

Anheuser-Busch Supports Operation PUSH National Convention



Victor M. Julien (right), corporate affairs director of special programs at Anheuser-Busch Companies, joins Indianapolis Mayor Bill Hudnut (left), in welcoming officials of Operation PUSH to the city for its national convention. PUSH, the Chicago-based civil-rights group founded by The Rev. Jesse Jackson, held its convention at the Indianapolis Hoosier Dome and Convention Center in conjunction with the Indiana Black Expo. Shown with Julien and Mayor Hudnut are Rev. Jackson, District of Columbia Shadow Senator; PUSH Board Chairman Rev. Willie Barrow, and PUSH President, Rev. Charles Williamson. Anheuser-Busch was a corporate sponsor of the convention's business luncheon.

The Sirius Study Group Sponsors 'Discussions On African Origins II'

In an effort to clarify and place in perspective the raging national and international debate on Africa's role in the development of world civilization and public school curriculum reform, the Sirius Study Group will be presenting its second series of community forums entitled "Discussion on African Origins II." These discussions are open to the public and will be held at 7pm Friday evening, January 31st, Saturday evening, February 8th and Friday evening, February 21st. Each discussion will be held on the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College in Terrell Hall, Room 122. Admission is free. Each discussion will consist of a presentation by a member of the Sirius Study Group who will share their insights and findings on the following subjects: January 31st: "Portland Public Schools' African-American Baseline Essays: A Historical Perspective," presented by Kamau Sadiki and Joyce Harris; February 8th: "The African Presence in Pre-Columbus America," presented by Charlotte Lewis and Kamau Sadiki; February 21st: "Akhenaten-Living in Truth: The Dawn of Religious Philosophy in the Nile Valley," presented by Mamadou Toure. Relative bibliographies, articles and other informative materials will be available at each discussion. The Sirius Study Group is a local study group affiliated with the Association for the Study of Classical African Civilizations.

Free Income Tax Aid for Seniors, Low-Income, and Disabled Citizens Offered at Portland Parks and Recreation Locations

Seniors, low-income, and disabled citizens can get free tax-filing aid at the following Portland Parks and Recreation locations. Appointments are required and will be accepted beginning February 1st. Please call the location nearest you for your appointment or for more information. Co-sponsored by AARP.

- Dishman Community Center**
77 N.E. Knott - 823-3179
- Metropolitan Learning Center Community School**
2033 N.W. Glisan - 280-5742
- Mt. Scott Community Center**
5530 S.E. 72nd - 823-3183
- Overlook House Community Center**
3839 N. Melrose Drive - 823-3188
- Peninsula Park Community Center**
700 N. Portland Blvd. - 823-3620
- Sellwood Community Center**
1436 S.E. Spokane - 823-3195
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Oregon National Forum For Black Public Administrators Membership Kick-Off Event

The National Forum for Black Public Administrators has established an Oregon Chapter with Gerald Seals, Corvallis City Manager, Serving as President.

Oregon NFBPA looks forward to the coming year with a great deal of enthusiasm! In addition to membership expansion, NFBPA is working to achieve several goals in Oregon: The chapter will organize itself as an educational and career networking source, offering members technical assistance and resource skills to public and private entities in Oregon wishing to recruit minorities, and will develop a recognition process for professional excellence.

Other officers of the Oregon NFBPA include Vice President, Michelle Harper, Assistant to Director Portland Parks & Recreation, Secretary, Rosa Colquitt, Assistant Director Oregon Department of General Services, Treasurer, John Scott, Branch Manager Oregon Department of Human Resources, Historian, C.L. Thames,

Manager of Payment Recovery, Adult & Family Services, Parliamentarian, Sara Martin, Training Coordinator For Multnomah County.

Oregon NFBPA is proud to announce a membership kick-off event on Friday, January 31, 1992, at 6:00pm, Oregon State Archives Building Reception Area, 800 Summer Street, Salem, OR. The Topic, "Measure 5: impacts on Public Service and Employment" will be addressed, with several keynote speakers from across the state presenting and facilitating discussions on critical issues surrounding Measure 5. The panel discussion will begin at 6:00 pm and a reception following at 7:30 pm. Special guest attending from Washington, D.C. will be Cynthia Curry, President National Forum for Black Public Administrators. This will be an excellent opportunity to network with some key public administrators from across the state.

For more information please contact, Gerald Seals (1-757-6901) or Michelle Harper (796-5379).

A.E.A. Names Katz Legislator of the Year



Vera Katz

The Oregon chapter of the American Electronics Association last week named state Rep. Vera Katz its "Legislator of the Year" for 1991 for her efforts in the Oregon Legislature.

