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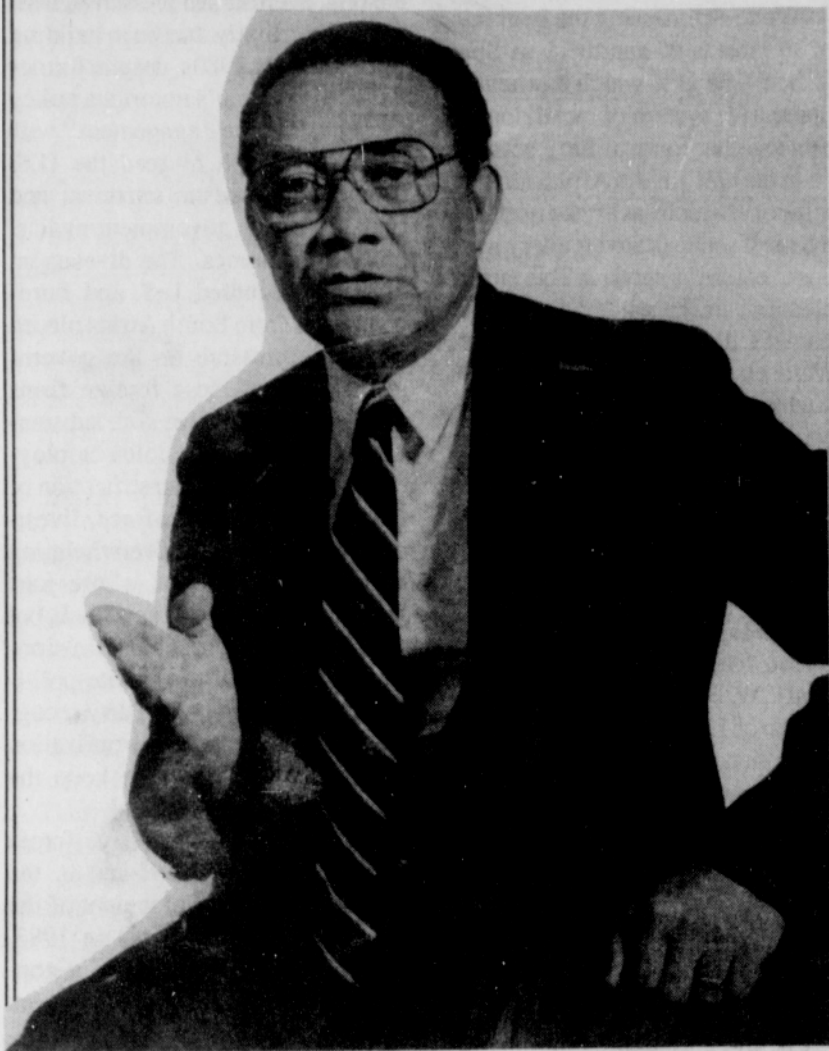
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## Prophet Announces Goal For '89



Campaign Chairman Matthew Prophet announced that the goal for the United Way of the Columbia-Willamette's Campaign '89 is \$20.5 million. Last year, United Way raised \$19 million to help support 102 people-helping agencies and about 400 different human and health care programs," said Prophet, superintendent, Portland Public Schools. He added, "This year the demands are even greater, as agencies face a wide gap between United Way funding levels and the needs of their clients. Following are some examples of problems agencies face:

It is estimated that there are over 11,000 homeless people in Multnomah County.

Depression is a serious problem among the elderly, experienced by 20 percent to 30 percent of older adults.

In 1987, there were 15,291 confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect in Oregon—an increase of 14.5 percent over 1986. In 1986, 204 residents of the four-county area committed suicide.

Prophet said that to help meet these and other needs, he will capitalize on the expertise and the historical success of United Way. "I will listen a great deal because I think the real strength comes from the volunteers and staff who do the work every day at United Way," he said.

The campaign '89 will begin Aug. 30 with a community kick-off at Pioneer Courthouse Square.

## HUMAN RESOURCE AGENCIES NOW AT COLUMBIA VILLA HOUSING PROJECT

Agencies with the Oregon State Department of Human Resources are now providing on site services to residents of the Columbia Villa/Tamarack Housing Project. Staff from the State Employment Division Vocational Rehabilitation Division, and Adult and Family Services have been assigned to work out of offices provided by the Portland Housing Authority.

