

NAACP NEWS

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., Executive Director/CEO of the NAACP, will be a keynote speaker at the Second African American Summit that will bring together African leaders and key figures from the African-American community. The Summit will be held in Gabon, Central Africa, May 24-28, 1993.

The Summit theme—"Building a Bridge Of Togetherness"—reflects its objective of bringing together Africans, African-Americans, and friends of Africa to plan and develop a program of principles, declarations and actions to assist with the economic and human development needs of sub-Saharan Africa.

His Excellency El Haof Omar Bongo, President of the Gabonese Republic will host the Summit. The Chairman and Governor is the Rev.

Leon H. Sullivan who filled the same role at the First Summit held in 1991 in the Ivory Coast.

Out of the Summit came a U.S. Senate hearing focusing on the Summit and issues benefiting Sub-Saharan countries, and a special United Nations session on debt relief for Africa and other initiatives of support for Africa including medical programs, development of schools and training centers and literacy projects.

Among the African leaders attending the Summit will be Presidents Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida, Nigeria; Abdou Diouf, Senegal; Felix Houphouet-Boigny, Ivory Coast; Quett Masire, Botswana; Davda Kairaba Jawara, The Gambia; Nicephore Sogia, Benin; and Jodo Bernardo Viseira, Guinea-Bissau.

Summer Swim Lesson Registration

Swim lessons for all ages and skill levels are available this summer through the Portland Parks and Recreation Aquatics Department. Registration for summer swim lessons is available by phone, mail, or walk-in.

Your first opportunity to register for lessons is by telephone. If you will pay by Visa or Mastercard, you may register by phoning 823-5100, May 31-June 4, from 5:30 to 9:30pm, or June 5 and 6, from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

You may also register through the mail, by using the registration form found in the Park Bureau Summer Program Guide or SWIM PORT-

LAND Summer Schedules. You can receive a schedule by calling 823-5130. Mail-in registration must be post-marked by June 11, and will not be processed until phone-in registration is complete.

Walk-in registration begins Saturday, June 19, from 8 to 11:30am at your neighborhood pool.

All of the Park Bureau's outdoor pools will open June 21. For a complete pool schedule, see the Park Bureau Summer Program Guide, SWIM PORTLAND Summer Schedules, or contact individual pools. The following pools offer summer swim lessons:

Senator Bob Packwood

Oregon Senator Bob Packwood announced today that he is now accepting nominations for the 1993 U.S. Senate Productivity Award for manufacturing. The program was established by the Senate in 1982 to recognize firms with outstanding productivity improvement programs. Senator Packwood will present the award for outstanding productivity in manufacturing for 1993. Any Oregon resident may nominate an Oregon manufacturing firm for recognition by writing a brief letter including the firm's name, address, and reasons the firm should be considered for the 1993 U.S. Senate Productivity Award for manufacturing to:

Senator Bob Packwood
101 SW Main, #240
Portland, Oregon 97204
Attention: Dave Dillon
Nominations must be postmarked no later than July 5, 1993.

NAACP Leaders Meet With President Clinton

A top level NAACP delegation met with President Clinton for 25 minutes on Thursday, May 20th, in a session that covered a broad range of topics and was described by the delegation in positive terms.

"It was a constructive and productive meeting and one that bodes well for the continuing relationship between the White House and the NAACP," said Dr. William F. Gibson, Chairman of the NAACP's Board of Directors, who, with Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., Executive Director/CEO, headed the delegation.

"We are pleased with the outcome of the meeting, and are delighted we were able to clarify aspects of the civil rights agenda with the President," Dr. Chavis added.

Both commended the President

for his decision to recognize the government of Angola that last September won a United Nations-certified election against the guerrilla group, the Union for Total Independence of Angola (Unita), which has fought a lengthy civil war.

Among other issues discussed were the Second African-American Summit in Gabon, Central Africa, that Dr. Chavis will attend; the forthcoming 25th Anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington; and the President's support for the Environmental Justice Bill now before Congress.

On that piece of legislation, Dr. Chavis, along with Congressman John Lewis, has been instrumental in its formation.

Others in the delegation were Ms. Rupert Richardson, NAACP Presi-

dent; Leon Russell, NAACP Board Member; Wade Henderson, Washington Bureau Director; and Edward Hailes, Jr., Washington Bureau Counsel.

The meeting followed the president's signing of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (the Motor Voter Bill) which had been aggressively supported by the NAACP.

Speaking at the ceremony, Dr. Chavis said: "Mr. President, the law you have signed here today will remove the final obstacles and barriers that have disenfranchised eligible citizens—particularly racial minorities, poor persons with disabilities and young Americans—for far too many years. This new law reaffirms our nation's commitment to the fundamental right to vote."


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| Columbia | 7701 N. Chautauqua Blvd., 823-3669 (indoor) |
| Creston | SE 44th & Powell, 823-3672 |
| Dishman | 77 NE Knott, 823-3673 (indoor) |
| Grant | 2300 NE 33rd, 823-3674 |
| M.L.C. | 2033 NW Glisan, 823-3671 (indoor) |
| Montavilla | 8219 NE Glisan, 823-3675 |
| Mt. Scott | 5530 SE 72nd, 823-3676 |
| Peninsula | 6400 N. Albina, 823-3677 |
| Pier | N. Seneca & St. Johns, 823-3678 |
| PCC/Sylvania | 12000 SW 49th, 823-5130 (indoor, lessons only) |
| Providence | 5050 NE Hoyt, 823-5130 (indoor, lessons only) |
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Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks
1977 - 1993

"The Present Crisis"

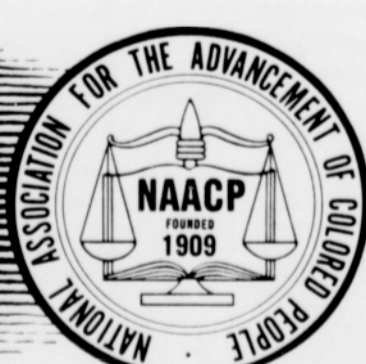
"Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of Truth with Falsehood for the good or evil side;
Some great Cause, God's New Messiah, offering each the bloom or blight,
Parts the goats upon the left hand, and the sheep upon the right,
And the choice goes by, forever 'twixt darkness and that light.

"Then to side with Truth is noble when we share her wretched crust.
Ere her cause bring fame and profit, and 'tis prosperous to be just;
Then it is the brave man chooses, while the coward stands aside,
Doubting in his abject spirit, till his Lord is crucified,
And the multitude make virtue of the faith they had denied."

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL



Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis
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The Torch Is Passed.

The eighty-four year struggle of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for civil rights has helped make the United States a better place for all Americans.

Despite notable achievements, the struggle for equality - in education, in housing, and in economic opportunity - is as

challenging today as when James Russell Lowell wrote "The Present Crisis" one hundred and fifty years ago.

As the torch passes from Benjamin L. Hooks to Benjamin Chavis, we at Philip Morris Companies celebrate the legacy of the NAACP, thank Dr. Hooks for his service, and wish Dr. Chavis the best.



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