

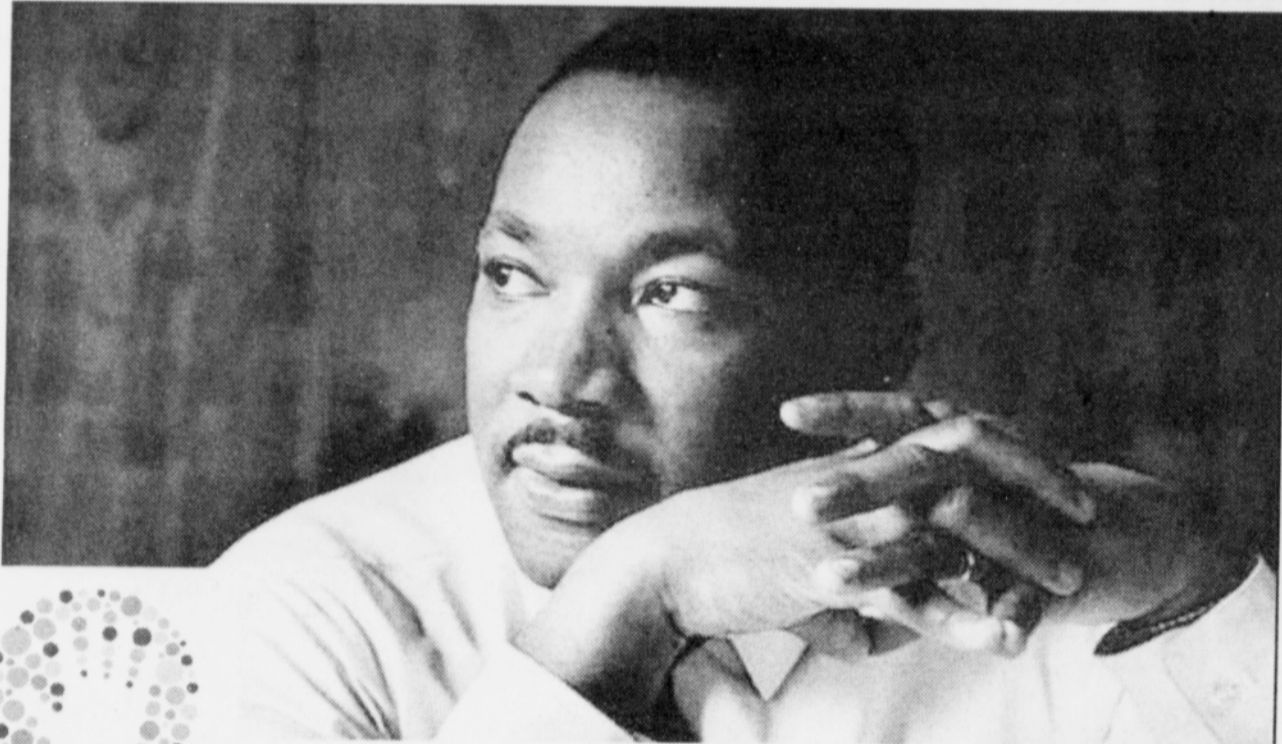
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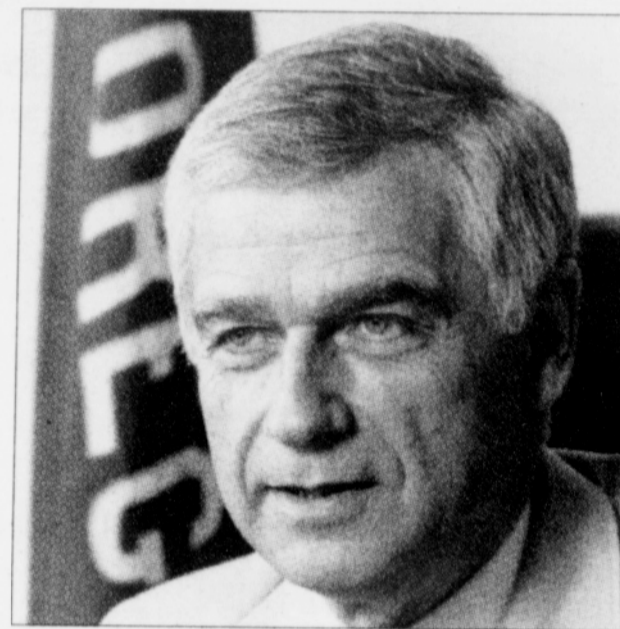
Oregon Leader Fought for Civil Rights

Like King, Mark Hatfield
envisioned a more equitable society

BY JAKE THOMAS
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Oregon was one of the states that put the nation's first black president over the top in the 2008 Presidential Election, but the state wasn't always so progressive when it came to race relations.

When the state was founded in 1859, its constitution barred blacks from moving to the state.