The award was presented by Jim Hurd, Chair of the Oregon Council of the American Electronics Association and President of Planar Systems of Beaverton. Katz was honored for her major contributions to the high-technology industry in Oregon and for "outstanding leadership in cultivating an environment conducive to the health and expansion of high-technology in-

dustries."

"Throughout her career, Vera Katz has worked hard on many issues of concern to our industry and business in general: light rail funding, tax reform, economic development programs, health care reform, and balanced environmental legislation," said Hurd.

"As a legislator, Vera was never afraid to speak her mind and tell it to us straight," Hurd said of Katz, who is currently running for Mayor of Portland. "We will miss her in Salem."

Hurd highlighted the 1991 Oregon Education Act for the 21st Century, sponsored by Katz, as an example of Katz's efforts to better prepare Oregon students to enter the workforce at all levels.

"I would like to thank the AEA and the Oregon Council of the AEA for this honor," Katz said. "High technology and its related fields are key emerging industries for Portland and the state. I will continue working to provide a healthy environment for diversifying our economy and providing jobs for the Portland area."

Under the AEA program, each state council affiliate nominates one legislator to the national association for the honor. Katz is being honored for achievements throughout her legislative career as well as for her work in 1991.

Author, Poet Nikki Giovanni Creates History at PSU

Portland State University's Black Cultural Affairs Board brings to Portland internationally renowned author and poet, Nikki Giovanni. As part of the University's celebration of Black History Month, Ms. Giovanni will give a lecture, punctuated with readings of selected poems and short stories, Saturday, February 15, at 7 p.m. in the Smith Center Ballroom (Room 355, 1825 S.W. Broadway) on the PSU campus. Tickets may be available at the door. They can be purchased in advance through the PSU Ticket Office, corner of S.W. 5th & Mill, 725-3307. Cost is \$7 General; \$5 Sr. Adults, students; \$3 PSU students. (A reception/book signing follows Ms. Giovanni's presentation.)

Since 1968 Nikki Giovanni has published nearly 20 books, made half a dozen records, had a movie made about her work, and performed with an orchestra. She holds many honorary degrees and keys to cities all over the nation; she has been awarded Woman of the Year many times and in many capacities.

In 1968, after the publication of her first book of poetry, "Black Feeling Black Talk," Giovanni was nicknamed

"The Princess of Black Poetry," a title she proudly retains today. She has been called a "revolutionary poet," for her outspoken advocacy of civil rights and equality in education. An important and extremely popular literary figure, her recent focus is on the power and creativity of the individual—to make a difference in one's own life and the lives of others.

Giovanni was born in Knoxville, Tennessee in 1943. She was educated at Fish University in Nashville. Her books include: "Black Feeling Black Talk" (1968); "Black Judgement" (1969); "Re: Creation" (1970); "Night Comes Softly" (1970); "Poem of Angela Yvonne Davis" (1970); "Gemini" (1971); "Spin a Soft Black Song" (1971); "My House" (1972); "A Dialogue: James Baldwin and Nikki Giovanni" (1972); "Ego Tripping and Other Poems for Young Readers" (1973); "A Poetic Equation: Conversations between Nikki Giovanni and Margaret Walker" (1974); "The Women and the Men" (1975); "Cotton Candy on a Rainy Day" (1978); "Vacation Time" (1979); "Those Who Ride the Night Winds" (1983); "Sacred Cows...And Other Edibles" (1988).

Health Check-ups For Women Offered

A health check-up for women will be given from 9am to 1pm, Saturday, February 22, 1992 at Western States Chiropractic College Clinic, 2900 NE 132nd Avenue in Portland.

The \$20 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.

NARAL Offers Political Skills Workshops

Oregon NARAL, the Oregon affiliate of the National Abortion Rights Action League, will hold a Free political skills workshop in Portland on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 10 am until 2 pm at the Hilton Hotel, 921 SW 6th, in downtown Portland. This is a basic campaign skills workshop for pro-choice volunteers at all experience levels. Call 223-4510 to register.

Megastar Michael Jackson to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award From The National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters

Megastar Michael Jackson will receive the National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters (NABOB) Lifetime Achievement Award, March 5, at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, it was announced by James L. Winston, the organization's executive director and general counsel.

"Although still a young man, Michael Jackson has been a giant on the American music scene for more than a generation," said Winston. "Over the years, he has both dominated and revolutionized popular music, dance and fashion. In addition to his amazing success in public life, Michael has in his private life set an important example with his selflessness, caring attitude and philanthropy."

The prestigious NABOB Lifetime Achievement Award was created to honor those individuals who have excelled in their career or made a major contribution to their profession, and whose ingenuity, perseverance and creativity has fostered greater empowerment for the African-American community.

