

"Muslims In America Overcoming The Myths And El Hajj Malik Shabazz (Malcolm X) A Model Of Human Development."



"By (the Token of Time (through the Ages), Verily Man is in loss, Except such as have Faith, and do righteous deeds, and (join Together) in the mutual teaching of truth, and of Patience and Constancy." sura 103, Holy Quran

This was the attitude shared by all in attendance Sunday night at the banquet sponsored by the Muslim Community Center of Portland and the Islamic Forum, Northwest entitled, "Muslims In America Overcoming the Myths and El Hajj Malik Shabazz (Malcolm X) A Model of Human Development." It was a night of trust and bridge building, and "blessed is he who is trusted," stated Imam Mikal Shabazz, resident Imam of the Muslim Community Center of Portland. Imam Shabazz thanked the crowd of about 250 christians and muslims for coming to the deliciously prepared dinner and even more tasty dessert that was about to be served by the many eloquent speakers.

The Master of Ceremony was Omar Shabazz who kept the crowd stirred up in between speakers. There was a Quoranic reading in Arabic and English by Bro. Husain Houdrige and Sis. Marie Dawan. Sisters Rasheeda Shabazz and Aminah Shabazz talked about the woman's role in Islam and Dr. Betty Shabazz, widowed wife of Malik Shabazz (Malcolm X), respectively. Dr. Safia Baggis of the Islamic Society of Greater Portland, and representatives from Islamic Forum Northwest and the Islamic Trust of Oregon talked about

their organizations and unity among muslims. Ahmad Pulliam of the rap group 20/20 gave the crowd a sample of one of the songs off the newly released album, "The World According to 20/20."

The special guest speaker was Imam Faheem Shuaibe, director of the Sister Clara Muhammad School and resident Imam at Masjidul Waritheen in Oakland, California and author of many books, more recently The Peculiar Needs Of African-American Muslims Volume II.

Imam Shuaibe gave a detailed history of the Nation of Islam, while explaining their hypnotic like influence on the African-American. The false doctrine of the Nation of Islam (NOI), Shuaibe stated, was in a sense "christianity painted black," it was something familiar to the African-American and something he could call his own. Shuaibe explained that the African-American is a case that has never been duplicated in the annals of mankind. No race of people had "...ever [been] so completely undone to their essence. Completely reduced to nothing but soul and blood, and that is what we call each other..."

"...What's up soul, what's up blood." With lively quips and antidotes Shuaibe explained that the African-American was a "riddle" that everybody had an answer for. African-Americans have been trying to put themselves together for the last 400 years through the efforts of

great leaders like Frederick Douglas, Martin Delaney, Nat Turner, W.E.B. DuBois, David Walker, Martin King Jr. and others, but no other leader appealed to or stated so eloquently the feelings of the masses of African-Americans like Malik Shabazz (Malcolm X).

Shuaibe outlined that in the sixties when the media was showing daily pictures of churches being blown up, police beatings, women being washed down the gutter with firehoses and Martin Luther King's movement following the path of nonviolent resistance, when "Malcolm spoke up and said, 'you're singing and you should be swinging' that made sense to a lot of people." While Malik Shabazz (Malcolm X), with the ideas of Elijah Muhammad, gave African-Americans a sense of self that they never had, "he didn't have the truth," stated Shuaibe.

"Malcolm," commented Imam Shuaibe, is a role model, but he "is not the example for Muslims around the world. "...the Prophet Muhammad [Ibn Abdullah] (SAW) is the example [for muslims]." Shuaibe also stated that there is a "deliberate effort" in the media, "not to allow the [public] to get a distinct view of what is and what is not a muslim, and that it is necessary to confound and confuse the public in America to "maintain the status Quo."

"Malcolm had a moral conscious and that is what many people tend to overlook, it brought him into the NOI and it drove him out." Furthermore, says Shuaibe, "the X [of NOI] represents, myth, mysticism, and the mystery...do not confuse Mr. Farrakhan and the people that follow that ideology with me, [Imam Shabazz] or any other muslim in the world. There are 1.2 billion muslims in the world and they reject all the myths, mystery and madness that is in those ideas."

Imam Shuaibe congratulated the Muslim Community of Portland on their great work. Shuaibe also stated that the Muslim Community of Portland was a model community for their cooperative work with other communities, both non-muslim and muslim. The banquet was put together in roughly 30 days in preparation to answer the many questions about Islam the Spike Lee's movie Malcolm X would cause. It showed what could be done with God's help and the support of the surrounding communities, christian and muslim. "...We don't have to agree on everything as long as we agree not to be disagreeable on the things that we disagree on" echoed Imam Shabazz.

