NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

"WE SHALL OVERCOME" Traces History Of Civil Rights Anthem

Few songs evoke the emotion and images of the civil rights movement more than "We Shall Overcome." From the streets of the American south to the streets of Europe, Asia, and South Africa, the song has become the anthem for protest movements worldwide.

A new public television documentary, "We Shall Overcome," tells the unique and fascinating history behind the song, and shows how in recent years the song has inspired those involved in countless struggles of non-violence, peace, and social change. The program airs in conjunction with the



Harry Belafonte

25th anniversary of the historic Civil Rights March on Washington, D.C., in 1963.

Harry Belafonte, active in civil and human rights movements internationally, narrates the program that airs Saturday, August 27, at 9:00 p.m. on Oregon Public Broadcasting.

21st Annual Miss Black America Pageant **Accepting Applications**

The annual Miss Black America Pageant and Television Special Program is accepting candidates for the title 'Miss Black America -1988-89'.

Interested applicants should call (215) 844-8872, or write National MBAP Headquarters: P.O. Box 25668, Philadelphia, PA 19144.

The Miss Black America Pageant and Television Special, a medium devoted exclusively to showcasing the mental, physical and spiritual beauty of the Black woman between the ages of 17 and 29, will air on the Black America (Nationally Syndicated) Commercial Television Network (BAN) during Black History Month, February, 1989.

Magic's Friends Take To The Court For UNCF

It will be a friendly basketball game of run and shoot when Charles Barkley, Karl Malone, Anthony "Spud" Webb, Dominique Wilkins, Tyrone Bogues, Michael Jordan, Isiah Thomas, Michael Cooper and Earvin Johnson take to the court for the benefit of The

United Negro College Fund on August 7, at the Los Angeles Forum beginning at 7:00 p.m.

In addition to the game, Magic Johnson will host a Black Tie "Midsummer Night's Magic" Dinner at the Century Plaza Hotel on August 6, beginning at 4:00 p.m. with a special silent auction in the California Showroom. The auction will feature luxurious prizes of jewelry, furs, automobiles and trips. Lucky winners will also be able to bid on memorabilia of entertainers and athletes.

The Magic Johnson All-Star Classic is made possible through the support of UNCF Sponsors; American Airlines, Anheuser-Busch, California State Lottery, Carnation Company, Converse and Kellogg Company. Golden Bird, Inc. serves as a corporate patron.

Black Woman Bishop Address Jurisdiction Bishops

The first Black woman Bishop of the 9.1 million member United Methodist Church, Bishop Leontine T. C. Kelly of San Francisco addressed the denomination's Western Jurisdiction recently.

Bishop Kelly said that new ethnic populations coming into the Western United States in unprecedented numbers require Western Christians to put aside 'Lone Ranger,' independent attitudes. "To be Christian in the Pacific Rim bears far more responsibility for change and creative discipleship than many of us are willing to admit," she said, pleading with her listeners to work with, not for, people.

Bishop Kelly was elected in 1984 and must retire from active service August 31. She announced she will remain in California upon retirement to teach at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley.

Workshop Series — Critical Shortage Of Black Professors

Representatives from historically Black colleges (HBCs) throughtout Georgia met recently at Spelman College for the first in a series of five workshops aimed at encouraging more undergraduates to prepare for academic careers.

The workshop series, entitled, 'The Preparation of Undergraduates for Faculty Careers', grew out of a shared concern that presidents and chief academic officers of HBC's have about filling faculty positions and providing role models as fewer Black students seek and complete graduate degrees. The series is presented by the Historically Black Colleges - Educational Testing Service Collaboration and Spelman College.

A report of the Minority Graduate Education Project sponsored by the Graduate Record Examination Board and the Educational Testing Service states the: "Black graduates continued to claim the

largest share of doctoral degrees awarded to minorities, however, they lost considerable ground in doctoral production during the decade. The sharpest decline (26.5%) took place from 1977 to 1986, when the number of Black doctorates fell from 1,116 to 810. In relative terms, their share of the pool peaked in 1977 (4.5%). By 1986, the irregular but steady downward trend shows that the Black doctoral pool had reached its lowest level in over a decade and shows no sign of recovery.

"These workshops are a very important step that we are taking to address the curent crisis in higher education," said Dr. Johnnetta Cole, president of Spelman. "Unless we take positive action and work cooperatively, we are facing a future without any Black professors in higher education."

All of the workshops will be held on the Spelman campus in



A TRUCE FOR VICTORY - Rev. Jesse Jackson, who made history as a serious candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, joined Democratic presidential nominee, Gov. Michael Dukakis to announce an agreement to work cooperatively to regain the White House in the fall. Also participating in the press conference at the recent Democratic National Convention was Senator Lloyd Bentsen, who was nominated for the second spot on the Democratic ticket. Although Jackson did not win the nomination, he achieved a significant victory in the process of political empowerment for Black Americans.

LABOR AND ECONOMICS

Cascade Business Center Corporation

by Danny Bell

During the past four months, many citizens have called the Portland Observer to inquire about the Cascade Business Corporation. In response to the calls, the Portland Observer contacted the Cascade Business Center, and Mr. Horace Sanders, Executive Director, provided the following fact sheet.



WHAT IS A BUSINESS INCUBATOR

A business incubator is a place where a fledgling company can receive economic, managerial and technical support. Each incubator is unique - financial backing and support varies with the needs of tenants and resources of supporters.

The incubator concept was developed in the early 1980's as a way to overcome the dismal success rate of start-up companies in the United States. Project backing might come from educational institutions, businesses, public and community groups. Assistance could include low overhead, technical assistance, access to equipment/laboratories and business advice.

WHAT IS THE CASCADE BUSINESS CENTER CORPORATION?

The Cascade Business Center Corporation was formed in 1982 by the Portland Development Commission, Portland Private Industry Council and Portland Community College. Its purpose is to nurture the development of small business incubators in the Portland area.

In 1982, CBCC opened the sixth incubator in the United States - Cascade Business Service Center. Just four years later, the second incubator location is opening - Cascade Business Industrial Center - which will support Portland's commercial and industrial new business developments.

PURPOSE

The purpose of Portland's business incubator is to support new businesses by offering selected tenants below market rents/overhead, technical assistance and business advice, provide entrepreneurial and job opportunities that strengthens the economic base in North/ Northeast Portland.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to participate in Portland's business incubator, a candidate must be: (1) approved by the Board of Directors of the Cascade Business Center Corporation, (2) a new or existing business that needs technical or management assistance, yet has the potential of becoming a viable business, (3) willing to limit incubator tenure to three to five years, (4) agree, if feasible, to hire local residents and remain in the incubator inner North/Northeast Portland area after graduation out of the incubator.

HOW TO APPLY

An owner of a company interested in participating as a tenant in Portland's incubator program should contact Mr. Horace Sanders, Director, Cascade Business Center Corporation, 4134 North Vancouver Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Incubator Locations - Cascade Business Service Center, Portland Community College Campus, 753 North Killingsworth, Portland and Cascade Business Industrial Center, 4134 North Vancouver, Portland, Oregon.

LABOR SECRETARY MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

WASHINGTON - Secretary of Labor, Ann McLaughlin has announced that the U.S. Department of Labor will provide \$8.7 million to 51 public and private groups to develop ways to improve the productivity of the American workforce.

The competitively awarded grants and contracts will go to labor, business and community-based organizations; state and local governments, colleges and universities, and other non-profit groups.

Fourteen of the projects will test methods to improve the workplace literacy. Seven of these will be directed at helping particular groups, such as low income single mothers, dislocated older workers, migrant and seasonal farmworkers and persons whose native language is not English.

