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NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE CONFERENCE TO ADDRESS MAJOR SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT ISSUES

Educational reform, employment and training, America's housing crisis, the drug and crime epidemic, black on black crime, and improving the health status of African Americans will be among the major issues examined at the 1989 National Urban League Conference, "Working Together To Make a Difference: Towards Parity by the Year 2000."

The conference will take place in Washington, D.C. August 6-9 at the Washington Convention Center.

On Sunday, August 6, at 6 p.m., President and Chief Executive Officer John E. Jacob will deliver the keynote address, which is the League's major annual policy statement.

On Monday, August 7, Department of Labor Secretary Elizabeth H. Dole will address the morning conference plenary session on "Workforce 2000: Meeting The Challenge Of A New Era." Also on that day, Congressman William H. Gray III will be the speaker at the Federal Resources Luncheon, and Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan will address the afternoon plenary session on "A National Health Policy for Parity By The Year 2000."

Forum sessions to be held on August 7, will be on "AIDS: Black America Responds," "African-American Family Preservation," "Building Stronger Historically Black Colleges and Universities," "Making Welfare Reform Work," "Public Policy and Youth Development," "Child Care: The Need Continues," "Improving the Health Status of African Americans," and "African-American Youth: Prospects for the 'American Dreams.'"

On Tuesday, August 8, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Jack F. Kemp will discuss "Housing America's Poor" at the morning plenary session. The afternoon plenary session will be on "Educational Reform: A Public Policy Agenda for Equity and Excellence" and will feature Secretary of Education Lauro Cavazos. Congressman Charles B.

Rangel will be the speaker at a special evening forum on "Drugs and Crime." Forum issues scheduled for that day are: "Public and Private Partnerships in providing Affordable Housing," "Economic Empowerment through the Political Process," "Preventing substance Abuse Among African-American Youth," "African-American Women Entrepreneurs," "Federal Education Programs: Policy Directions for the 1990's," and "Minority Teachers: Short Supply--High Demand."

The final day of the conference Wednesday, August 9, will be highlighted by an address by The Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, President of the Southern Leadership Conference on "Liberty and Justice: The Civil Rights Agenda for the 1990's." The last day of conference forums will end with "The Sandwich Generation: Rearing Children and Caring for Aging Parents," "Manhood and Fatherhood: The Male Role in the African-American Family," and "Twenty Years after The Kerner Commission Report" America, Still Separate and Unequal."

Over 16,000 conferees representing the public, private corporations, and the federal government sectors are expected to attend the 1989 annual conference.

The conference also features the work of local and national African-American artists in a colorful Art Expo. The Job Opportunity Showcase, a computerized job matching service and an exhibit hall with 400 exhibits, where private, public, and government agencies distribute products, literature, and services will be among other major highlights. A special youth session is scheduled for Sunday, August 6, and a Gala Benefit Concert starring Ashford and Simpson, Lou Rawls, Levert, and the O'Jays is planned for Monday, August 7.

For inquiries about conference registration, contact the Conferences Department at 212/310-9037/89. Written inquiries may be sent to the National Urban League, Inc. 500 East 62nd St. New York, NY 10021.

WEST IRVINGTON PARADE JULY 8

The 2nd Annual West Irvington Parade and neighborhood festival will take place Saturday, July 8, starting with a parade from Irving park and ending with an afternoon of fun at Irvington School, Northeast 13th Avenue at Brazee Street.

The parade will take off from Irving Park at Northeast 11th Avenue at Klickitat Street, heading down 11th to Stanton Street and on Stanton to 13th and Irvington School. Children with decorated bicycles, strollers, wagons, or any other non-motorized vehicles are invited to join in. The parade is open to adults, too.

Activities are planned at the school grounds from noon to 5 p.m. including music, food, children's activities and clowns, volleyball, skateboarding demonstrations, and lots more. Information booths about neighborhood programs will be at the festival. Food and neighborhood t-shirts will be sold.

The festival was created last year to build community spirit in the Irvington neighborhood, especially in the area of West Irvington between Northeast 7th and 15th avenues, from Broadway to Knott streets. It is sponsored by the Irvington Community Association and the West Irvington Festival Committee.

CITY OF ROSES OR SKIN CITY?

Friday July 14th, 8:00pm: THE CITY OF ROSES OR SKIN CITY? Join community activist Jonathan Mozzochi for an evening of discussion on the problem of fascist skinhead violence in Portland. How much of a threat and how well organized

are the fascist skins? Are Portland's police, City government, and "Business community" part of the Problem? The event is free at Laughing Horse books, 1322 NW 23rd, Portland, Oregon.

SENIORS of the WEEK



by Jimi Johnson

Married for fifty-five years, Mr. & Mrs. Henry and Frankie Mangum moved to Portland in 1945 from Jackson Mississippi to work in the shipyards. They have been senior residents of Gantenbein Avenue (popularly known as G-Street) for nearly 40 years. The Mangums have watched and nurtured three generations, including their own families while always trying to better their neighborhood. Many words of encouragement as well as strokes of discipline have come from the Mangums in the form of LOVE.

