

OBSERVATIONS

FROM THE SIDELINES

By Kathryn Hall Bogle

An enthusiastic throng of visitors was on hand to view the recent works of Portland metal sculptor, Al Goldsby, when his fall '81 showing was presented at the Don Conard Mobile Gallery on Tuesday last.



AL GOLDSBY

Goldsby maintains his own North Killingsworth studios where his forge is located, but his paintings, as well as the works in metals, are to be seen with frequency at galleries around the state.

The current presentations are open to the public from now until October 27. Hours are from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Morris Enterprises, Unlimited will make its first bow to the public within a few days with the presentation of Peggy Shivers, soprano, in concert.

Morris Enterprises, Unlimited, is an innovative family venture into the realm of producers of programs of interest to the public. Jordan Morris and Lenora, a husband and wife team with their daughter, Millcent Glover, have filed the name of their new company with the Better Business Bureau as a non-profit organization. They intend to help others a step along towards achieving a desired goal of their own.

"We looked around in our community," said Mrs. Morris, "and we say the need for some group action to help a student (or older per-

son) gain an opportunity to win public attention for his or her particular talent or goal.

"We want always to be accountable. There will be suitable screening before we present anyone to the public. Our guidelines will be perfected as we go along for we will be going to persons in the community for help with the screening of applicants.

"Our first introductory event," Mrs. Morris said, "will be the presentation of Peggy Shivers, a soprano, formerly of Portland, now of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Ms. Shivers has sung with the Portland Summer Opera series, the Holladay Bown productions and the Portland Junior Symphony. She was the first "Miss Royal Esquire" of Portland, winning her title through her vocal performance. Since then her study in Spain has brought Peggy Shivers a number of exciting opportunities such as to sing with the Colorado Springs Symphony Orchestra. Her repertoire includes Italian, French, Spanish, German leader and our own spirituals."

Mrs. Morris said that profits will



LENORA MORRIS

go towards building the next presentation of the Morris Enterprises, Unlimited, to benefit some Portland.

The Morrises, residents of Portland for more than 20 years, have reared a family of six children. The family attends Bethel A.M.E. Church.

Bits and Pieces

by Ruth Spencer

Beyond rhetoric, Jim Fenwick, acting superintendent of the Portland Public Schools, has not dealt successfully with the major problems in educating Black children—commitment, staffing, achievement, implementing the district's "Desegregation Plan," racism, dropouts, and suspensions.



Mrs. Kay Dean Toran, director of the Governor's Affirmative Action Office, visited the White House to meet President Reagan on the Fifty States Women's Project, Wednesday, Oct. 7. She attended the full-day conference and had lunch in the White House State Dining Room with President and Mrs. Reagan.

Black children in the Portland Public Schools seem to have a poor chance of getting their speech defects corrected. According to Joan Polsen, speech correctionist (on leave) at Sabin School, most Black children's speech defects do not need correcting because they are speaking "Black English."

Children born and reared in Portland do not speak "Black English" since the isolated environment that produces that type of language pattern is not present in Portland. We must conclude that this attitude is another example of racism fostered by the lack of Black personnel in the speech department. Portland does not have a Black speech teacher; yet, over 75 per cent of the speech problems in the Early Childhood Education Centers (grades 1-5) should be found in Black students.

Mr. George Jordan, retired Portland teacher, is recovering in the Bess Kaiser Hospital. Our Best Wishes!

The Portland Section of the National Council of Negro Women, will have its monthly meeting, Monday, October 19, 7:30 pm at the King Neighborhood Facility. Ms. Mary Kurney is president.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Butts are enjoying a Caribbean Cruise.

Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, President of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., speaking before 20,000 delegates convening at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, Michigan said: President Reagan has reduced his efforts to one word, "cuts."

He posed the analogy of an operation to remove cancerous tissue. Blacks and poor people have been diagnosed at the cancer that has caused the economic failure of our "democratic" system and must be cut out.



Ulysses Tucker, Jr., the host/producer of "Dialogue," KPTV's minority affairs program, has been named as one of the "Outstanding Young Men In America" for 1981 by the Outstanding Young Men Association of Montgomery, Alabama.

The award is based on community involvement, leadership, professional achievement, educational attainment, and personal character.

Tucker, a graduate student at the University of Portland, also made the national headlines in June when he was selected as one of the "20 Most Eligible Bachelors" in the United States by Ebony magazine. He says that the honor has put some unnecessary strains on his social life.

Mrs. Gwen Gerald is moving from classroom teacher at Ockley Green School to Project Coordinator at Marshall High School.

According to John Ogbu, Associate Professor at the University of California, schools have a long history of fitting Black children for inferior roles. If Blacks do not qualify for desirable occupations, it is because their education was designed to disqualify them.



Ms. Linda Johnson, Executive Director of The Crib, has been elected Chairperson of the Housing Community Development City Wide Task Force for a 3-year funding cycle.

Mrs. Joyce Taylor has been appointed to Portland's Housing Policy Board.



Wayne Baseden is Production Assistant for the new KATU Public Affairs program, "What's Right," which premiered October 11th, and Floor Director for the Production Department. Most recently, Wayne worked for KVAL-TV in Eugene as a Producer/Director. Some of his programs were "Good Day Sunshine" (weekly public affairs program), "Jim Haney Show" (weekly U. of Oregon basketball program), "Saturday's Heroes" (fall preview special), and "From Behind The Sheets" (two-part series with the Grand Kleagle, Local KKK - July 1980). Wayne graduated from Oregon State University with a B.A. in Broadcast Communication and Liberal Arts, and achieved his Masters Degree from the University of Oregon in Community Service Public Affairs. Welcome to KATU.

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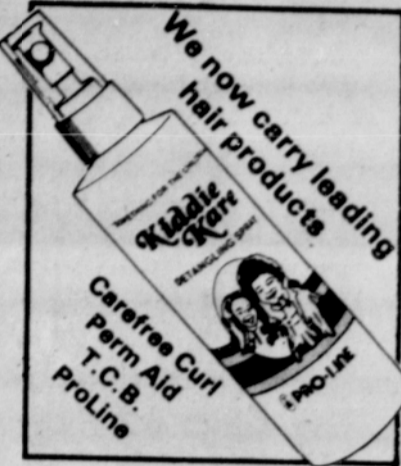
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