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In Memory Of Chris Hani

Once again, all freedom-loving people throughout the world are in a state of shock and disgust over the tragic assassination of Chris Hani, young gifted leader of the African National Congress (ANC). This is another painful reminder of the racist brutality of the apartheid regime in South Africa. It is important that we not let the memory and living spirit of Chris Hani fade.

On April 10, 1993, immediately after returning home from buying a newspaper, Chris Hani was shot to death by a racist coward named Januz Waluz. Official South African government explanations now reveal that Chris Hani's assassin has direct ties to the most radical faction of the neo-Nazi conservative party in South Africa. Although Waluz was arrested shortly after he drove away from Mr. Hani's home, it was not until several top leaders of this racist faction were subsequently arrested that one top South African police official acknowledged that Hani's killing may have been part of a coordinated, assassination conspiracy.

African American civil rights leaders in the United States, as well as the masses of millions of our brothers and sisters, mourn the loss of this great South African leader. Chris Hani, at the prime age of 50 years, was one of the bright, shining stars of an emerging new South Africa. Yet, the pains and sacrifices necessary to transform South Africa into a democracy appear to be increasingly fatal.

The history of the freedom movement in the United States, Africa, and throughout the world well documents the necessity not to let assassins silence the movement. We must therefore lift our voices—not only to mourn this loss, but to increase the volume of our outrage against the hideous spec-

tle of the institutions of apartheid in South Africa.

The origin of Chris Hani's murder weapon substantially implicates South Africa's President and his government. It was too easy for these white, right-wing extremists to steal this particular gun from the military in Pretoria. Although Hani's assailant reportedly had licenses for four guns—including a machine pistol—the one he used to kill Hani was not among them.

Moreover, reliable sources point out that the South African police found a "hit list" in the home of Hani's murderer which contained the names of other African American political leaders in South Africa. To date, those names have not been revealed. Such startling revelations can only have a very chilling effect on the negotiation process to end white rule there.

In fact, it would be more accurate to characterize this brutal murder as a staggering blow to the progress already made in South Africa's transition to majority rule. Chris Hani had the best credentials to succeed Nelson Mandela. Not only had he held several prominent leadership positions in the ANC, but he also had the most charismatic appeal to angry, young Blacks. He earned credibility for the ANC among the disgruntled Black youth in South Africa. In fact, Hani was viewed by most public opinion polls as the person to lead the ANC into the 21st century.

Now that Hani is no longer with us, the transition journey to majority rule in South Africa will be rougher than ever. Nevertheless, we must be ever vigilant and keep the faith. Chris Hani has not died in vain and the "free South Africa" movement will continue and succeed. Long live the memory of Chris Hani.

Local Artist Designs 1993 Rose Festival Poster; Unveiling Set For April 28 (Today)

The 1993 Rose Festival poster will be unveiled today (Wednesday) at the Gango Gallery in Portland, 205 SW First Ave. The artist, Jennifer Winship Mark of SW Portland, will be on hand to autograph the posters.

The 1993 Rose Festival Poster is a 22" X 28" water color depicting a lush garden bursting with rose and other colorful flowers. Mark is known for her vibrant gardens, forests and landscapes of the Pacific Northwest. She is a member of the Oregon Watercolor Society and paint full time in Portland. Mark is the feature artist of the recently published cookbook, "From Portland's Palette."

"I am really honored to have been selected to do the Rose Festival poster,"

said Mark. "This marks the first time the Rose Festival poster will be distributed nationally, and I'm thrilled to be a part of it."

Mark's Rose Festival water color will also be featured on a special edition T-shirt. The 1993 poster is \$18 and the T-shirt is \$20. Both are available at the Gango Gallery, other art galleries, from shops and retailers such as Dorcas, HK Limited, Made in Oregon, Meier & Frank and Nordstrom. Posters and T-shirts are also available at the Rose Festival Association office, 220 NW Second Ave. The poster will also be included in a fine arts catalogue which is distributed to galleries throughout the United States.

Oregon Coast Aquarium Honors Mothers With Special Program

In honor of Mother's Day, the Oregon Coast Aquarium will offer a unique program on how aquatic animals care for their young. Children ages four to seven are invited to attend this eye-opening workshop on Saturday, May 8. The morning will begin with an introduction in the classroom. Then participants will have the opportunity to tour the Aquarium to learn first-hand about some mothers that hold their young in their mouths, fathers that carry eggs in a special pouch and other unusual parenting practices. Adult participation is required.

"Mothers and Their Young" is scheduled from 9:00am to 10:00am. Registration prices are \$2 for member

adults, \$4 for member children, and \$7 for non-members regardless of age. Price includes admission to the Aquarium. Registrations must be received by Monday, May 3, and may be made by hand-delivering or mailing a check to the Oregon Coast Aquarium at 2820 S.E. Ferry Slip Road, Newport, OR 97365. Sorry, no phone reservations can be accepted.

"Mothers and Their Young" is offered through the Oregon Coast Aquarium's membership program, and is one of many educational activities, field trips, workshops and other events that the Aquarium sponsors throughout the year. More information may be obtained by calling the Aquarium's Membership Department at 867-4931.

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Vancouver

Clark College Library Named "Lewis D. Cannell"

(Students, staff like new library's cozy but spacious design)



The best thing about the new Lewis D. Cannell Learning Resource Center is not that it provides better access to books, more room for materials or a better computer and media laboratory.