The Employment Division has assigned one full-time staff member to this project, who will be located in the Portland Housing Authority Office Building at 8920 N. Woolsey Avenue. This staff member will provide free job placement assistance. There will be a special emphasis on finding work for people referred from Drug and Alcohol Treatment Programs, clients of Department of Human Resources agencies and other residents of Columbia Villa and Tamarack.

Adult and Family Services has established an "Outreach and Resource Center" located at 4412 N. Trenton, to serve residents of the two housing projects. This center is open from 9:00 AM - Noon on Thursdays. They will accept forms and reports and answer questions and help with individual problems.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Division is also providing services from 9:00 AM - Noon on Thursdays at 4412 N. Trenton. They will provide a full range of eligibility determination and employment planning from Columbia Villa and their regular office at 5325 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. For further information about services provided by the Employment Division at Columbia Villa, call 280-6810.

Adult and Family Services--283-5898

Vocational Rehabilitation--280-6940

## CAMP ROSENBAUM BRINGS SMILES TO PUBLIC HOUSING CHILDREN



Big blue stars with "Camp Rosenbaum" dancing through the middle of them dotted the chests of about 130 low income campers during the 19th year of Camp Rosenbaum, a joint effort of the Housing Authority of Portland and the Oregon National Guard. Each year the two organizations team up to sponsor a week of adventure and discovery for children who live in public housing. About 30 percent of the children live in assisted housing in North Portland.

This year, the camp expanded to include 30 children from the Housing Authority if the City of Salem and the Yamhill County Housing Authority, along with the traditional 100 children from the Housing Authority of Portland. The 10-12-year-olds work with volunteers from the housing authorities and the National Guard to learn how to "Just Say No" to drugs and alcohol, as well as how to be good citizens. Each day features a special motto that is included throughout the camp's activities, such as "Good Citizens Share" and "Good Citizens Are Fair."

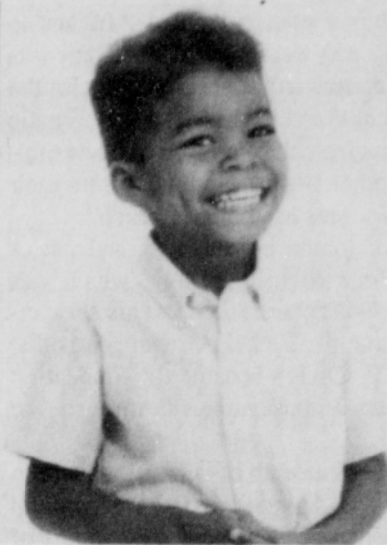
A new camper joined the youngsters for Camp Rosenbaum '89. Oregon Secretary of State Barbara Roberts

became a big fan of camp and its impact on youth when she stayed overnight with the children. She was a great sport, as she participated in skits for the campers and helped them with arts and crafts projects. She even enjoyed her sticky fingers as she toasted marshmallows over a campfire and sang songs such as "I Don't Want To Be A Dope, Nope" with the children.

The most important lesson the campers learn during their week at Camp Rosenbaum is that they are special. They have unique talents and potentials that can take up and out of public housing and keep them away from temptations such as drugs and alcohol. Thanks to the hugs, smiles and encouragement given by housing authority and National Guard staff, the children learn they are important individuals. Self-esteem and confidence are built throughout week, as the children capture the memories and values that will help carry them through to adulthood.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CAMP ROSENBAUM, PLEASE CALL PUBLIC AFFAIRS COORDINATOR CAROL JELINEK AT 249-5514 OR THE NATIONAL GUARD'S SANDRA BERGER AT 335-4104.

## NATIONAL SICKLE CELL POSTER CHILDREN SELECTED



The National Association For Sickle Cell Disease kicked off the annual observance of September as Sickle Cell Month by naming Anthony Wayne Smith, 5, Bellefontaine, Ohio, and Lori Beth Bonnell, 8, Okeechobee, Florida, as 1989-90 National Poster Children.

Dorothy H. Boswell, NASCD executive director, said the dual appointment marked a milestone in the organization's history because both children were so highly qualified that for the first time, there was a tie in the selection process. Lori Beth happens to be white.

"These children, like the other local Poster Children who were competing for this honor, have so much promise, we hope they will remind everyone of the need to support the NASCD and its local Chapters, as we work to help them reach their full potential," she said.

"And furthermore, the choice of Lori Beth as a National Poster Child will underscore our longstanding position that sickle cell disease is a major health problem in America. For years, we have said that the sickle cell conditions not only affect Americans of African ancestry, they also occur in other ethnic groups".

