

## Who Contributed?

by Donna Hammond

### What was the(ier) Contribution? The clock struck 6:00 am. Wake - Up!

Another day has been recorded. Wake-Up! 25% of the day is lost to time and history. Who recorded it? Recollect the times when dominant personalities forged to the front and accepted roles of responsibilities and leadership. Their names have been embossed in our history books and hopefully our records improve on the reflection of this. True, factual history of our Black people can only be established when we review the outstanding people as well as give proper consideration for the anonymous.

Wake up! Who can be chief without indians?

If I were to share the names of the anonymous leave the prolific, would you know who they were yet but what they did? The value is in the contribution not the recognition.

In Portland, Oregon who was the 1st Black: To settle here, female judge, porter, LPN, police officer, cowboy, entrepreneur, to work in the ship yard?

I have asked myself these questions to try to establish the foundation of my historical structure. I have an ur-

gency for these and many other answers because I have a four year old son and I'd like to feed him accurate data to be digested into his appetite for historical truth and relevance.

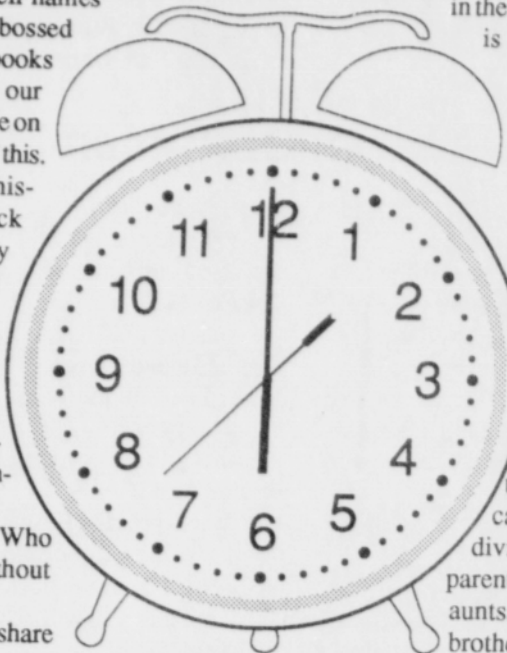
Who was the greatest Black man in the United States? Who is the greatest Black woman in the United States? And upon what criteria do we evaluate great or greatness?

My father and Mother are the two greatest individuals in the United States, yes the planet. They are my history!

We must try to know all that we can about these individuals. It was our

parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, brothers, sisters and friends who had an impact on our history. They are the outstanding people. Will you give them proper consideration, though they remain anonymous? The anonymous will never receive credit in the history books as individuals.

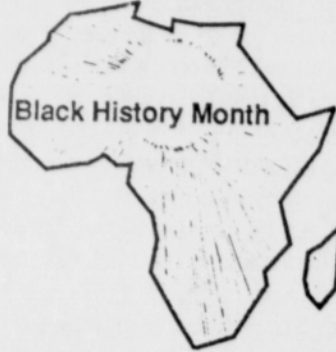
Soldiers, rank and file, rise up to take your place in history, your place in the sun. Your history may not be recorded but it is real. The masses must be churned so that Martin will rise to the top.



## OHS To Honor Black History Month

The Northwest African American Writers Workshop will join the Oregon Historical Society in sponsoring two events at the Society honoring Black History month and the contributions made by poets and historians of the Pacific Northwest. On Thursday, February 7, African American poets will gather to read their works and to discuss their experiences in writing and publishing. The program will be held at the Center from 7 to 9 p.m. and will be open to the public without charge.

On Sunday, February 10, a recep-



tion will be held from 1:30 to 5 p.m. at the Center recognizing and honoring historians of Pacific Northwest African American history. Program speakers will discuss their interest, inspiration, and experiences in writing and publishing their research. The reception is also open to the public without charge.

Works by many of the poets and historians have been published in Voices of Kuumba, an anthology of the Northwest African American Writers Workshop. Copies of Volume I and II are available at OHS bookshop.

### Health Check-ups For Women Offered

A health check-up for women will be given from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, February 23, 1991 at Western States Chiropractic College's Outpatient Clinic, 2900 N.E. 132nd Avenue in Portland.

The \$15 examination fee will cover the cost of a pap smear, breast exam, spinal examination, and urinary lab test. The check-ups are administered by fourth-year interns under the supervision of chiropractic physicians. Appointments are necessary and may be made by calling 255-6771.

### Petett fund established

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), the Northwest Oregon Labor Council (NOLC), and the Portland Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute (APRI) are establishing an education fund in memory of Annette Petett. Proceeds will be for her son Donte.

Petett, 31, died Dec. 21 of a brain aneurysm while at work as an office secretary for AFSCME. She was a member of Local 88, a delegate to NOLC, and president of the Portland APRI.

The coalition is seeking donations from labor unions to ensure an opportunity for an education for her son. The staff union of AFSCME contributed \$2,500 to start the account and NOLC pledged \$200.

Checks can be made payable to: AFSCME Staff Union, Donte Petett Fund, 2545 SW Spring Garden Street, Portland, Oregon 97219.