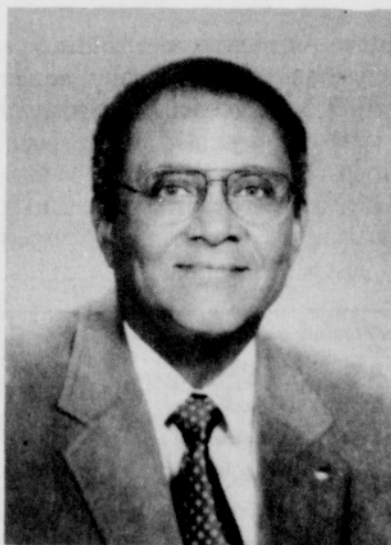
"We've seen a lot of young people grow up to be fine adults, and some not so fine, but we are pleased with the majority of young people we've come to know", stated Henry Mangum. "There were times when my wife and I had to personally chastise neighborhood youth, but now we know the effort was worthwhile", added Mangum.

Henry Mangum became known to neighborhood youngsters as "Killer" because he constantly kept them on the straight and narrow path. "He'd threaten to 'cut off their head' ", jokingly added his wife Mrs. Frankie Mangum.

Active in the church, Mrs. Mangum says that "marriage is something that you need to work at and keep God in your marriage, you must keep the faith", she added.

The "Golden Years" have been good to the Mangum family as they have been blessed with good health, many friends, and a lovely family including, three children, twelve grandchildren, and twenty-one great-grandchildren. The PORTLAND OBSERVER salutes this wonderful couple as our Seniors of the Week!

Urban League Schedules Annual Dinner



Dick Bogle
Master of Ceremonies



Margaret Carter
Keynote Speaker

The Urban League of Portland will host its Annual Dinner on Thursday, July 20, 1989 at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion. The no-host reception begins at 6:30 p.m., and dinner begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are \$30 each and \$300 per table of ten.

City Commissioner Dick Bogle will be the master of ceremonies, and State Representative Margaret Carter will deliver the keynote address. Comments will be heard from board chairman, Louis J. Boston, and League president, Useni E. Perkins.

The evening's entertainment will include a performance by Bruce Smith and his African Dancers, and vocals from the duet of Ken Berry and Janice Scroggins, and Unity, a gospel quartet.

The theme for this year's dinner, "A Friend of the Community," was selected because it describes the Urban League's daily commitment to community betterment.

The public is cordially invited to attend. For ticket information or to make reservations, call 280-2600.

"Violence as a way of achieving racial justice is impractical and immoral. It is impractical because it is a descending spiral ending in destruction for all. The old law of an eye for an eye leaves everybody blind. It is immoral because it seeks to humiliate the opponent rather than win his understanding; it seeks to annihilate rather than to convert. Violence is immoral because it thrives on hatred rather than love. It destroys community and makes brotherhood impossible. It leaves society in monologue rather than dialogue. Violence ends by defeating itself. It creates bitterness in the survivors and brutality in the destroyers."

Martin Luther King, Jr.



ARBY'S PROMOTES LEGE TO SENIOR MARKETING MANAGER

Rhonda Lege has been promoted to senior marketing manager for Arby's, Inc., the world's largest roast beef sandwich chain. In this position, Lege is responsible for the company's nine-state north central region. She provides marketing direction to Arby's franchisees and supervises cooperative formations as well as Arby's regional marketing managers. She is based in Chicago.

Lege joined Arby's in 1987 as a field marketing manager. Prior to that she was director of marketing and consumer affairs for Denver-based Bailey Company, one of Arby's largest franchise operations.

A native of Portland, Ore., Lege received a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Oregon.

Headquartered in Atlanta, Arby's has more than 2,100 restaurants in the United States, Canada, Asia, The Caribbean, and the Middle East. System-wide sales are expected to reach \$1.4 billion in 1989

Gang-Affected Youth to Study at PCC Cascade This Summer

Forty-five Portland youngsters will earn while they learn a variety of skills this summer as participants in a special program at the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College in North Portland.

The 45 boys and girls will take part in the "Earn and Learn Summer Youth Project" sponsored by the Portland Public Schools, Private Industry Council and PCC.

To qualify, the young people must be 14 to 21 years old and "gang affected" in the sense that they are frequently exposed to gangs in their everyday lives, explained Director Glenn Keaton, a PCC math tutor.

The youngsters will come to the program on referral from schools or other agencies, or by applying on their own. They will work on basic educational skills such as reading, writing and math, and study science, geography and other content subjects.

In addition, said Keaton, the group will receive employability training and learn how to operate computers.

One of the project staff members will be an advocate, who will serve as role model, counselor and buddy, Keaton said.

Two developmental education instructors, two laboratory aides and a full-time secretary will complete the staff.

Project participants will study at Cascade Campus a maximum of seven hours a day, five days a week, from late June through September 15.

PIC spokeswoman Marnella Bingham said the estimated earnings of 45 young people during the period of the project would be about \$800 per youth, so each student will receive that stipend. In addition, \$200 per client will be allocated for support services such as transportation, meals, speakers and field trips.

When they complete the project, younger clients will be encouraged to return to high school, while older members of the group will enter the local job market.

The project is an outgrowth of an idea expressed by Governor Neil Goldschmidt at the Leaders Roundtable of Portland earlier this year. Funds and in-kind contributions amounting to \$106,000 are being provided by PIC, the Portland Public Schools and PCC.

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Coalition Of Black Men

In its efforts to provide support to African American youth this summer, the Coalition of Black Men will host a group of representative from various youth programs at its bi-monthly meeting on Saturday, July 1, 1989. The meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. at Jackson Hall on the Portland Community College Cascade Campus.

Representatives will discuss the activities of their respective groups,

to allow members of the Coalition to volunteer their services in support of African American youth. Although the Coalition is primarily an advocacy organization, it has a strong commitment to helping African American youth at-risk.

For additional information, contact Useni Perkins, Chairman of the Coalition and CEO of the Urban League of Portland, at 280-2600.

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