

Party Faithful Pledge Support

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ministration took on efforts in the 1940s to ban discrimination, and Boyer now maintains in no uncertain terms that "the Republican Party is not the party of Lincoln."

Democratic leaders cite the 1968 and 1972 presidential elections as additional turning points in the partnership with African Ameri-

cans. Shortly after President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act, Democrats recognized a need to encourage equitable representation in race and gender at the meetings where decisions are made about the direction of the party.

Out of the 65 delegates Oregon will send to Denver, Democratic Party rules now require that at least half will be women. The party also strives to elect representation of various ethnic

backgrounds.

Sue Hagmeier, party secretary for Multnomah County, said the goal is at least two African Americans from the state's delegation, three Asian Americans, seven Hispanic American, a Native American and five members of the gay community.

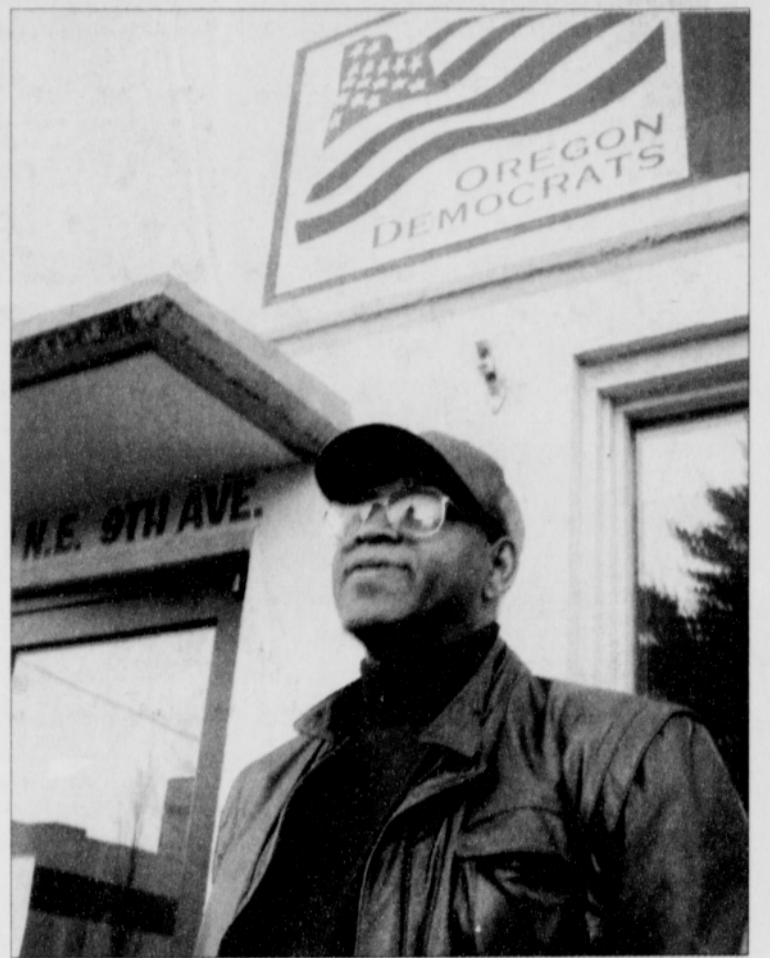
African-American community leader Lew Frederick is working toward a state Democratic Party delegation that not only reflects the state in numbers, but also contains members who, regardless of background, prove their dedication to the political process by competing for the national convention seats.

Some local activists launched their campaigns for a delegate position over a month ago, way ahead of the May 22 filing deadline that comes just two days after Oregon's Primary.

Local activists could win a spot the convention during June meetings of local congressional districts or from at-large positions during a statewide meeting of Democrats.

Any registered Democrat can attend these meetings and vote for delegates that are pledged to presidential candidates in proportion to the state primary election results.

Frederick and Hagmeier emphasize that they'd like to see more young people get involved. As excitement builds for a new type of person in the White House, the leaders see youth as vital to building a party platform.



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Former state Sen. Bob Boyer of Portland is campaigning to become a delegate pledged to Sen. Barack Obama at his party's presidential nominating convention. Boyer says he's a proud Democrat in a party that strives to help all people.



