William Y. Nishimura, Regional Housing Commissioner (center) presents the Minority Contractor Utilization Award to Dick and Cliff Paul of Paul Brothers, while Mike Shaw (left), project coordinator for Paul Brothers, and Bill Hunter (right), of Portland Housing Authority, look on.

ities for MBEs.

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(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Authority. Nishimura proudly point-

ed to the continued partnership of

Federal, local and private opportun-

Cliff Paul said the award was an

unexpected honor and added that the

utilization of MBEs was never a prob-

lem. "It's not enough just to advertise

in the newspaper. You have to go

out and use an MBE directory," Paul

Bill Hunter said the MBE utiliza-

tion program operated out of an

awareness and acknowledgement of

MBEs, noting that "There's an

awareness that there's an inequality

and it's acknowledged that it will take

a concerted effort on all parties to

bring about economic parity. The

Paul Brothers went beyond numbers

and made sure all MBEs had access."

horizon, Hunter said, "It will dimin-

ish work because there will be fewer

work orders and opportunities for

mass production of public housing,

but the existing quality level will be

For the thirteenth year Portlanders

committed to freedom and justice will

be supprting African Liberation Day

by participating in a march and rally

on Saturday, May 25, 1985 from

noon to 6 p.m. The march will begin

at 12:00 noon in the parking lot of the King Facility located at NE 7th Ave.

and Wygant St. and proceed to Alberta Park on NE 22nd Ave. and

Killingsworth St. The rally will fea-

ture speakers, entertainment, food, booths and activities for children.

The worldwide struggle for libera-

tion and self-determination is not an

isolated one. On African Liberation

Day people throughout the world

publicly demonstrate and reaffirm

their faith, solidarity and support for

the freedom fighters of the African

continent and throughout the African

diaspora. The theme for this year's

march is "South Africa Will Be

For further information contact the

African Liberation Day Planning

Hughley hired

Dr. Robert Hughley has been hired

as principal of St. Andrew Commun-

ity School in Northeast Portland, St.

Andrew School Board Chairman,

Hughley began work at St. Andrew

May 15. He will be responsible for

registration for the 1985-86 school

year, and will meet with parents and returning staff members. He will assume full responsibility in the fall,

Hughley, 59, first worked as a

teacher in 1950, when he taught high

school in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Since

then he has taught in the Portland

School District (1957-62), was direc-

tor of community services in the Port-

land School District (1965-66), and

has worked in school programs in

Most recently, Hughley worked for

five and one-half years for the Mult-

nomah County Division of Assess-

ment and Taxation. His last job there

Hughley is a member and past-

president of the Albina Rotary Club.

was as a tax collection manager.

Carolyn Lazenby, has announced.

Committee at 284-9552.

Lazenby said.

Texas and California.

African Day

Saturday

Nishimura said there may not be a

With possible Federal cuts on the

Paul Brothers receive award

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W. -While the majority of prime and general contractors complain that they are unable to find qualified minority businesses, a Boring, Oregon, contractor was awarded one of 26 national Housing and Urban Development's Minority Business Utilization

Paul Brothers, the recipient of this award, used five MBEs to complete work last year on a renovation project in Columbia Villa in North Portland. Paul Brothers sub-contracted \$187,055 to MBEs.

William Y. Nishimura, Regional Housing Commissioner, also praised the efforts of William Hunter, executive director of the Portland Housing

Mature years forum offered

"Financial and Personal Independence in the Mature Years" is the topic of a forum scheduled for May 31. Mayor Bud Clark will deliver the keynote address at 1:30 p.m.

Two panel discussions are planned for the afternoon. Portland Attorney Rees Johnson will provide a legal perspective on wills, trusts, probates, and estates as part of the first panel.

The second panel will focus on community resources. Architect Mark Bettinger will talk about living environments, housing choices, and interior space. Staying active and healthy through creative use of time will be explored by writer Betty Underwood.

The Portland/Multnomah Commission on Aging and the Area Agency on Aging, co-sponsors of the event, encourage the public to attend. The forum will be held in Conference Room C, second floor of the Portland Building and is free of charge.

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Mt. St. Helens after 5 years

by Robert Lothian

Research from the Mt. St. Helens volcano could help save many lives in future volcanic eruptions, according to Dr. Don Swanson, a geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey.

