers of the deposed regime were killed first. Later, systematic executions occurred among lower ranking officials, former army personnel,

village leaders, members of the commercial and educated classes.

Hawk discovered the extermination center where the bureaucracy of murder kept records

of people they had killed. Records found in one extermination center indicated at least 15,000 people were liquidated.

Hawk said, "This was something you would not expect from a least-literate society."

"Cambodia Witness" displays photographs of prisoners prior to their deaths, sites of mass graves and an interrogation room. Amnesty International estimated that 100,000 people were killed during this 4-year period.

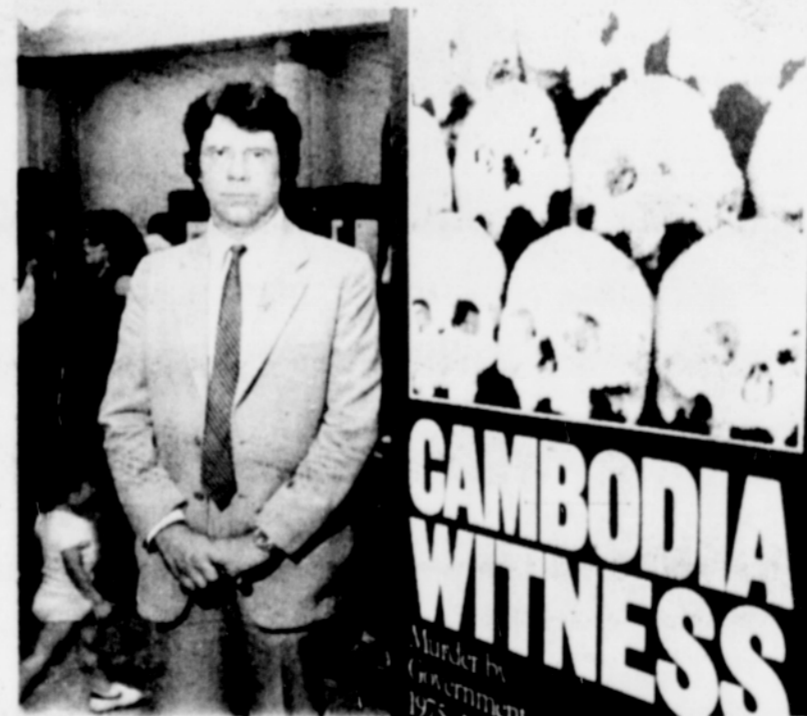
"I feel terrible about reminding Cambodians of what they went through but it is necessary that the world realize that genocide has happened again in our day and age," he noted.

Hawk added that the murders went ignored while they were happening. "It demonstrates the flaws in the mechanisms and systems for the promotion and protection of human rights. As long as the Cambodian situation is ignored, undocumented and goes unresponded, the risks are very high that we are going to miss and not respond to the next Cambodia."

Hawk, along with Amnesty International, has called upon the U.S. Senate to ratify the Convention Against Genocide and other international covenants on human rights.



Mark Holling "Leatherman" shows Loc Trina how to measure and cut leather for a camp project. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)



David Hawk, former executive director of Amnesty International, at entrance to photographic exhibit depicting the modern day holocaust that took place in Cambodia between 1975 and 1979. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)