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Cletus B. Moore, Jr. Named Interim Urban League Director



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Cletus B. Moore, Jr. has been named interim director of the Urban League of Portland by the Executive Committee of the Urban League board of directors. Moore is currently

the Urban League's vice president of finance and administration. He will serve as interim director after current Urban League President Darryl Tukufu, Ph.D leaves on October 31 to

assume a new position as director of the Public Services Institute at Lorain Community College outside Cleveland, Ohio.

Moore will serve as interim director until a permanent president and chief executive officer is appointed. Urban League board chair Gina Wood expects that appointment will take place "within six months." As interim director Moore's primary duty will be to maintain the League's current programs. He will report to an operational committee composed of three Board members. Joan Brown-Kline, president of Brown-Kline and Company; Elizabeth Kutza, Ph.D., director of Portland State University's Institute of Aging; and William Spivey, Ph.D., vice president, business alliances for Tektronix, Inc.

Before joining the Urban League March of 1990, Moore was vice president of a local financial consulting firm. He has 22 years of experience in finance and administration, including work in sales, health services, lodging and commercial development.

The Urban League of Portland is a non-profit, community based human service agency serving at-risk youth, students, job seekers, and seniors in the Portland metro area.

Gail Shibley Joins Multnomah County Community Action Commission



Gail Shibley, State Representative

Rep. Gail Shibley has been appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to a seat on the Community Action Commission. The Community Action Commission addresses the needs of low-income citizens in Multnomah County by serving as a focal point for citizen involvement and advocacy. It advocates to increase the availability for resources and opportunities for low-income citizens to empower themselves; to promote a more equitable distribution of resources;

and to alleviate poverty, hunger and hopelessness.

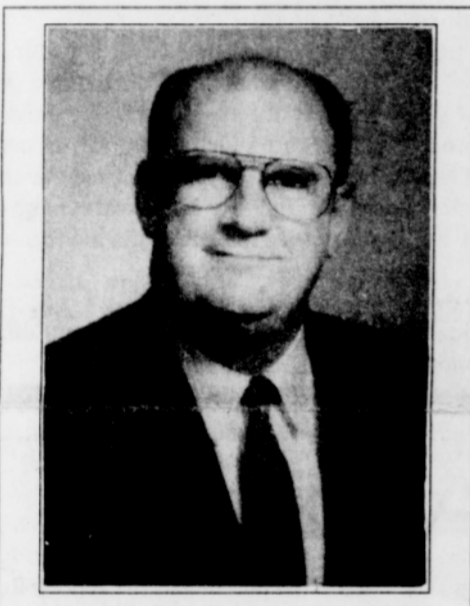
Most, recently, the Commission has been advocating for replacement of the low-income housing lost to make way for the proposed federal courthouse, reconfiguration of the homeless adult service system, and equitable access to services for low-income Hispanics.

Rep. Gail Shibley has served on the House Committee on Housing and Urban Development the Children's Care Team, the House Committee on Children and Families, and the House revenue and School finance Committee, as well as other legislative groups.

She has served two terms as a legislator and has received high marks for her effectiveness, accessibility and fairness. In the 1993 session, she authored and sponsored two proposals securing preventive health measures for women, won passage of traffic safety bills, and helped lead the process to reorganize children's services.

The Community Action Commission welcomes Rep. Gail Shibley. The Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9pm in the Mead Building at 421 SW Fifth, Portland. The public is welcome.

Untied Way Surpasses \$4.5 Million Mark In Community Fund Drive



Benjamin R. Whitley

Praising the efforts of donors and volunteer fund raisers, United Way of Columbia-Willamette's Campaign Chairman Benjamin R. Whitley announced the charity has raised more than \$4.5 million thus far in its 1993 community drive.

Whitley, chairman of the board and CEO of Standard Insurance Company, made the

announcement at a United Way report luncheon. Nearly 330 contributors and volunteers were on hand at the Red Lion/Lloyd Center to receive a public update on the campaign and hear real stories from people helped by United Way contributions.

"Please keep in mind that what you're doing is vitally important to your community," Whitley told the crowd. "You're offering people a chance to get involved and to give something back to their community. You're offering them a way to help," he said.

