

# Charitable Giving: Do Blacks Benefit?



Yusef Mgeni meets with representatives of minority organizations

during his visit to Portland over lunch at Hiram's Shrimp Shop. Photo by Richard J. Brown

Under the auspices of the Black United Fund of Oregon, Yusef Mgeni, Senior Program Associate, Northwest Area Foundation met with representatives from community organizations to discuss the foundation's new funding priorities and how these priorities affect the region and particularly organizations serving disadvantaged people.

Mr. Mgeni is an award-winning journalist and co-founder of the Philanthropy Project, an organization which monitors the giving patterns of foundations. The findings of the Philanthropy Project document an historical pattern of not funding or underfunding organizations serving disadvantaged and people of color.

In 1982, the Portland Committee for Responsive Philanthropy conducted a study of the 35 largest foundations in Oregon. The same funding pat-

terns emerged: less than 1% of charitable dollars from foundations went to organizations serving or controlled by black people.

Mr. Mgeni urged the support of the Black United Fund of Oregon, a fundraising organization designed to provide financial and technical assistance to non-profit organizations addressing the needs of the black community.

The Black United Fund of Oregon represents a much needed alternative for supporting community organizations, especially when you consider that less than one percent of charitable dollars from foundations and only three percent of the twelve million dollars raised by the United Way in 1985 went to organizations serving low-income blacks.

For more information, contact the Black United Fund of Oregon, 3802 NE Union, Suite 302, Portland, OR 97212, (503) 282-7973.

The 51st state? In 1915 it was proposed in the Texas legislature that a separate state be made of the Panhandle, or northwestern part of Texas. The new state would have been called State of Jefferson.

## Grand Worthy Matron Visits Portland

Barbara J. Callier, Grand Worthy Matron of the Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, State of Oregon and its jurisdiction, from Mountain Home, Idaho, will make her annual official visit, meeting with Prince Hall chapters of Portland, Oregon, March 21, 1987. She will be accompanied by Frank Ghee, Grand Worthy Patron and Mary Ghee, Grand Lecturer of Great Falls, Montana. G.W.M. Callier recently returned from Washington, D.C. where she attended the annual session of the Phyllis Chapter, which is the research body of Prince Hall Order of Eastern Star.

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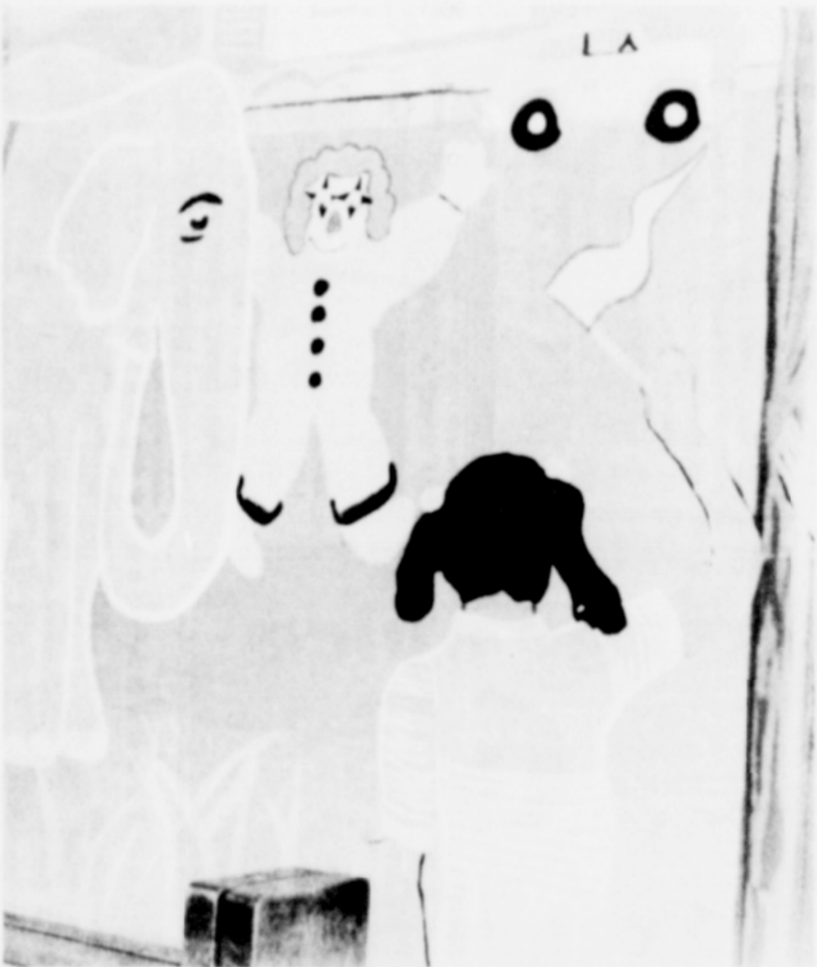
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cation programs, including a pre-school Science Lab. A program called "Parents: Partners In Science" is being developed for the parents of 3-5 year olds and another program, as yet untitled, will involve members of the community as speakers whose jobs use math or science.

A.S.K. is supported by OMSI and a grant from the Fred Meyer Charitable Trust. Questions for A.S.K. can be directed to Kristy Bellavita or Cottrell B. White at OMSI (222-2828).

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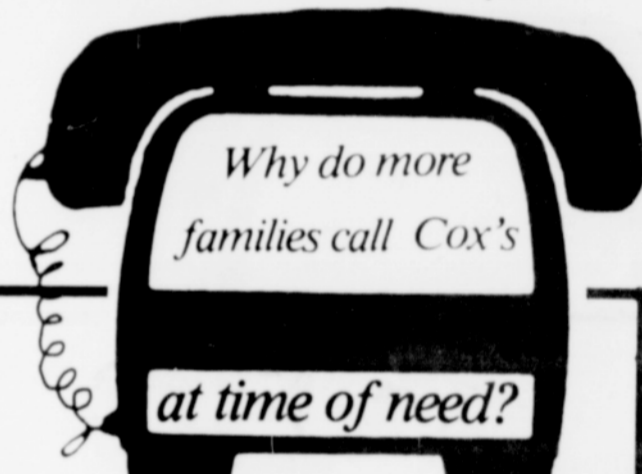


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