

NAACP Convention in Vancouver

At 103-years-old, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is one of the longest operating grassroots organizing entities for change and justice in the country.

The NAACP will host their fall convention, which represents the three states of Washington, Alaska and Oregon, on Friday, Oct. 19 through Sunday, Oct. 21, at the Hilton Hotel in downtown

Vancouver.

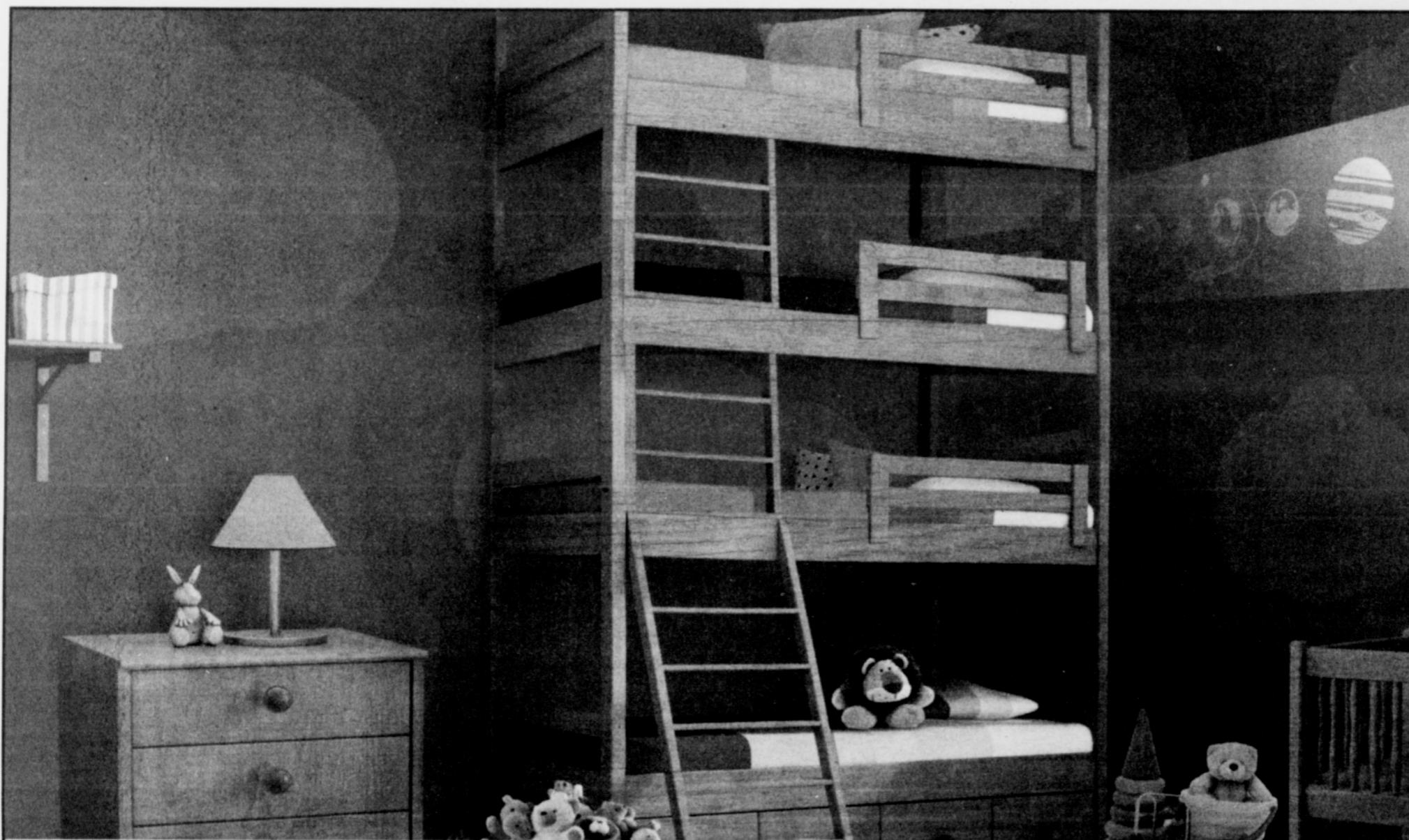
The weekend conference will include breakfast meals, multiple workshops and a luncheon with regional keynote speaker Director Sean Dugar on Saturday. Later that day,

Myrlie Evers-Williams, widow of civil rights activist Medgar Evers, will speak at the conference banquet at 6:30 p.m.

Since her husband's murder in 1963, Evers-Williams fought tire-

lessly to bring justice to his killer and has become a civil rights activist in her own right. In 1995, she was elected NAACP Chair of the Board of Directors, where she worked to restore the tarnished image of the organization.

For more information, visit naacpvanc.org or call 360-993-4500.



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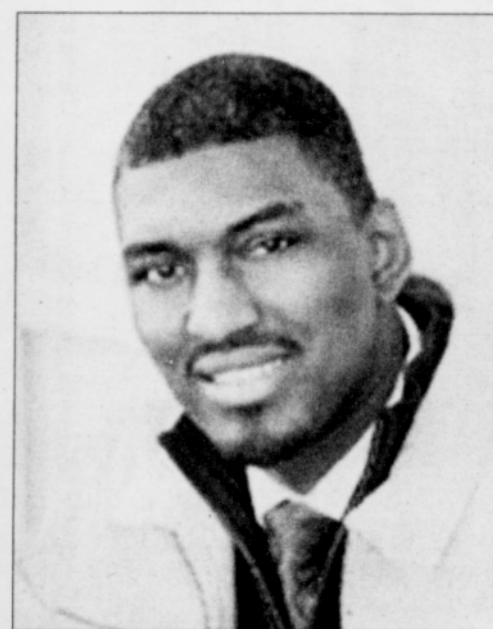
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Dialogue on Justice Issues

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liberation-based healing practices for grassroots community change in Portland.

Local author and playwright Sunshine Dixon will stage her original play titled "Hand of Time." The production, directed by another successful African-American Portland artist, actress and singer Brenda Phillips, will include vignettes that Dixon says will "create conversation."

Lewis and Clark professor Andrae Brown is coordinating the agenda in a way to promote what he calls relational healing and liberation from oppressive patterns that structure society.

The intent is to apply the principles of social justice to the criminal justice system, community and domestic violence, education, immigration policy, mental health and wellness, religious and spiritual practices, poverty, and youth employment.

Presenters also include: Nocona Pewewardy, Michelle Maher, Allegra Richardson Warren, Michael Yellowbird, Judy Lewis and Cornel Pewewardy. The dialogue panels will be diverse for the purpose of advocating for passionate resolutions that represent all communities.

For registration and more information, visit the website liberationbasedhealing.org.