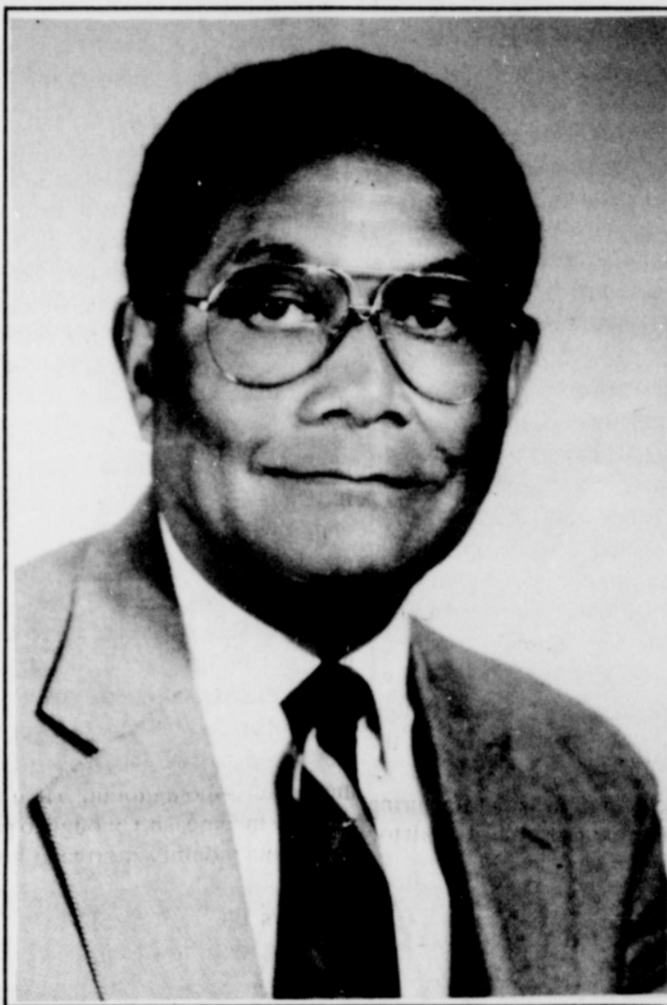
An unprecedented international star, Jackson began his career in 1964 as lead singer of The Jackson 5, one of the most prolific music acts ever with

more than 100 million records sold. As a solo artist, Jackson's four albums, "Off The Wall," "Thriller," "Bad" and "Dangerous," have brought him unparalleled critical and commercial success. "Thriller" alone won eight Grammys, seven American Music Awards, and is the largest selling album in the history of the recording industry with sales in excess of 42 million.

While Jackson is perhaps best known for his achievements in the entertainment world, his record of community involvement is singularly outstanding. In 1981, the Jacksons raised more than \$100,000 for the Atlanta Children's Foundation in a special benefit concert. Jackson donated all of his Victory Tour profits to three charities in September of 1984: United Negro College Fund, Camp Good Times and the T. J. Martel Foundation of Leukemia and Cancer Research. In addition, he is also a major supporter of Make-A-Wish Foundation, United Negro College Fund, Childhelp USA and the YMCA.

Jackson has been honored by President Reagan and Bush for his philanthropic activities for children. The National Association of Black

Prophet First African-American to Receive Prestigious Realtors Award



Supt. Matthew Prophet has received the Portland Board of Realtors prestigious First Citizen Award. He is the first African-American to receive the award since the recognition began in 1928.

The Board of Realtors recently announced the award to Prophet for his civic and educational contributions to Portland.

Prophet was appointed Portland's superintendent in April, 1982, following 10 years as a Lansing, Michigan administrator and superintendent. Raised in rural Mississippi, he entered the U.S. Army as a private

during the Korean War and retired 20 years later as a Lt. Colonel.

Since coming to Portland, Prophet was a founding member of the Portland Leader's Roundtable. Managed by a small board of political and business leaders, the Leader's Roundtable has focused on improving the educational, social and career opportunities available to Portland youth through government and business partnerships.

In addition, Prophet has been an active member in more than 15 organizations, boards and committees focused on improving life in Portland and Oregon.

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Benson Students Launch New Recycling Effort

Benson High School's student body discovered during their Wednesday (Jan 15) lunch hour how to recycle paper products in a new campaign launched by the school's student club, "BECAUSE" (Benson's Environmental Cause).

Students at Benson High School, 546 NE 12th Ave., learned how to recycle milk cartons, high grade paper, corrugated cardboard, newspapers and magazines during their lunch hours at 11:24am and 12:42pm.

Students members of BECAUSE will educate and monitor the school's new program of recycling milk cartons and urge students to recycle other products in their classrooms and other locations.

Led by BECAUSE chair Benno Lyon, a senior, and science teacher/club advisor Del Gerber, the school's new recycling effort will be closely coordinated with the school's head custodian, Chuck Rutto, and his staff.