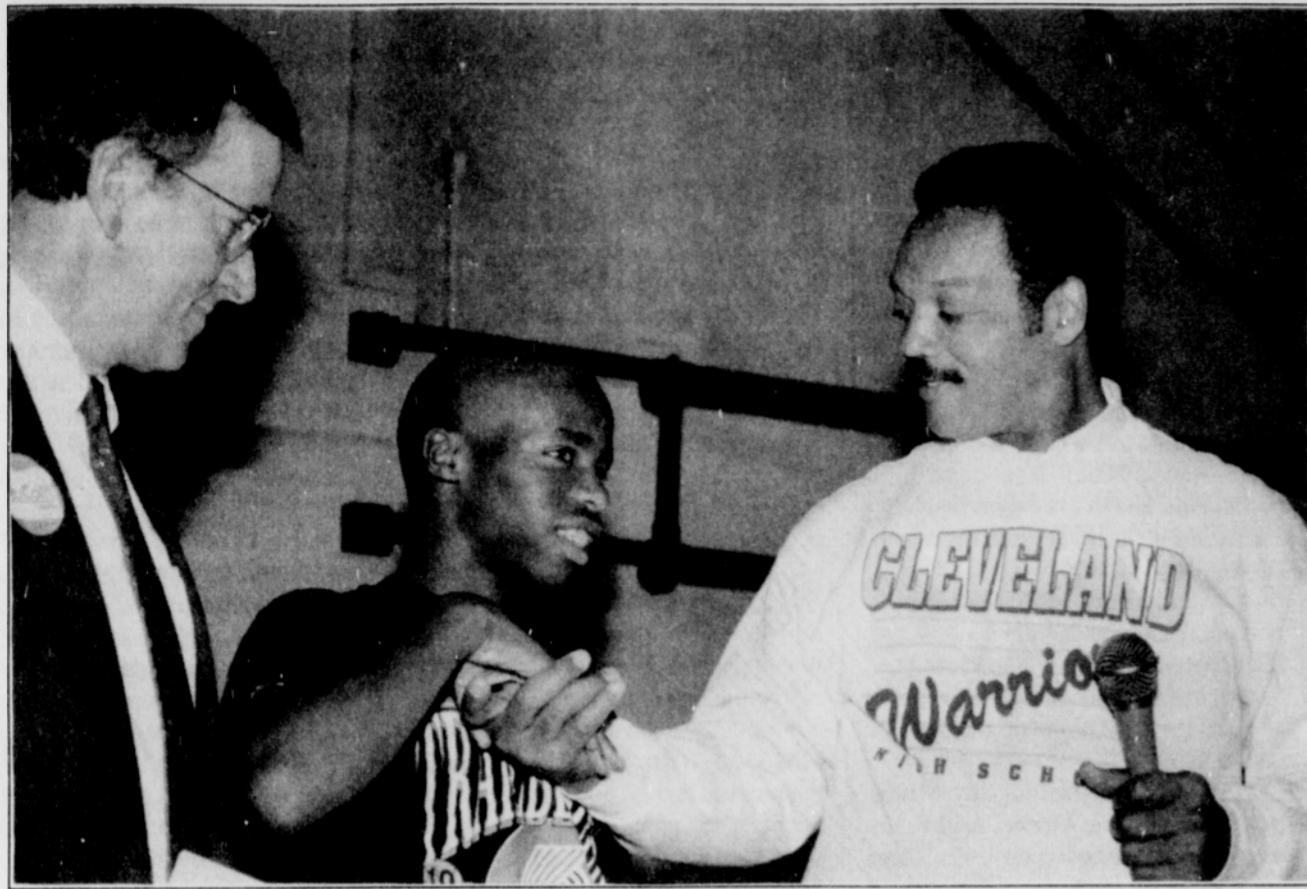


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## Rev. Jessie Jackson Visits Portland



Les Acoin, candidate for State Senator Center, Student Lawrence Collins with the Rev. Jessie Jackson.