Community Meetings To Focus On High Capacity Transit

Eleven community meetings are scheduled between Jan. 13 and Feb. 10 throughout the metropolitan Portland/Vancouver region to discuss Metro's North/South Transit Corridor Study.

The study will determine which corridors(s) in the metropolitan area will be the next priority for the development of high capacity transit improvements following the Westside/Hillsboro projects. Examples of high capacity transit include light rail and bus-only lanes.

The hour-long meetings, which run from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., are sponsored by Metro and the local jurisdictions, and are intended to be informational. Each meeting will include a slide show presentation outlining the study and the Federal Transit Administration planning process; and a study update and timeline.

The meetings are intended to present information and provide citizens with a greater understanding of the study process. It is also an opportunity to learn how to become part of the decision-making process. Questions are welcome.

Alton Johnson Named Walnut Park Liquor Agent

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission recently appointed Alton Johnson as the new operator of the Walnut Park liquor store, located at 903 N. Killingsworth, Portland.

Johnson will succeed Ron Taylor, who has resigned as liquor store operator. The appointment of Johnson, who currently works at the Parkrose liquor store, is effective Feb. 1, 1993.

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Civil Rights Activist Shirley Chisholm To Speak At Lewis & Clark

Shirley Chisholm, former New York congresswoman and fighter for racial equality, will speak on "Unity Through Diversity" at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 21, in Agnes Fanagan Chapel, Lewis & Clark College, 0615 SW Palatine Hill Road. The free public lecture honors Martin Luther King Jr.

Chisholm became the first black woman to be elected to Congress in 1968. She earned praise for her efforts on behalf of black colleges, compensatory education, American Indians, Haitian refugees, migrant farm workers, the poor, and minimum wage for domestics.

Chisholm made history in 1972 by campaigning for the Democratic Party nomination for president - the first black woman to seek the nation's highest office.

Chisholm is the author of two books: Unbought and Unbossed, her autobiography, and The Good Fight, the story of her 1972 bid for the presidency.

She is the co-founder of the National Political Congress of Black Women and served as its chair from its founding in 1984 until June 1992.

Chisholm graduated cum laude from Brooklyn College. She received her master's degree and a professional diploma in education at supervision from Columbia University. She has received honorary degrees from 31 institutions.

Chisholm's visit is sponsored by Lewis & Clark's Office of Ethnic Student Services and the Northwestern School of Law. This event is part of a week-long celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

PDC PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING

Date: January 20, 1993
Place: Portland Building
1120 SW Fifth Ave., 11th Floor
Portland, Oregon
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Commission meetings are open to the public. A complete agenda is available at PDC or by calling 823-3200. Citizens with disabilities may call 823-3232 or TDD 823-6868 for assistance at least 48 hours in advance.

PDC is the City of Portland's urban renewal, housing and economic development agency.

Free Health Screenings For Seniors (Age 55+) Offered At Neighborhood Sites

February 5, 1993 Fook Lok Loaves and Fishes, 4937 SE Woodstock, 9 a.m. to noon. Please call 771-7977 to schedule appointment.

February 12, 1993 Peninsula Senior Center, 7508 N. Hereford, 9 a.m. to noon. Please call 289-8208 to schedule appointment.

February 19, 1993 Clay Tower, 1430 SW 12th, 9 a.m. to noon. Please call 222-7467 to schedule appointment.

February 26, 1993 Mittleman Jewish Community Center, 6651 SW Capitol Hwy. 9 a.m. to noon. Please call 244-0111 to schedule appointment.

Among the service at the screenings are blood chemistry tests which include cholesterol, glucose, and amenia measurements, blood pressure, lung function and hearing testing. Vision and glaucoma assessments, nutritional counseling and foot care evaluation are also usually offered. Appointments are necessary and may be made by calling the screening site. There is no charge for the screenings which are funded by Legacy Health System hospitals and healthcare organizations.

NAACP Presents ACT-SO Competition

The Afro-Academic Cultural Technological Scientific Olympics (i.e. ACT-SO) is a major project of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Portland's local "Olympics of the Mind", which begins in January and ends in June of 1993, will be conducted by the Portland Branch of the NAACP, assuming adequate funding, local winners will be represented at the NAACP's 1993 National Convention. During the convention the National ACT-SO, Olympics of the Mind Competitions will be conducted.