"Women and children are still the fastest growing segment of the homeless population," said Pat Hill of Salvation Army, Cascade Division's West Women's and Children's Shelter. Explaining how her agency has helped get women and their children back to self-sufficiency, she added, "That's what United Way dollars does for us."

"This is my sixth year at Abernathy (school), and I treasure every minute of it," said Joy Wright of Metropolitan Family Service's Foster Grandparent Program. Through this program, Wright and other seniors work with children at elementary and middle schools, and other youth-oriented locations. "So many children need individual help, said Wright. "I'm there 20 hours a week to fill in the gaps."

Ed Bailey, from Portland Area Council of Camp Fire's Gang Peace program, told the crowd about his own experience with gang violence, substance abuse and prison. Bailey, who currently is featured in the local United Way advertising campaign, works with at-risk kids and gives them a firsthand account of the dangers of being in gangs. "Through the United Way agencies...the money allows us to do things for children in regards to keeping them out of gangs," he said.

The United Way campaign will continue through the middle of December. The campaign's total will be announced at a finale dinner, Tuesday, December 14, at the Portland Hilton Hotel.

United Way of the Columbia-Willamette raises and distributes charitable contributions throughout the four-county area of Washington, Multnomah and Clackamas counties in Oregon, and Clark County, Washington. Eighty-five cents of every dollar contributed goes directly to more than 180 local, human-service programs that help children, families and seniors. Programs are offered through agencies such as Morrison Center, Clackamas Women's Services, East Vancouver Child Care and Tualatin Valley Workshop, Inc.

Tri-Met Adds More Security

Tri-Met will adjust security measures on Line 4-Fessenden and plans other efforts to ensure a safe transit system.

Guards on Line 4 will be replaced with increased Portland Police Bureau patrols. Radio-equipped crowd Management Services staff will also ride the route at the direction and training of police. Guards were a temporary measure to ensure the safety of customers on the buses following a shooting incident Oct. 2.

Crowd Management Services staff will continue to provide the same presence on vehicles. CMS will work closely with Portland police Bureau officers who have recently increased Tri-Met Patrols. CMS will initially focus on Line 4, but will ride other routes which show the highest level of activity. CMS will contact police on radios if any conflict arises.

"Placing guards on buses was the best response we could provide to establish an extra security presence instantly on buses," explained Tom Walsh, Tri-Met General Manager, who said no incidents were reported last week on Line 4. "We feel that effective security can continue with the extra police patrols and assistance from Crowd Management Services."

"Our goal is to provide an absolutely safe transit system and respond to trouble on any bus anywhere in the region," Walsh said. "We appreciate our partnership with Portland Police Bureau, specifically Chief Moose, Deputy Chief Karl and Lieutenant Kauffman. We're appreciative of the great work they've been doing, and their help in making Tri-Met even safer."

Tri-Met, which contracts with Portland Police Bureau for security services, is adding six additional police personnel this year. Prior to the expansion, Portland Police Bureau assigned 10 officers and one sergeant to Tri-Met. This effective relationship has helped to reduce assaults on Tri-Met by 30% since 1990.

Also planned this fiscal year are the addition of more surveillance cameras on buses and MAX, and more fencing and lighting at Park & Ride lots. Tri-Met plans to expand partnerships with community groups and possibly provide free bus rides in exchange for volunteer community patrols on vehicles. Tri-Met will continue its Night Stop program, which allows anyone riding alone to get off the bus anywhere along the route from 8pm to 5am. This year the agency also plans to hire a security manager, a new position.

Two Found Innocent In Denny Beating

Two black men charged in the beatings of white trucker Reginald Denny and seven other people at the flash point of the 1992 Los Angeles riots were acquitted Monday of some of the most serious crimes in the assaults.

A Superior Court jury found Henry Keith Watson, 29, innocent of attempted murder in the near fatal beating of Denny, but guilty of misdemeanor assault. The former carried a maximum sentence of life in prison.

The jury deadlocked on the attempted murder charge against Damian Williams, 20, in the Denny attack. Judge John Ouderkirk ordered jurors back into deliberations.

Williams, however, was found guilty of mayhem in the Denny beating. He had been charged with the more serious crime of aggravated mayhem, which carried a maximum penalty of life in prison.

The jury had been deliberating since Oct. 1. The trial began Aug. 19.