Longtime political organizer Shirley Minor is working make sure the Democratic Party Convention this summer reflects Multnomah County's diversity, especially with Sen. Barack Obama as her pick for president.

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can America."

Making the racial line's power a relic of W.E.B. Dubois' century was a sentiment that carried to a wide constituency.

"He's one of the most charismatic speakers of our time," says Mordechai Kotler, a high-school

teacher in McMinnville. "He has an uplifting message after a disheartening eight years."

Obama's progressive and uncompromising voice in an era of politicians that tiptoe around issues motivated Adrienne Wilson to arrive early for the event. "Something in my spirit is telling me that he's

genuine," she says.

"We need someone who can rally people and empower them," says local cookbook author Denise Martin, who helped her 4-year-old son express hope for change on a popular "Toddlers for Obama" YouTube video.

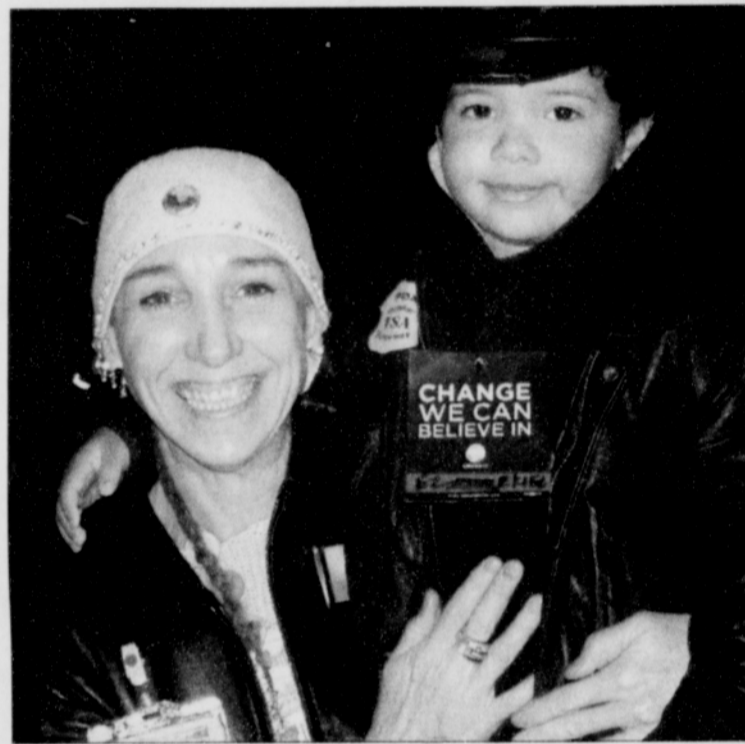
Obama spoke to the overwhelming hype from all corners by saying, "Change does not

happen from the top down, but from the bottom up, because the American people stand ready for change."

He promised to heed the nation's wishes by ending the war before his presidency's first year would be up. Citing the need to end dependency on foreign oil, he would embrace alternative energies and demand that cars get 40 miles to the gallon.

Required changes for peace, like closing the Guantanamo Bay military prison, would not always be easy or universally popular, Obama conceded. "Part of my job as president will be not to tell you what you want to hear, but what you need to hear," he said.

Teletha Benjamin stood wearing a shirt her daughter made of Obama and King dreaming of similar transformation. "Credit has to be given for how he energizes the entire electorate," she says.



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Octavius Miller

It's now possible to have one America,



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(Buteo regalis) | Bald Eagle
(Haliaeetus leucocephalus) | Williamson's Sapsucker
(Sphyrapicus thyroideus) |
| Inland Tailed Frog
(Ascaphus montanus) | White-tailed Jackrabbit
(Lepus townsendii) | Bighorn Sheep
(Ovis canadensis) | Lewis's Woodpecker
(Melanerpes lewis) | Western Burrowing Owl
(Athene cunicularia hyzanti) |
| Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse
(Tympanuchus phasianellus) | Mountain Quail
(Oreortyx pictus) | Flammulated Owl
(Otus flammula) | Western Meadowlark
(Sturnella neglecta) | Grasshopper Sparrow
(Ammodramus caudimaculatus) |
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