According to Brynn and Hans Purdom, the greatest advantage of the new library at Clark College is that it's warm.

"We like to come here to chat with our pals and to study," said Brynn, an art student from Battle Ground who graduates in December. "It's like going from a small cubbyhole to a place," said circulation supervisor

Pauline Geraghty.

The library has been open since the start of school in September but was formerly dedicated on April 27th.

Lewis D. Cannell, sometimes known as "Mr. Clark College," may have had the most to do with making the college what it is today. Cannell, instructional dean for 35 years, guided the college through its formative years. Cannell came to Vancouver in 1935, two years after the college started. He retired in 1971 and still lives in Vancouver.

Because Clark College didn't

have a president in the early days, Cannell not only taught a full load of classes, he was the sole administrator.

According to Elizabeth McPherson, a former Clark College English instructor, who wrote a history on Cannell, Cannell remained in charge of operations until 1952, when Paul Gaiser retired as superintendent of the Vancouver School District and Cannell then became the Clark president.

"Although he was a successful administrator who helped the college grow from a dozen or so students in a

family-sized Victorian house to thousands of students on a multi-building campus, he always believed that people, not buildings, were what made a college," McPherson said.

Cannell was born in Portland and received his bachelor of arts degree from Reed College and a doctorate degree from Washington State College. Clark hired him to teach English, but he also taught economics and economic geography. Cannell later did a lot of the hiring. His philosophy was always to hire good teachers and then make it possible for them to teach.

Vancouver Spring Clean-Up

Brooms, clippers and garden gloves will soon be flying as neighborhood and downtown volunteers once again rally to spruce up our community. This year's Spring Clean-Up will be divided over three Saturdays in April and on May 1. Neighborhood associations will have assigned dates, centralized collection sites and individual programs.

Rita Davidson, city neighborhood coordinator, says, "Teams of volunteers will work with their neighborhood associations and

through the Downtown Vancouver Association (DVA) to prepare for this rejuvenating event."

The month-long event will culminate May 1 at 11th and Main Street following the morning spruce-up of Downtown Vancouver. A free lunch and volunteer recognition has been arranged by the DVA through the cooperation of Northwest Natural Gas. Other sponsors include GLAD Wrap and Bags and many local businesses. To volunteer call 693-2978. Vancouver Farmers Market also opens downtown on May 1.



Washington Lottery Numbers

Wednesday, April 21: 06-18-20-24-41-47
Saturday, April 24: 02-10-11-32-39-43

Letter to the Editor:

The National Voter Registration Act of 1003, also known as the "motor voter" bill, took an unfortunate turn on March 17, 1993, when Senate Republicans forced supporters of the bill to accept a severely weakened Senate version or risk killing the bill for this session of Congress.

The purpose of the "motor voter" bill is to simplify the process by which Americans register to vote. If voting is right and responsibility of every citizen in a democracy, doesn't it follow that voter registration should be as convenient, accessible and unburdensome as possible?

Oregonians support simple, accessible voter registration. In fact, we have had motor voter laws in place since 1991. Moreover, we believe that the rest of the country should benefit from what we know, the more citizens who participate in our great demo-

cratic system of voting the better for all of us.

On November 11, 1992, The Oregonian endorsed the National Voter Registration Act. Likewise, the National Urban League has urged each local affiliate to support the motor voter bill passed by the House (HR2). However, we express great disappointment that Senator Bob Packwood chose to support a version of the motor voter bill that, if signed into law, will discriminate disproportionately against the disabled, the poor and minorities because voter registration at state agencies would be discretionary rather than mandatory.

While the bill retains registration at drivers license bureaus, that provision is insufficient to reach as many potential voters as possible. People with disabilities and low incomes were less likely to have a drivers license than the rest of the population and,

therefore, are more likely to fall through the cracks and remain unregistered to vote. Racial and ethnic minorities are overrepresented in low income populations and would be disproportionately underrepresented in the pool of registered voters.

The House version of the motor voter bill is a strong piece of legislation. It requires all states to adopt uniform procedures to register voters at drivers license bureaus, governmental agencies and by mail. This bill is totally non-discriminatory and would reach the greatest number of potential voters. This is the kind of bill that we definitely encourage Senator Packwood to support when House and Senate conferees meet to construct a final motor voter bill.

Sincerely, Darryl S. Tukufu,

Ph.D.
President and CEO, The Urban League of Portland

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Neighborhood clean-ups are organized by neighborhood association volunteers. Some plan to have "re-usable" sections where unwanted-but-usable items will be set aside for charitable groups or neighborhood sharing.

Coupons for disposal of most debris are available through neighborhood associations or the Office of Neighborhoods at 696-8222.

City residents outside organized neighborhoods who are interested in volunteering assistance can also have a centralized collection site set up. Residents in other city areas can receive coupons by calling the Office of Neighborhoods. These coupons can be used for disposal at Central Transfer and Recycling Center or West-Van Material Recovery Center.

✓ Yard Waste: Take to H&H Wood Recyclers in the 8400 block of NE 117th Ave. A coupon (good for the month of April) is required.

✓ Non-working appliances: Call the Office of Neighborhoods to schedule curbside pick-up.

✓ Junk vehicles: Owner's permission and vehicle registration are required.

✓ Household hazardous waste: Take to Central Transfer and Recycling weekends from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Commercial and farm waste not accepted. Call first for specifics at 256-8482.