



AN OLD PARACHUTE, A PIECE OF CARDBOARD AND THE WIND PROVIDE SOME EXCITEMENT FOR ABOUT 100 PORTLAND YOUNGSTERS DURING THEIR STAY AT "CAMP ROSENBAUM." THE WEEK-LONG CAMP, IN ITS 16TH YEAR, IS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE OREGON NATIONAL GUARD AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PORTLAND. Photo by Richard J. Brown

Fall Bridge Tournament

The Northwest Section of the American Bridge Association will hold its fifth annual fall tournament at the Hilton Hotel in Portland, Oregon, August 29, 30, 31, and September 1, 1986.

Many exciting bridge events are planned, starting with a one-session open pairs on Friday night (registration at 7:15 P.M.), a two-session open pairs on Saturday (registration at 12:15 P.M.), a two-session swiss teams on Sunday (registration at 9:15 A.M.), and a one-session open pairs on Monday (registration at 10:30 A.M.).

An awards banquet and fashion show will be held on Sunday night beginning at 8:00 P.M.

For additional information, call Edythe Cawthorne (503) 288-9572, Lois Irving (503) 246-6583, or Fannie Chatman (503) 252-5944.

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Black Conference '86

On Saturday, August 23rd, after considerable debate, the Black Leadership Conference endorsed Margaret Strachan in her bid for reelection to the City Council, and voted not to endorse either candidate in the race between Gladys McCoy and Glen Otto for the Chair of the County Commission.

"The debate was extremely lively and thoughtful, and a wide range of opinions were heard before secret ballots were cast on the separate endorsement motions," said Ron Herndon, Co-Chairman of the Leadership Conference. "The purpose for convening the Leadership Conference this spring was to create a platform and a process to unify the Black community's impact on the governor's race. Saturday's deliberations simply extended this philosophy to other races which also affect policy towards the Black community."

The most surprising vote Saturday was the vote not to endorse a candidate for the County Commission Chair position. The vote was taken after lengthy discussions about the merits of the two candidates vying for the seat. Ex-County Commissioner, Gladys McCoy, and long-time politician, Glen Otto.

In July the Black Leadership Conference sent a committee to interview the two candidates and solicit their views on issues of importance to the Black community. Although the committee's recommendation was to endorse Gladys McCoy, solely on the basis of her responses to the issues and concerns discussed, the final vote made it clear that the body had mixed feelings about providing an endorsement to a candidate whose past public performance is seriously questioned on several important policy issues.

"We are not here to support Black candidates simply because they are Black, although I believe we are inclined to support and encourage Black individuals who are running for office," said Reverend John Jackson. "If we, as a body, are not confident that a particular candidate will represent our interests well, then we must be true to the original objective for which this group was convened—that is to evaluate, endorse and deliver united community support to those candidates we believe will best perform relative to the concerns and interests of the Black community."

Last month the Black Leadership Conference unanimously voted to endorse Neil Goldschmidt in his bid for Governor after interviewing each of the gubernatorial candidates and assessing their positions on issues of importance to the Black community. Discussed with candidates were their proposed strategies and programs for improving state housing, education, health, employment and economic development opportunities for Blacks in Oregon. During the next few months, several events will be sponsored by the Black Leadership Conference in the northeast community to raise funds and generate support for the Goldschmidt candidacy.

For further information, contact Reverend John Jackson, Black Leadership Conference, 284-1954.



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