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Appearing with Rev. Jackson was Les Acoin. Rev. Jesse Jackson, President of the National Rainbow Coalition arrived in Portland this past Sunday, September

## NAMCO Temporarily Halts Picketing At Emanuel

After two meetings with high level Legacy Health System officials, The National Association Of Minority Contractors Of Oregon (NAMCO) agrees to temporarily suspend picketing efforts at Emanuel Hospital. NAMCO board members most recently met with Steve Telfer, Legacy Vice President of public relations, to lay out a preliminary plan to include African American contractors and businesses in future opportunities throughout the Legacy system. In what Telfer described as a fruitful meeting, O.B. Hill, NAMCO board chairman, expressed optimism

that progress can be made if Legacy is continues to operate in good faith. However James L. Posey, a NAMCO board member, expressed concern that after months of attempting to persuade Legacy/Emanuel to pro-actively include community contractors in the current 17 million projects, "no amount of talk will satisfy our doubts about Legacy intentions until we see African American contractors and employees working on the job". Posey said, "we need a iron clad policy which practically guarantees inclusion."

Talks are scheduled to continue later this weeks to review a series of policy recommendations made by NAMCO and to engage in frank discussion with hospital staff directly responsible for procurement and purchasing functions.

NAMCO has promised to keep the community informed about the status of this effort and expresses appreciation to the many who generously gave support. But also cautions that there may be a need to continue the picket if meaningful results can not be obtained during the talks.

## New House Of Umoja Executive Director Welcomes Challenge Of Reclaiming Gang Youth

Portland House of Umoja, the area's most unique youth gang intervention program, took a major step toward solidifying its future by hiring William Jennings as its new executive director. Now, six months into the new job, Jennings still relishes the challenge set before him.

"Reclaiming gang-affected youngsters is not an easy task. In fact, it's the kind of challenge that very few people want to take on," said Jennings, who brings two decades of social services experience to organization. "But I am very excited about the possibilities here. The House of Umoja has established itself as a beacon of hope for young men in this community. And I'll do my best to build on that positive track record."

The Portland House of Umoja is a non-traditional, community-based program that provides a positive, Afrocentric living environment to young men impacted by a lack of sufficient family structure. The program serves boys aged 15-18, providing them with room and board; individual counseling; employment assistance; and recreational opportunities.

"We're pleased to have someone of William's caliber to lead the House of Umoja's ambitious plans of growth and expansion," said Lorenzo Poe, chairman of the Umoja Board of Directors. "He's not a newcomer to Portland, nor is he new at this kind of position he now holds. Instead, he's the kind of experienced professional that is vital in the world of youth intervention and reclamation programs."

Jennings, age 44, replaces Iris Bell, who stepped down from the position late last year. Elizabeth Waters, Umoja's resource development coordinator, had been handling the executive director



duties until Jennings' appointment.

a native of Tacoma, Washington, Jennings says that the ability to relate to young men is a skill he brings to the Umoja setting.

"To reach these young men, you've got to get below the layers of distrust and resentment they've built up against society and the system they feel has removed all hope for success," he said. "A lot of what these young men have experienced are the kinds of things that I endured at different points in my life. Instead of talking down to them about their problems, I'll be able to share with them in a non-threatening manner."

Prior to accepting the Umoja post, Jennings worked as a youth counselor and social services director in Oregon and Washington. His background also

includes work as a special consultant to Portland Public Schools; and as the founder of a survival training program for youthful offenders in Multnomah County.

Continued community support and effective fundraising will be crucial parts of Jennings' strategic plan for the House of Umoja.

"There is nothing easy or simple about redirecting the lives of young men whose have been deferred by drugs, crime and gangs activity. This is an expensive undertaking," he said. "Fortunately, there's already a sense of acceptance and ownership of the Umoja effort in Northeast Portland. The next step is to build on that relationship, making House of Umoja the positive community symbol we all want it to be."

## New Board Members At Garlington Center

The Garlington Center for N/NE community Mental Health has selected two new members to its Board of Directors, Earnestine Cellestine and Emmett C. Wheatfall.

Cellestine, president of the North Portland Association of Christian Educators and mentor with the Jefferson High School Financial Services Academy, manages the central processing unite for the Portland branch of Safeco Insurance Company.

