

COMMUNITY FORUM

Urban League Names New Directors

The Urban League of Portland has added four new members to its board of directors. At its November 16th meeting, the board elected



Louis J. Boston, Sydney T. Brown, Donnie Young Griffin, and Dr. James H. Ward.

Louis J. Boston is president of Gresham Chrysler Plymouth, Inc. Previous to coming to Portland eleven months ago, Mr. Boston was president and owner of the Boston Marketing Group, a marketing and management development company in Syracuse, New York.

Sydney T. Brown is senior vice president and director of personnel

for Security Pacific Bank Oregon (formerly Oregon Bank). He brings to the board vast experience in the areas of employment and personnel.

Donnie Young Griffin, has been employed by U.S. West Communications (formerly Pacific Northwest Bell) for the past twelve years, and is currently the director of community affairs and corporate communications. Mr. Griffin also serves on the Multnomah County Children's Agenda Task Force.

Dr. James H. Ward, who has been in Portland since August 1, is dean of the Graduate School of Social Work at Portland State University. Dr. Ward has an extensive background in social and human services, and, additionally, is a member of the Mt. Hood Community Mental Health Center Board and the State Division of Mental Health's Advisory and Planning Council.

The Urban League of Portland is a non-profit community social service agency committed to assisting blacks and other minorities in obtaining equal opportunity in all phases of American life. The League attempts to accomplish its mission through advocacy, citizen education, job placement, counseling and case management, and emergency services.

Annual Minority Artist Showcase 1989 National Black Talent Directory Premier

On Monday, December 19, 1988, **Minority Artist Representatives Int'l (M.A.R.I.)** will present its Second Annual **Minority Artist Talent Showcase** and the Northwest premier unveiling of the **1989 National Black Talent Directory**. This festive event will take place at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center (5340 N. Interstate, Portland, Oregon).

The **1989 National Directory** displays photographs and contact numbers of 1700 Black professionals involved in all phases of the entertainment industry from on-camera, recording artists and models, to writers, producers and others. Registrants include notable national artists such as Debbie Allen, Danny Glover, Arsenio Hall and Nell Carter. Local Northwest featured talent includes Brenda Phillips, Lew Frederick, The Untouchable Krew and Kirk Green, just to name a few.

The event will commence with a 6:30 p.m. reception and the presentation of the **National Black Talent Directory**, followed by the **Second Annual M.A.R.I. Talent Showcase**, featuring talent listed in the **Directory** and other M.A.R.I. talent. Guests will include talent buyers from Oregon and Washington.

This past August marked the

release of **The National Black Talent Directory**. The unveiling took place at The Hollywood Palladium during The National Black Talent Industry Expo '88. Yes, "The Dream Is A Reality".

For those fortunate enough to participate at this historical event, there was an opportunity to witness a live set inspired by the smash hit "Coming to America", seminars given by notables in the entertainment industry focusing on what it takes to make it in-front-of-the-camera and behind-the-scenes, and a wide array of workshops geared towards children as well as adults.

A Press Conference was held during the afternoon at which time the Inaugural Edition of **The National Black Talent Directory** was unveiled. The **Directory** featured 1700 registrants from Michael Jackson, Harry Belafonte, Margaret Avery to Debbie Allen and Prince. Also included were National Franchised Agent Listings, and much more. Participants at the Press conference included Tony Caldwell representing S.A.G., A.F.T.R.A., and Equity. Esther Rolle and Johnny Brown from the T.V. series "Good Times", Malik Ali from Walt Disney World, Willis Edwards from The N.A.A.C.P., Tavis Smiley representing Mayor Tom Bradley and The City of Los Angeles delivered a Commendation to Mr. Jones Publisher/Founder of **The Directory** who stated during the conference that "**The Directory** will be placed on the desk of every key decision-maker in the industry". During the evening hours, **The National Black Talent Directory** had an awards presentation honoring Forerunners in the entertainment world, such as, Eddie Murphy and Barry Gordy. In addition, a fabulous fashion show featured models registered in **The Directory**. Live entertainment was provided by Billy Paul, The Bonners, Kurtis Blow, and many many more.

