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## Local NABCJ Chapter Plans For '92 Convention, Sponsoring Annual 'All Male' Fashion Show

The Portland Chapter of the National Association of Blacks In Criminal Justice was founded by Vera Pool, an employee of the Multnomah County Correction Division. The organization, now under the leadership of native Portlander, Ralph L. Davis has moved into high gear and will host the 1992 NABCJ National Convention in July.

Davis and his wife LaVerne (pictured), NABCJ member and Principal of King Elementary School, recently attended the National Convention, held in Memphis, TN. One goal of the trip was to invite the convention to Portland in 1992. Davis along with members of the local chapter were able to sell the organization on Portland. As a result of their efforts Portland will play host to some 500-700 NABCJ professionals. For most of them it will be their first time to the Pacific Northwest. Davis sees many opportunities for local organizations, businesses and



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Davis

the city of Portland to benefit from the convention and the presence of the organization. The entire community is invited to participate in the planning and preparations for the convention.

Of the several events planned, leading up to the convention, by far the most popular and successful is the "All Male" fashion show. This year NABCJ's "Gentlemen In The Hood" promises to be the best yet. The show will take place on Sunday November 3, 1991 at the Alberta Community Center across from the Texas II Club. The show will be an entertaining evening of fun and fashion. Tickets will go on sale September 27, 1991. The public is invited to support this and all NABCJ events leading up to the convention.

Any individual interested in membership to the local chapter, involvement in the 1992 convention or questions about NABCJ can contact Ralph Davis or any of the more than fifty (50) local chapter members.

## 'Quality Of Life' Hypertension Medication Study Focuses on Black Women

A study by University of Tennessee, Memphis physician Dr. William B. Applegate in the September *Archives of Internal Medicine* found that three commonly prescribed blood pressure lowering medications -- diltiazem, enalapril and atenolol -- caused no major negative effect on the quality of life (psychological, emotional and physical well-being) of elderly women.

Twenty percent of the study's 242 participants were black women at least 65 years of age with an average age of 70. The study is among the first to focus exclusively on women and to include a significant percentage of black women; a critical segment of the population generally overlooked by medical readers.

"Women, unfortunately, have been ignored in most studies of antihypertensive medications in older patients. In addition, previous studies have not looked at quality of life issues, and have used small samples sizes," Dr. Applegate explained.

Diltiazem -- marketed under the brand name Cardizem -- had the greatest effect on lowering both diastolic and systolic blood pressure, or blood

pressure when the heart is at rest and when the heart is contracting. More women in the diltiazem group (77 percent) achieved goal blood pressure than in either the enalapril group (67 percent) or the atenolol group (65 percent).

Patients displayed few adverse side effects -- such as memory loss, irritability, depression, hypochondria and low-energy levels -- commonly associated with antihypertension medications. Most of the quality of life variables remained unchanged or improved during the 16-week study.

Researchers gauged quality of life by standardized tests measuring physical symptoms, motor skills, memory recall, psychological well-being and emotional status, in addition to subjective factors indicated by the patients, including general wellness, satisfaction with life, social participation and overall perceptions of health.

The drugs used in the study represent three antihypertensive drug therapy classes -- calcium channel blockers, beta blockers and ACE inhibitors -- commonly prescribed for elderly women.

## Search For Portland Girl Continues: Picture Distributed Nationwide

Marking the year anniversary of her disappearance, the picture of Shawn Raquel Riley, a missing child from Portland, Oregon, will be featured this week on ADVO-System direct mail address cards distributed to over 52 million homes nationwide and to over 425,000 households in Portland. The card includes a description of the 3-year-old girl, who has been missing since October 13, 1990, along with a toll-free number of the National Center for Mission and Exploited Children. It also includes the picture of the child's alleged abductor, Shawn O. Riley. A

felony warrant has been issued against Mr. Riley for Custodial Interference. The address label is distributed as a public service by ADVO-System, Inc. at the request of the National Center.

"Few issues are as tragic as child abduction. We urge people to look at the address labels because picture distribution programs work. We are optimistic that someone will recognize Shawn's picture and hopefully will call the National Center's hotline with information regarding her whereabouts. We are also hopeful that featuring the picture of Shawn's alleged abductor

will increase the odds of her recovery," said Vince Guiliano, ADVO's Vice President of Government Relations.

Shawn has been missing since October 13, 1990, when she was allegedly abducted by Mr. Riley, her non-custodial father. "We have no idea where they've been since that time," said Detective Robert Kruckman, of the Portland Police Department. "Mr. Riley has been able to escape our dragnet for a year now."

"The best lead we had came from Texas, but so far it hasn't panned out. Shawn's mother has been very active in

the search and she too has come up empty-handed. Once these cards go out, we're hoping something will break," said Kruckman.

