

METROPOLITAN



Prize-winning Lincoln High speech team members (from left) Beverly Anderson, Kim McGuinness, Allyson Aranoff and Melanie Morris.

Students win speech honors

The Lincoln High School Speech Team won the first championship trophy ever awarded at the O.H.S.S.L. State Tournament held at Portland State University last month. Eighty-eight schools competed.

Lincoln's top winner was senior Beverly Anderson, who placed third in serious interpretation and first in poetry.

Senior Allyson Aranoff, who has won both the city championship and the U. of O. championship in poetry for three consecutive years, placed

second in poetry and was a finalist in serious interpretation.

Senior Melanie Morris, a first-year member, won the state championship in expository speaking. Sophomore Kim McGuinness became the state oratory champion.

Also winning points for the team were Kate Wrightson, Chris Wilson, Emily Harris, Regan Roberts and Tom Anderson. Other Lincoln students competing at state were Marion Voorhies, Joe Akhvein, Erin Hunt, and Heather Howard.

Harassment reported

by Lanita Duke

GRASSROOT NEWS, N.W. — Outlining a pattern of police harassment of two family members of Tony Stevenson, the Black United Front decried the non-response from the City Attorney when incidents of harassment were reported.

Tony Stevenson, a 31-year-old Afro-American, died after a Portland police officer incorrectly administered a sleeper hold. A public inquest found the police officers guilty of criminally negligent homicide. However, three weeks later, a secret grand jury excused the actions of the police by failing to return an indictment against the officers involved.

Officers Gary Barbour, who applied the hold, and Bruce Pantley, who claimed Stevenson struck him, returned to duty last week. At a Monday morning press conference, Ronnie Herndon, co-chair of the Black United Front, said their return to duty leaves the community "shocked and angered."

"The manner in which Barbour applied the sleeper hold violated the department's own procedures, which state that the hold must never be applied on a person when standing. At no point did Barbour use the two take-down maneuvers officers are taught to use," Herndon stated.

During the public inquest, eye witnesses testified that Barbour jumped on Tony's back while applying the hold. "The police trainer said this should not be done," Herndon added.

Also, Pantley testified that he told an ambulance employee that they had a man who was not breathing.

"At no point did he or other officers use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. On any other job, if procedures are ignored and a life is lost, termination of employment is immediate," Herndon noted.

Tyrone Harvey, Stevenson's younger brother, was stopped by a police officer and told, "We'll get

you. You got yours coming." Harvey was not charged with anything. Also, Stevenson's father reported that he was being followed.

Herndon called for an investigation by the Justice Department. "Our hope is tempered by the realization that the local U.S. Attorney's office has not filed a civil rights suit in behalf of a Black Oregonian in the last 15 years," Herndon added.

"Although the Reagan Administration's Justice Department has done its best to dismantle 20 years of Civil Rights gains, we still hope the Justice Department lives up to the mandate to protect the civil rights of all citizens," he concluded.

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Bring food to Friday game

Breaker football fans have an opportunity to help Portlanders with emergency food needs by bringing food items to the home Breaker game on Friday, June 14 at Portland Civic Stadium.

The food is in short supply at FISH Emergency Service. FISH is a non-profit volunteer organization serving emergency food, clothing and shelter needs of over 12,500 families annually in the Portland area.

The Breakers are supporting efforts of FISH by creating the opportunity for their fans to bring fresh, frozen or canned food items to the Friday, June 14 game. Volunteers of FISH will be at the 'fish barrels' located at entrances to collect the much needed donations.

Many donations of food and clothing are received during the holiday season and throughout the Spring months. However, the need continues to rise as more families and individuals have emergency needs. More food is needed now!

As the summer months begin, fewer food donations are received. People begin planning and taking vacations. But there is no vacation at FISH — the need continues.

Bringing food to the Breaker game will help reduce that need and provide help to many. If not attending the game but would like to make a donation, food items can be taken to the FISH office at 1335 SE Hawthorne. For more information about services or needs of FISH Emergency Service, call 233-5533.

Learning center

by Nathaniel Scott

The Black Education Learning Center will hold its 15th year celebration Saturday, June 15 with a fundraiser benefit at Portland State University's Smith Memorial Center Ballroom.

The event, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., will feature a number of events, including piano selections by Janice Scroggins; performances by the Talking Drum Dancers and the Jazzmin Jazz Trio, and a host of speakers including former student Nicole Threadgill, who will be entering Spellman College in Atlanta, Georgia, this fall.

But beyond the food and entertainment, adults \$15 and children \$5, this will be a celebration of Black history and Black culture.

The educational center was founded in 1970 because there was a need; one that still exists, to teach Black children about their cultural heritage, the center's director, Joyce Harris said. "The purpose behind starting the center was that Black children were not receiving (in the Portland public schools) the kind of education that reflected their culture."

Faced with that dilemma, 15 years ago, Harris, Ron Herndon and Frank Wilson, an attorney who now works in the attorney general's office in Hawaii, founded the private school.

The school began as a summer school program in 1970 and in 1974 it became a full-time private elementary school. This year, the kindergarten through the fourth grade school served 23 full-time students. And recently, according to the "Metropolitan Achievement Test," the Black Educational Learning Center's students "tested way above the children in the Portland public schools," Harris said.

Harris maintain that the school's academic program is "very rigorous" while emphasizing that "the purpose of the program is to make certain our (Black) children are academically proficient."

Furthermore, Harris said, we teach the basics: reading, writing and arithmetic along with an emphasis on Black cultural life. And this year, she said, all of our students studied Spanish in addition to learning basic, key concepts (counting, salutations, etc.) in Swahili.

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When one looks for an explanation of these alarming figures, the use of powerful psychiatric drugs in the schools looms as a major factor.

As far back as 1970, the Church of Scientology pointed out how children as young as six were being dosed with large amounts of Ritalin, Dexedrine and other destructive psychiatric drugs.

A report published that year in FREEDOM, the Church's independent news journal, disclosed that some 300,000 American schoolchildren between six and twelve years of age were being given heavy doses of amphetamines to "modify" their "overactive" classroom behavior. Up to 30 per cent of the schoolchildren in some areas were maintained on the mind-crippling drugs.

In case after case over the years, the Church of Scientology has shown that psychiatric drugs have damaging and debilitating effects. They have no place in the schools.

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