With assistance from the entertainment community, **The National Black Talent Industry Expo '88** was a tremendous success. **The National Black Talent Directory** wishes to thank Paramount Pictures, Orion Pictures, Warner Bros. Studio, Eddie Murphy Productions, Stephan J. Cannell Productions, Fred Silverman Productions, KTTV, Salt & Pepper Productions, and a host of others for their support in making "THE DREAM A REALITY".

For additional information with regard to acquiring **The National Black Talent Directory**, Advertiser and Registration information, please contact: **The National Black Talent Directory** 6221 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, CA 90028 (213) 463-8033

Portland Observer's Athlete of the Month



Clyde Drexler - #22 Portland Trailblazers

PORTLAND OBSERVER
"The Eyes and Ears of the Community"
288-0033

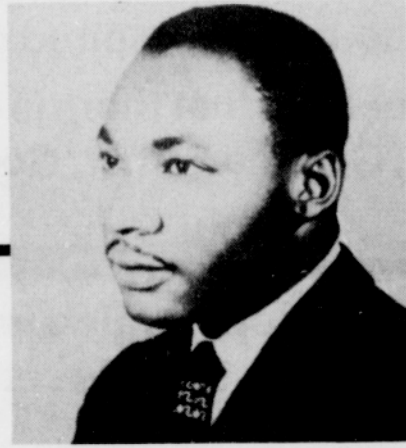
Urban League Slates Community Forum

The Urban League of Portland's Adolescent/Parent Treatment Program will sponsor a community forum entitled "Pass to Success," on Friday, December 16, 1988, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The forum will be held at the Urban League, 10 North Russell, in the Multi-Purpose Room.

The discussion panel will feature successful people of color from all walks of life, including Useni Perkins, the League's president. The motto for the forum, which will be in a question and answer format, is "Our Youth Can be Successful." The panel will entertain questions from the audience, with the goal of providing empowering information to young people and their families, and a positive atmosphere for the exchange of ideas and options available as they plan for a successful future.

The forum is open to all youth and their families. For further information, contact Mary Omereife at 280-2600.

PORTLAND OBSERVER
"The Eyes and Ears of the Community"
288-0033



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Bust

In Fine Porcelain Mounted On Solid Walnut Base

Size: 10" x 8"

by Olvero

\$125.00 plus shipping and handling

P.O. Box 14265

Portland, Oregon 97214

Call: (503) 235-0481

A ONE HOUR FREE LECTURE WITH QUESTION PERIOD

TROUBLED YOUTH: EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS THROUGH PRAYER

A Christian Science Lecture
by **Richard A. Mather, C.S.B.**
of Spokane, Washington

Member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship

Tuesday, December 6, 1988
7:30 PM

The Red Lion Inn, Lloyd Center
1000 N.E. Multnomah
Portland, Oregon
The Helens Room

Free Parking. No Child Care
Sponsored by Tenth Church of Christ, Scientist, Portland

Grace Collins Memorial Center

Day Care

"Since 1952"

- Kindergarten
- Pre-School



3 Years - Writing ABC's



2-1/2 Year Olds - Learning Shapes



4 Year Olds - Making Cookies

'Latch Key Program'

Children 6 wks.
to 11 yrs.

- Breakfast
- Hot Lunches
- Snacks

Mon-Fri
6:30 am - 6:00 pm

Call

281-6930

128 N.E. Russell St.



5 Year Olds - Reading First Grade Books

Grace Collins Memorial Center

Day Care

A Message from

SANTA

to Kids Ages 6-12



IN 100 WORDS OR LESS PLEASE TELL ME:

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO YOU!
AND RECEIVE A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM

The Portland Observer's

Santa

Letters to Santa must be received by 12/09/88