Since the establishment of its "America's Looking For Its Missing Children" program in 1985, ADVO-System has distributed over 15 billion address labels featuring the pictures of missing children. Of the 381 children featured to date, 55 have been safely recovered. ADVO-System, Inc., the nation's largest direct mail marketing company, is based in Windsor, Connecticut.

## 3,000 Crowd Pioneer Square For 'NO ON HATE' Coming Out Celebration

More than 2,500 lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and gay-supportive heterosexuals crowded Pioneer Courthouse Square on Friday, October 11 in celebration of National Coming Out Day. The rally was organized by the No On Hate campaign as part of its on-going efforts to defeat the Oregon Citizens' Alliance recent hate-initiatives.

Those in attendance enthusiastically cheered individual coming out stories told at the open microphone. Featured speaker Tom Potter received a rousing standing-ovation. Other featured speakers included: Donna Red Wing, executive director of the Lesbian Community Project; John Baker, chair of the right to Privacy PAC; Tess Wiseheart, executive director of the Portland Women's Crisis Line; Carol Steinel, local comedian and activist; and others. The Portland Lesbian Choir, Bridges, drag-queen extraordinaire Lady Elaine Peacock, the Gay Freedom Band and many more provided dazzling entertainment.

The rally was a public kick-off for the No On Hate campaign. No On Hate is a diverse group of individuals coming together to defeat the Oregon Citizens' Alliance recent ballot-measures which would declare homo sexuality a perversion and would forbid basic civil rights protections for lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals.

Members of No On Hate include a wide array of representatives and participants from other activist organizations in the Portland Metropolitan area. Now,

The No On Hate campaign will concentrate on preventing the OCA from acquiring enough signatures for its municipal initiative in the City of Portland to be placed on the ballot in 1992. No On Hate is encouraging all Portland residents to write to the City Commissioners who this month voted unanimously to adopt a comprehensive civil rights ordinance forbidding discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, among other things. Residents should write to Earl Blumenauer, Dick Bogle, Gretchen Kafoury, Mike Lindberg, and Mayor Bud Clark at City Hall, 1220 SW 5th, Portland, OR 97204. The Commissioners must receive public support for their firm stance on lesbian and gay civil rights.

No On Hate is actively fighting the OCA. Currently, the campaign is comprised of several committees, each with a specific area of focus. The committees are: visibility, Media, Unified Message, Speakers Bureau, Finance/Fundraising, Volunteer Coordination. New members are encouraged to attend one of the large community meetings where No On Hate committees exchange information and strategize.

## The Private Industry Council Announces Ten New Board Members

Local Elected Officials, Business Representatives and Social Service Experts Oversee Employment and Training Organization

The Private Industry Council is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to employment and training for low-income youth and adults throughout Washington and Multnomah Counties. At the September 11 meeting of the board of directors, the last of ten new board members were welcomed, completing a series of appointments which bring to 30 the total number of business, government and social service leaders who will set policy for the organization. The new members will serve three-year terms.

Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury of the City of Portland, Commissioner Sharron Kelley of Multnomah County,

and Commissioner Linda Peters of Washington County joined the board, filling newly created positions for local elected officials representing the three jurisdictions served by The Private Industry Council. The chief elected official from each of these jurisdictions is responsible for signing the official plan of the organization, and for approving changes to the intergovernmental agreement under which it operates.

The new board members representing the private sector, which makes up a majority of the board, are Lolita Burnette of Achievement Architects and Vern Ryles of Poppers Supply

Company, who were nominated by the Portland Chamber of Commerce and appointed by the Mayor of Portland; Cheryl Nickerson of NIKE, Inc., nominated by the Beaverton Chamber of Commerce and appointed by the Washington County Board of Commissioners; and David Thayer, owner of Thayer Optical, nominated by the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce and also appointed by the Washington County Commissioners.

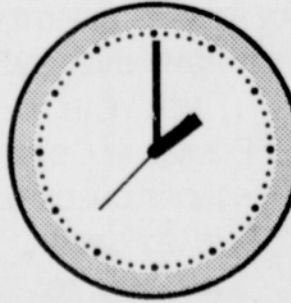
Four additional board members were appointed to fill specific public-sector board positions defined through The Private Industry Council's articles of incorporation. They include Dave

Scheele of the Oregon State Employment Division, Bret Westwood of the Vocational Rehabilitation Division, Jean Stryker of Adult and Family Services, and filling the economic development position, Jan Burreson of Portland Development Commission.

The Private Industry Council is primarily funded through the federal Job Training Partnership Act. In conjunction with its many partners, the council operates 35 employment and training programs ranging from stay-in-school programs for at-risk youth, to services for dislocated workers, citizens 55 and older, welfare recipients and Spanish-speakers.

# Don't Forget

Sunday October, 27 at 2:00 am  
is time to set your clocks back one hour



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