Anthony is the local Poster Child for the Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center at Ohio's Columbus Children's Hospital. His mother, Mrs. June C. Artis-Smith, said he was diagnosed at 3 months, and is a bright and outgoing child who understands his disease very well. His favorite activities are video games, reading and drawing.

Lori Beth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Bonnell, said they hope her selection will remind the nation that sickle cell disease affects more than one race. Lori Beth is the local Poster Child for the Palm Beach Sickle Cell Foundation, and especially likes skating, swimming, shopping and collecting dolls.

All through September, in communities from Florida to Washington, NASCD Chapters sponsor special events to inform the public about sickle cell conditions, and to point up the need to support local education and service programs. Scheduled activities include annual fund raising events, free public screening, seminars, worship services, and special recreational events for patients and family members.

## SEVENTEEN PORTLAND SCHOOL STUDENTS SCHOLARS WIN NODS

Seventeen Portland School District high-school students learned this week (Sept. 13) they are National Merit Scholar semifinalists. The Portland seniors are among 15,000 students nationwide who were top scorers in their states on the Prescholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholar Qualifying Test. Some one million student took the test a year ago under auspices of the National Merit Scholarship Corp. in Evanston, Ill.

National Merit semifinalists can be chosen as finalists eligible for 6,000 National merit-, corporate- or college-sponsored scholarships each worth \$2,000 or more because of high SAT scores and other academic and leadership successes.

Portland School District semifinalists are:

Grant- Benjamin D. Painter.

## UNION AVENUE/MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BLVD...the controversy...

In April, 1989, the City Council unanimously voted to rename Union Avenue to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The Martin Luther King, Jr. street renaming committee made up of citizen leaders throughout the city and chaired by Carolyn Leonard first proposed to name Front Avenue after the late civil rights leader. Others who served on the committee included Bernie Foster publisher of the Skanner newspaper. After the Commissioners voted in favor of the name change, it was thought to have been a "done deal"; however, opposition was raised by certain individuals, and various business owners located on the boulevard who alleged that because of the name change, the cost to business owners would be astronomical. Therefore, a petition was filed to change the name back to Union Avenue thus causing the formation of Citizens for Union Avenue. Rosalie Huss, executive director of Citizens for Union Avenue along with John Baxter, treasurer of the organization will confront Portland City Commissioner Earl Blumenauer and Carolyn Leonard on the next episode of Cityscope. Also featured on the show will be Ernie Yuzon from the Office of Transportation who will give a brief overview of the street renaming process.

This controversial Cityscope can be seen Saturday morning September 23 at 10:30 a.m. Cityscope is produced by Sylvia McDaniel and co-hosted by Gayle Rich and Steve Leader. Surprising questions and answers on the Cityscope...It's worth waking up for!

## Self Help Grant Program

The City of Portland announced today that it is accepting applications from neighborhood organizations and non-profit agencies for the Neighborhood Self Help Grant Program.

This year, for the first time, the Self Help Grant Program will be a combined effort of the City of Portland, using federal Housing and Community Development funds, and the Oregon Community Foundation, who had previously run the Neighborhood Small Grants Program.

"This is a nationally recognized program aimed at helping residents of Portland's low- and moderate-income neighborhoods to help themselves," Mayor Bud Clark said in announcing the grant availability. The Mayor said he was pleased by the joint effort of the Bureau of Community Development and the Oregon Community Foundation to fund this program.

Neighborhood associations, non-profit community groups, and non-profit business district associations are eligible for one time only grants of up to \$7,500 each.

Past grantees have included Albina Ministerial Alliance, for a teen parent day care demonstration project, The Home Gardening Project, to construct raised bed gardens for low income persons, Brooklyn Action Corps, to conduct clean-up activities along Milwaukie Avenue, and Franciscan Enterprise, to rehabilitate vacant housing.

The Community Energy Project provides FREE weatherization for low to moderate income Seniors citizens and Disabled persons. This weatherization includes door weatherstripping, caulking, wrapping pipes, installing electrical outlet gaskets, and storm windows. We provide all the materials and labor is donated by trained volunteers. This service can result in a 25% reduction of your heating and utility cost while at the same time making your home more comfortable. If you are someone who would benefit from this service please contact Patti White or Jill Lane at 284-6827. Our address is 3116 N. Williams P.O. Box 12272 Portland, OR.

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