*"Our needs are identical with labor's needs: decent wages, fair working conditions, livable housing, old age security, health and welfare measures, conditions in which families can grow, have education for their children and respect in the community. That is why Negroes support labor's demands and fight laws which curb labor. That is why the labor-hater and labor-baiter is virtually always a twin-headed creature spewing anti-Negro epithets from one mouth and anti-labor propaganda from the other mouth...the two most dynamic and cohesive liberal forces in the country are the labor movement and the Negro freedom movement..."* -Martin Luther King, Jr., 1961 AFL-CIO nat'l convention

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH ON OPB



**BILL MOYERS/ SONGS ARE FREE,** with Bernice Johnson Reagon  
Cultural history and power embodied in song.  
Wednesday, February 6 • 10 PM



**GREAT PERFORMANCES: THE COLORED MUSEUM**  
Uproarious and irreverent: a sizzling satire of black stereotypes.  
Saturday, February 9 • 10 PM



**EYES ON THE PRIZE**  
The dream was freedom... America's civil rights story.  
Sunday - Tuesday, February 10 - 12 • 10 PM



## McDonald's Announces 1991 Black History Makers Of Tomorrow



Visions of hope for the future can be seen today, as thirty of the country's most talented black youth have been named national winners in the 1991 "McDonald's Black History Makers of Tomorrow" program.

"McDonald's Black History Makers of Tomorrow" program salutes leadership, high character, and exceptional scholarship among outstanding high school juniors. In 1988, McDonald's

created the Black History Month program to honor the past by focusing on the future. Each student submitted an application and 1,000-word essay on "The Making of Black History in the Future" and their role in its development.

"These young people have demonstrated strong leadership qualities and represent our corporate, community, and civic future," said Ed Rensi, president of McDonald's USA. "As 'McDonald's

Black History Makers of Tomorrow' they possess a thirst for knowledge that will shape America."

During black History Month, McDonald's national television and print advertising will feature the 1991 "McDonald's Black History Makers of Tomorrow." Additionally, the 30 national winners will be special guests on Black Entertainment television's (BET) "Teen summit" talk show.

### PDC Employees Observe Black History Month With Diverse Program

A committee of African-American employees at the Portland Development Commission (PDC) has organized a series of activities during the month of February in observance of Black History Month. The purpose is to provide PDC employees an enriching cultural activity and to foster greater understanding of cultural diversity. This will be the third year PDC has observed Black History Month.

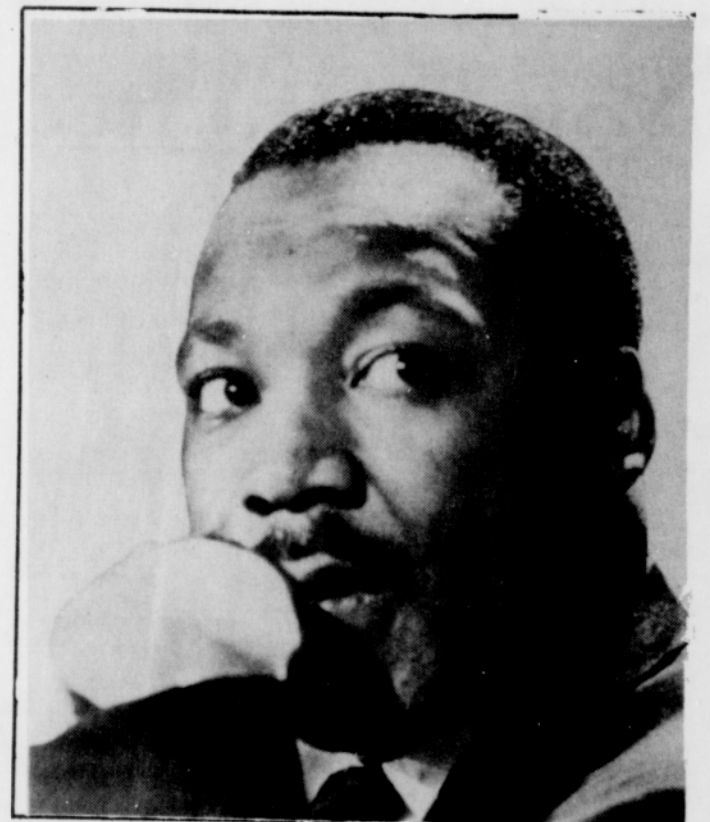
Theme for this year's program is, "A Matter of Color: The Meaning of Race in American Culture." The committee will develop the theme through a series of brown-bag lunch discussions, educational poster board displays,

films, and other educational events.

February 1 will open the program with a keynote address by Dr. Darrell Millner, Chairman of the Black Studies Department at Portland State University. Featured soloist at the program is well-known local talent Goldie Irby. The program will take place from 11:30-1:30 p.m. in The Portland Building's second floor auditorium. The February 1 brown-bag lunch program is open to all City employees.

Portland Development Commission is the City's agency for urban renewal, housing, and economic development.

## Martin Luther King, Jr.



1929-1968

# Dedication

Martin Luther King, Jr., dedicated his life to the crusade for racial equality. To millions of black Americans, he was the country's foremost civil rights leader. He urged his people to be proud of their race. He asked them to stand up for their rights. He led them in nonviolent demonstrations against the evils of hatred and segregation. He was a prophet of peace. Dr. King believed in the basic goodness of man and in the philosophy of nonviolence. It was his hope and dream that nonviolent protest action would create an America where all men might truly be equal. His efforts brought him worldwide fame, and death at an early age.

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