Swanson is a member of the team of scientists monitoring the volcano and blast effects.

He reported on some of the research at a public meeting, "Mt. St. Helens, Five Years Later," at the Western Forestry Center, May 16.

Swanson said that scientists monitoring earthquakes and the 800-foothigh lava dome can now predict eruptions at St. Helens fairly accurately.

They also learned, although tragically, he said, that when an erupting volcano develops a huge bulge on its side it is likely to fail "catastrophically" in a huge blast of the type that occurred at St. Helens.

The massive mud flow that devastated the Toutle River Valley occurred many hours after the eruption, which calls for vigilance by public safety officials for a considerable time after an eruption, said Swanson.

Mud flows around volcanoes are common and should be considered in planning for towns, roads and bridges, he said.

What scientists have learned from St. Helens, according to Swanson, could save hundreds or thousands of lives when eruptions threaten, especially in Third World countries where people often live and farm on the slopes of volcanoes.

Scientists had watched the huge bulge for almost two months, he said, but they thought it would break up and relieve pressure underneath

"There was an outside chance that the bulge would fail catastroph-

Police Union vs Herndon

by Lanita Duke

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W. -Stan Peters, president of the Police Union, broke his silence on the actions and reactions relating to the Tony Stevenson tragedy by publicly crititizing Ronnie Herndon, co-chair of the Black United Front.

Peters called Herndon a vulture, a racist opportunist and accused him of turning the Stevenson tragedy into a Black-white incident

Herndon denied Peters' allegations and added, "At no time did Peters mention a single lie that I told or point to a fact which caused racial tensions. We had a march where both Blacks and whites felt Tony's death was unfair."

Peters added that he was sick and tired of seeing Portland Police Officers publically slandered, libeled and defamed. But throughout the demands for justice in the Stevenson tragedy, Herndon and others publically stated that they were not condemning all police officers. "There's an element in the force who are irresponsible, poorly trained and tarnishing the image of the entire department," Herndon interjected at various public appearances.

Herndon said Peters' statements surprised him because, in earlier private conversations, Peters nev r made those observations. He noted that Peters' assertions reminded him of a saying coined by his grandmother: "Never get into a urinating contest with a skunk."

Peters has filed a grievance with Police Chief Penny Harrington, who fired two police officers who created and sold the infamous "Don't choke em, Smoke 'em' T-shirts in the parking lot of East Precinct on the same afternoon Stevenson was buried.

"As far as I'm concerned, those officers are off the force," Harrington said. Peters called their termination "inappropriate."

Hughley said that, "The new job will give me an opportunity to use my training and experience in a way that will be helpful to the community." He said he would like to emphasize good parent-school relationships, and to work in a cooperative manner to meet all the goals of the parish.

St. Andrew is a community school of 80 students that is sponsored by St. Andrew Catholic Church and the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon. The school is located at 4919 NE 9th. The school's current principal, James Harrison, will remain as St. Andrew's principal during a transition period,

ically, and of course the outside chance was the one that occurred," said Swanson. "Removing the lid to the bulge was the equivalent to removing the lid on a pressure cooker."

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Fifty-seven people were killed in the blast and 150 square miles of forest land devastated. It took 1300 feet off the top of the mountain and left a jagged, horseshoe-shaped shell where there once had been a perfect cone.

The volcano is now a national monument drawing thousands of people each year to take pictures of sandblasted stumps and wrecked cars surrounded by cyclone fences.

Dr. Joseph Means, a biologist with the U.S. Forest Service, said that life is returning to the blast zone. His slides showed mountain wildflowers like fireweed and lupine poking up

through cracks in the volcanic mud. Mice, gophers and some trees and plants survived because they were protected by snow, but almost 100 percent of the fish in the zone died, he said.

is a slow process, said Means, but tiny plant and animal communities are gaining a foothold. "The ecosystems have had to start from scratch," he said. "It really is a thrill to see it. . .creation happening before our very eyes."

Wheelchair wash

Care Medical Equipment will be holding a free wheelchair wash on Saturday, June 1, 1985, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at 1877 N.E. 7th and Hancock, Portland.

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