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

The 11-month Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degree offered by George Fox College is a fifth-year program leading to elementary or secondary teacher certification. The 1993-94 academic schedule for the M.A.T. program will be June 14, 1993 - April 30, 1994.

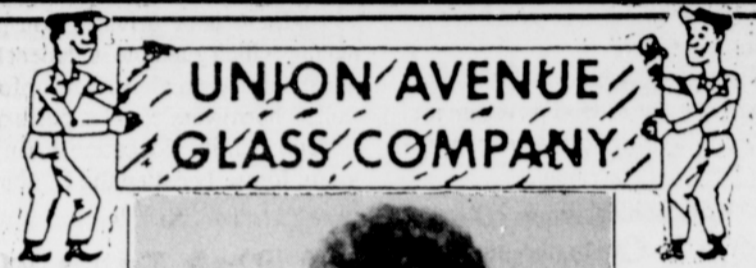
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Presentation of the 1992 Distinguished Alumnus Award Edward J. Perkins '54. United States Ambassador to the United Nations

Introduced by Professor Donald G. Balmer

The Honorable Edward J. Perkins currently serves as this nation's 20th ambassador to the United Nations. Appointed by President Bush in February, Ambassador Perkins is a career diplomat who has served in the Foreign Service since the early 1970s.

Throughout his distinguished career with the Department of State, he has served in multiple roles around the world and is widely regarded as an expert in personnel issues and African affairs.

In 1985, former Secretary of State George Schultz sent him to head the embassy in Liberia and then tapped him in 1986 to be the first black ambassador to South Africa, a position he filled until 1989.

While in Pretoria, he played a pivotal role in stimulating discussions among political and racial factions, initiating trade expositions to bring to-

gether white and black business people, and opening an art exhibit of works by black South Africans in Johannesburg. He also made his position clear on racial injustice by attending trials and funerals for political activists.

Secretary of State James Baker III appointed him Director General and Director of Personnel for the Foreign Service in 1989, and Ambassador Perkins again fought discrimination, this time within the Foreign Service. He initiated changes to address testing and hiring procedures that were biased against women and minorities. He traveled frequently to visit numerous embassies and the 25,000 employees who staff them.

Ambassador Perkins seeks ways to improve world trade, education, and peace-keeping during a period of great change and promise. His keynote address is entitled "The United States As A Global Citizen."

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OLCC vs Gabi's



BY DEREK RASHEED

On Thursday, January 7, at 9:00 am OLCC and Gabi's squared off for their last round of punches from a battle that has been going since May 1991 until October 1992. One hundred or more supporters came out to support Cordell and Etta Blockson Gabi's owners. As the examiner for OLCC called the hearing to order. The attorney's for both sides gave their closing statement. Cordell Blockson and his attorney William B. Crow looked very calm and confident as Mr Crow very convincingly presented his defense against alleged allegation from OLCC against Gabi's owner Cordell Blockson. One of the many strong points that Cordell's attorney Mr. Crow presented was video tapes of inconsistent and incompetent testimony given by OLCC official Mr. Reed, Ms. Hanson and Portland Police detective Dick from a hearing given in late 1992. In closing from Mr. Crow he stressed that OLCC has no criminal evidence that Cordell did anything wrong. Mr. Chow further went on to say that in a three year under cover investigation by Portland Police Dept. for allegation of drug deals and a secret owner

other than the Blockson's found no evidence or made no arrest. Mr. Crow concluded that the commission has acted in an arbitrary and deceitful manner that prejudice has been used against Gabi's owner's and their civil rights valued. Mr. Crow says that Gabi's is owner of only two minority businesses in the state of Oregon that have class A liquor licenses and that Gabi's license should be renewed. Armonica Gilford attorney for OLCC content in her closing statement that the commission has been consistent and accurate in allegation and that the commission has done everything that it possibly could to assist Gabi's in complying with regulation of OLCC. OLCC attorney said that Cordell has not complied with the plan set forth at that continual problems have continually assisted and that Gabi's license should not be renewed. The OLCC examiner David L. Slansky has been tasked with taking all evidence and information and coming up with a decision on whether or not the Blockson's will be allowed to keep their class A liquor license. Mr. Slansky said it will take about two months before he will come up with a decision.