

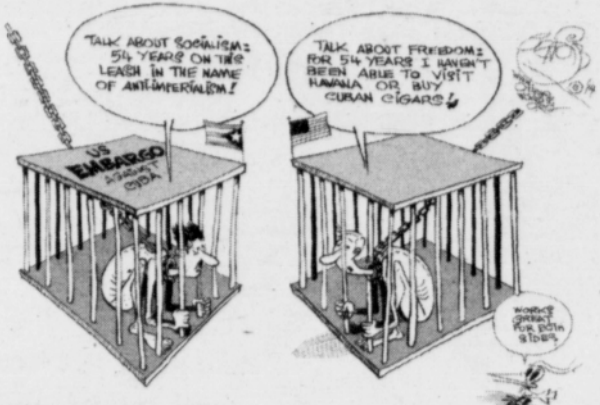
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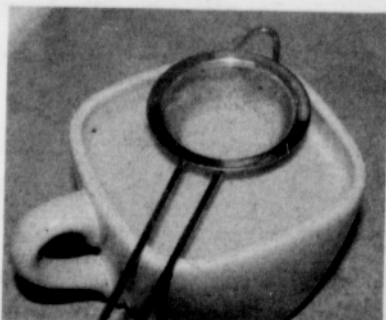
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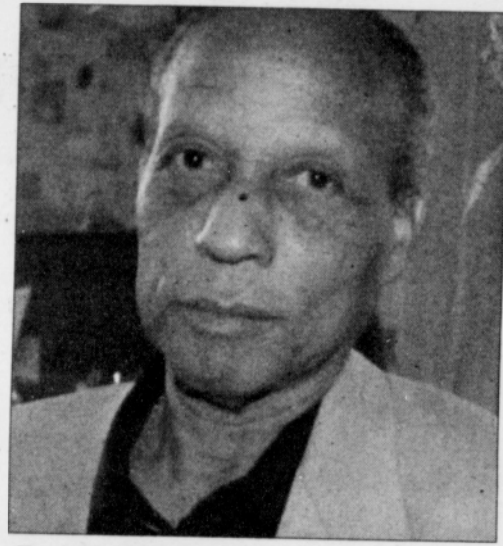
Publishers Pick Portland

Black newspapers group to hold annual convention here

The nation's 250 black publishers will head to Portland this summer for the National Newspaper Publishers Association 2014 convention.

In past years the convention has visited Atlanta, Ga., New York, Nashville, Tenn., Chicago and Seattle. This year for the first time the convention will be hosted in Oregon.

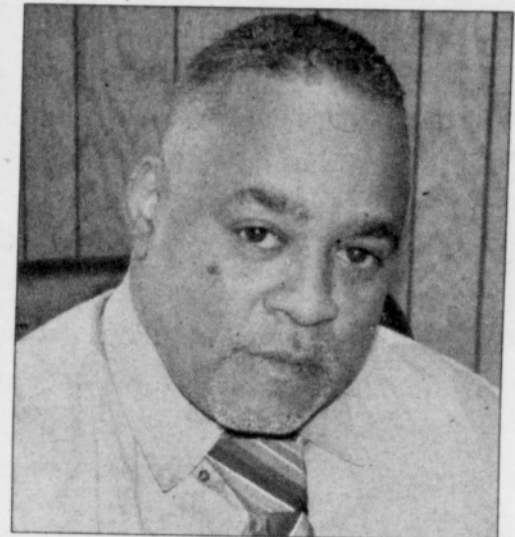
"The Portland Observer and I are very fortunate to host this distinguished group," said Bernie Foster, The Skanner News' publisher and



Bernie Foster

former vice chair of the NNPA Foundation's board. "We have members coming from all over the United States and even from Toronto, Canada and the Caribbean."

The convention, which runs from June 25-28, will be lodged at The Nines Hotel, in downtown Portland. Mayor Hales and other local leaders



Mark Washington

will welcome the group to Portland. The gathering will include a prayer breakfast, workshops and an awards gala, as well as opportunities for networking, sightseeing and shopping in northeast Portland. Almost everyone who has pre-diabetes goes on to develop type 2

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Norman Sylvester will front Saturday's annual Inner City Blues Festival to benefit healthcare for all.

Healing the Healthcare Blues

Inner City Blues Concert aims for health care for all

It is often said that the "third time's a charm" and with year number three of the annual Inner City Festival "Healing the Healthcare Blues," artists from around the state are certainly hoping this will be the case.

The concert is headed by Health Care for All-Oregon, a non-profit group whose mission is to get the Oregon under a publicly funded, non-profit single-payer healthcare system.

The Saturday, April 5 event will bring the issue, along with other health-related topics to the forefront under the backdrop of live blues and jazz pouring out of the Melody Ballroom, located at 615 S.E. Alder St.

Music providers of the night will include The Duffy Bishop Band, The Mad as Hell Doctors, and for the

third year in a row the "Boogie Cat" himself Norman Sylvester and his band, accompanied by LaRhonda Steele and Janice Scroggins.

Masters of Ceremonies for the evening are Paul Knauls, a northeast Portland businessman and co-owner of Geneva's hair and beauty salon; and Renee Mitchell, a poet and author and former Oregonian columnist.

Co-sponsored by the Cascade Blues Association and KBOO Community Radio, proceeds will go to support the work of Health Care for All-Oregon.

The show starts at 6 p.m. and is scheduled to extend until midnight. For more information, visit hcao.org or contact Ken Cropper at bluesies@q.com.

Tickets are available online at tickettomato.com and can also be purchased at Music Millennium, Geneva's Shear Perfection, and Musicians Local Union 99. Prices are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.