In the attacks on the other seven people, Williams was found guilty of four counts of misdemeanor assault. Watson was acquitted of all charges.

Williams and Watson were accused in the racially charged trial of beating Denny nearly to death at the South Los Angeles corner of Florence and Normandie avenues during the early hours of the Los Angeles riots. The April

29, 1992, attack on Denny and the other victims was captured on several video cameras.

The Los Angeles riots broke out after four white police officers were acquitted on most charges in the March 1991 beating of Rodney King, a black motorist.

During the trial, prosecutors said Williams and Watson were clearly seen on videotape beating the white trucker, but defense attorneys claimed it was a case of misidentification and that the defendants were being made scapegoats of the riots.

The trial began almost 1 1/2 years after Williams and Watson were arrested in pre-dawn raids by local and federal

officials. Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl Gates who since retired, personally arrested Williams.

Denny, the most publicized victim of the riots, testified Aug. 25 that he could not remember an angry mob pulling him from his gravel truck, kicking and beating him or being struck in the head with a hammer and a brick.

Denny was hospitalized for 33 days with a compound head fracture, almost 100 broken bones and other injuries.

Denny said he held no anger toward his attackers and hugged the defendants' parents following his testimony.

The two defendants did not testify in their own defense.

DANGEROUS DRUGS And School Children

BY RON HARRIS

The latest surveys show that LSD use by high school students is increasing. In grade schools, so is the use of inhalants--the breathing of poisonous solvents and other chemicals in order to get high.

"This should not be regarded as anything less than a national disaster--a catastrophe in this and every other community in America," said John Duff, president of Narconon International, an organization which operates more than two dozen drug education and rehabilitation centers in America and Europe.

Duff calls LSD the most insidious and devastating illegal drug flooding our streets and school yards. "In the 1960s, when little was really known about the long-term effects of LSD, many people believed the drug offered mind expansion and enhanced creati-

ty," he explained. "That turned out to be a complete myth, a lie.

"Yet today, children are being fed the same kind of misinformation -- that a person can use these drugs or chemicals and get something from them without being seriously hurt by their use. Scientifically, we now know that this is not the case. LSD and other illicit drugs all have long-term, adverse effects that can plague a person for the rest of his life."

Duff is referring to the discovery that residuals of LSD and other drugs and toxic chemicals remain in the system, getting caught in the tissues and remaining there, unsuspected, even after they have supposedly been eliminated from the body years earlier.

American author and humanitarian, L. Ron Hubbard, not only was the first researcher to uncover this fact, but also succeeded in

developing the first, and to date, only known method of getting these drug residuals back out of the body. Narconon uses this Detoxification Program as a standard part of its drug rehabilitation and so has obtained what amounts to a completely new insight into the long-term harm that LSD and other drugs inflict.

"Once it became possible, using a program that combines exact doses of vitamins, nutrition, exercise and periods of time in a sauna to sweat out the drug residuals, we could at last test and observe how these drugs had been affecting people," explains Duff. "People never realize the effects these drugs continue to have on them until they get them back out of their system."

Duff says that LSD is particularly harmful because such a small quantity of the drug

has profound mental effects--the usual dose smaller than a pin head. So even very small amounts of LSD which remain in the system can be quite catastrophic.

After completing the Narconon Detoxification Program, people routinely report that they suddenly can think more clearly. Their I.Q. generally goes up. They have more energy and begin to enjoy life more fully again. In fact, the changes are sometimes quite dramatic.

"Drugs can reduce a person's ability to learn," said Duff. "They can shut off emotions and dull perceptions of the world around one. Hubbard's research found that there is even such a thing as a drug personality. It is artificial and created by drugs.

"LSD and other drugs can apparently change the attitude of a person from his

original personality to one secretly harboring hostilities and hatred he doesn't permit to show on the surface. And in general, drugs reduce people's natural abilities and make them feel worse. This frequently leads to a craving for more drugs."

Duff says that increasing use of LSD, inhalants and other drugs by school children is directly due to a widespread lack of effective and complete drug education. "Children need to understand what taking a drug like LSD even once or twice can do to them," said Duff. "When drug use is increasing amongst school children, this tells us at once that we are not effectively reaching young people with the full truth about drugs. We are failing them terribly and too many youngsters will suffer for it."