Mark Hatfield

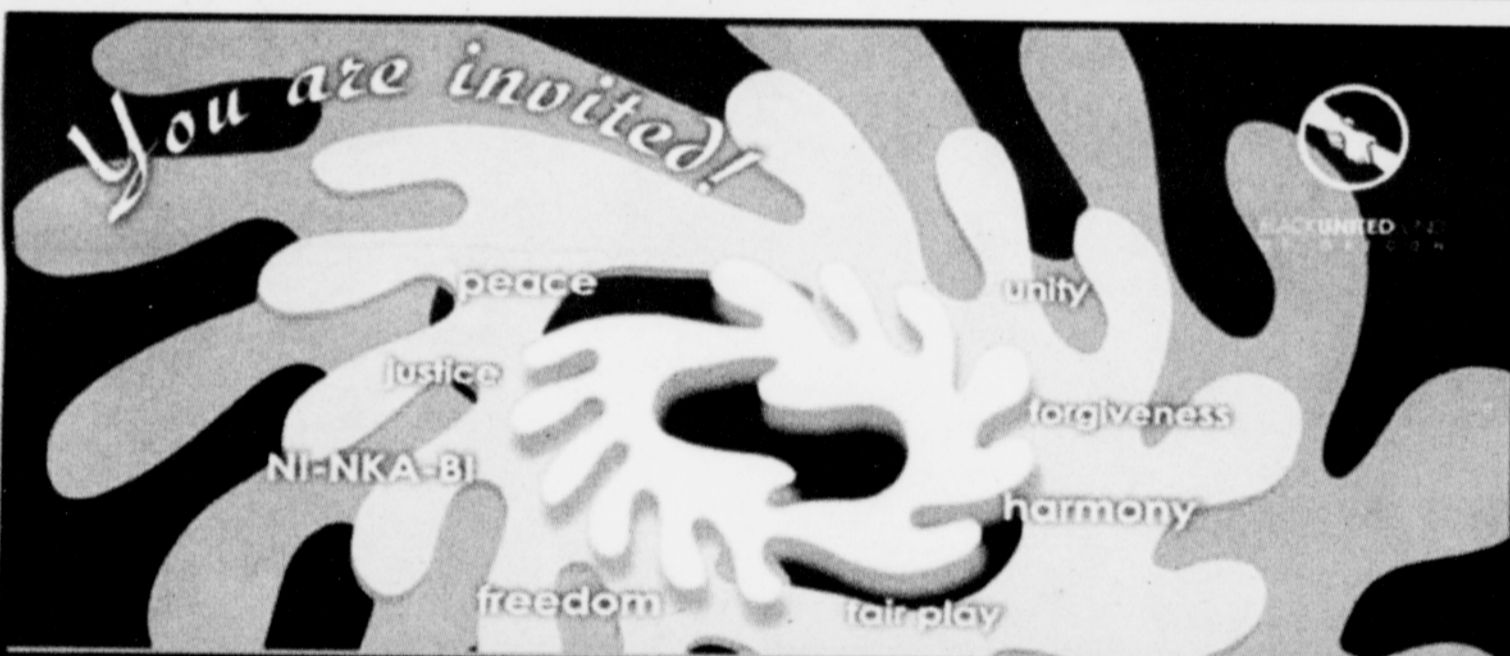
Shortly after the Civil War, white southerners harboring racist views flocked to Oregon, electing politicians who cemented the status of black Oregonians as second-class citizens.

Up until the 1950s, racist public accommodation laws were common in the state, and ex-

cluded blacks from restaurants, hotels, parks, and other places.

It took the work of one of Oregon's most revered and most liberal Republican politicians to help get the law repealed, moving the state one step closer to the

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"Black United Fund Grantees Have Talent!"

Black United Fund of Oregon's
13th annual community banquet
February 17, 2010

Proceeds go towards scholarships for African-American High School Seniors and non-profit organizations serving Oregon's low-income communities.

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

6:00pm Reception & Silent Auction - 7:00pm Dinner

The Governor Hotel, Heritage Ballroom

614 SW 11th and Alder, Portland, OR 97205

\$85.00 per person / \$850.00 per table of ten

Attire - Semi-Formal or Professional

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Black United Fund Grant Recipients and Partners!

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Drum Major Service Sunday

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The event is a "dream" realized for Rev. J.W. Matt Hennessee, senior pastor of Vancouver First Baptist Church.

"As a person who was honored to be close to Mrs. King and her family for many years, I had the privilege of attending the Ecumenical Service with them in Atlanta, Georgia. It has always been a vision of mine to duplicate that service here locally," he said.

Highlights for the afternoon include a keynote speech by Oregon's Attorney General John Kroger with his impressive background as a law professor, author and an award winning federal prosecutor.

Other high points of the program will include musical performances by Mrs. Julianne Johnson-Weiss, the Jefferson

High School Demo Sounds, and The Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Reunion Choir; and heartening messages from faith, community and civic leaders.

Community Drum Major awards will be presented in honor of the late Lou Boston for the Martin Luther King Jr. Award; former Gov. Barbara Roberts for the Coretta Scott King Award; Noell Webb and Brenda Braxton for the Rosa Parks Award; Steven Gonzales for the Yolanda Denise King Award and the Portland Community College System for the Legacy Award.

A free will offering will raise money for the Drum Major Scholarship Fund to support students seeking to secure a higher education or develop a trade, and in turn honor the dreams of Dr. King and all people who stand for a peace and unity.