Wheatfall, a past director of the Minority Youth Concerns Action Program and active in the Christian community, is an equal employment opportunity specialist for Portland General Electric.

The volunteer board members, who both live in the Northeast, serve four-year terms. The Garlington Center serves chronically mental ill people



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who would otherwise be living in state facilities and it provides mental health



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care for other adults and children in the area.

## Congresswoman Maxine Waters To Campaign For Vera Katz

Congresswoman Maxine Waters, D-Calif., is coming to Portland in October to campaign on behalf of mayoral candidate and state Rep. Vera Katz.

Waters gained national attention during the unrest in Los Angeles when she crashed a White House meeting addressing the situation, although her congressional district includes riot-torn south Central Los Angeles, she had not been invited to the meeting. As one magazine put it, "to no one's surprise, she was let in. Immediately."

At a fundraiser for Katz, Waters will share her message of hope and vision for building community. She will also share her thoughts on the aftermath of the Rodney King verdict and the Los Angeles unrest. her congressional district office was destroyed in the unrest.

The Los Angeles Times recently called Maxine Waters "one of the nations' most powerful African-American elected women."

Waters says she is supporting Katz because "our nation's cities need mayors who can bring people of diversity together to make our communities stronger. Vera Katz has the skills to make that happen." She said Katz has an impressive record on education and workforce training for women and minorities, and health care reform.

"It's an honor to have a woman of Maxine's reputation coming to Portland to support my campaign," Katz said. "I have great respect for her."

Waters served 14 years in the California State Assembly, where she became the first woman in state history to be elected to chair the Democratic Caucus. She authored California's Child Abuse Prevention Training program, the first of its kind in the country.

"Maxine Waters is a strong voice for change," said State Rep. Margaret Carter, Honorary Chair. "No matter what the community -- African-American, Hispanic, Asian, white, or other-

- Maxine stands up and stands tall for the issues she believes in."

Waters will speak at a "Friends for Vera Community Dinner" fundraiser for Katz at 6:30 p.m. on October 9th at the Hilton Hotel. Tickets are \$25 per person. Anyone interested in attending or wishing more information should call Kathy Kendrix at 282-0193 or Dianne Perry at Vera Katz's Campaign Headquarters, 228-1056.

The "Friends For Vera" host committee for the event includes: State Rep. Margaret Carter, Honorary Chair; Kathy Kendrix, Chair; Amina Anderson Baruti & Bernadette Arathree, Virginia Baugh, Bruce Brouard, Carolyn Brown, Claudette Lavert Collier, Ruby Houghton, Wanda Irving, Rev. & Mrs. John Jackson, Gail Washington-Johnson, Geneva Jones, Bill Kendrix, Amelia Lanier, Sara Martin, Shelley Matthews, Tonda McFerrian, Norm Monroe, Bobbie Moore, Bobbie Nunn, Amazonas Olivella, Dennis Payne,



Maxine Waters

Clara Peoples, Alberta Phillips, Sam Pierce, Judi Pitre, Vera Pool, Kathleen Saadat, Kay Toran, Joyce Washington, and Jeana Woolley.

## AMA Announces Sponsorship Of The USDA Child Adult Care Food Program

The Albina Ministerial Alliance Family Day and Night Care program announces the sponsorship of the USDA Child Adult Care Food program in its 200 Family Child Care Homes. Meals will be available to enrolled children at no separate charge without regard to race, color, handicap, age, sex, or national origin. any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against in any USDA related activity should write immediately to: Secretary

of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20205.

The Albina Ministerial Alliance Family Day and Night Care, Family Child Care Homes are located in clark County, Washington and Multnomah County, Oregon.

Any one desiring more information should contact, AMA Family Day and Night Care at 1334 NE Saratoga-Portland or call 285-0493, 693-4593 (Vancouver #).

### The Child and Adult Care Food Program Income Scale for the period July 1, 1992 through June 30, 1993 is as follows:

Family Size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	12,599	1,050	243
2	17,002	1,417	327
3	21,405	1,784	412
4	25,808	2,151	497
5	30,211	2,518	581
6	34,614	2,885	666
7	39,017	3,252	751
8	43,420	3,619	835
For each additional family member	+4,403	+367	+85