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ROLE MODEL OF THE WEEK

Introducing:



Mrs. Lela Roberts, Principal
Humboldt School
Portland, Oregon



Shirley Proctor
Volunteer Coordinator
Northeast Youth Service Center

WELCOME!!!



Evelyn Allen and Lois Lackley

Lois Lackley and Evelyn Allen of Los Angeles, CA. are the guest at the home of Gary Ann Garnett and Ms. Birdie Lee Taylor, Portland, Oregon.

The
Portland Observer
Newspaper
Open House
And
Uniquely Yours
Boutique & Nail Salon
Grand Opening
August 5th, 1988
4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
525 & 517 N.E. Killingsworth
Portland, Oregon
Parking Available In Rear
Of Building on N.E. Church St.

Happy Anniversary!!
To
Danny and Mattie Holland
Who Celebrated Their
16th Wedding Anniversary
On Saturday, July 23rd, 1988
With A Steak & Lobster Party
At Their Residence.
CONGRATULATIONS!
FROM ALL OF US!
Your Friends ... You
Know Who We Are ...



Samuel A. Fowler

Captain - Fire Department Portland International Airport Port Of Portland

Born in the State of Alabama, Captain Fowler attended college in Ohio where he met and married Sylvia Baker. After graduation, they moved to California to manage a horse ranch.

Life on the ranch was a mix of buying, selling and training horses. It was also filled with the summers Captain Fowler spent as a volunteer firefighter. "California is known for its big, out-of-control fires," he said. "So, each summer I would volunteer for the firefighting brigade. I also took tests to become a firefighter with the L.A. Fire Department. When I discovered it would take upward to three years before I would get an opportunity to join the department, I joined the Air Force and its fire department. I was in the Air Force for five years and achieved exactly what I wanted to achieve."

Life in the Air Force meant moving the Fowler family from California to Michigan to Germany and eventually to Oregon. "When we moved to Germany, my son, Allen, was 3 years old. When we returned to the states, he was seven. Germany was a growth experience for all of us," he recalls.

The first time Captain Fowler visited Oregon, he fell in love with it. Once out of the Air Force, the Fowler family moved to Oregon, and once again Captain Fowler was able to achieve what he wanted. "When I was a child, my mother and my father taught me strength and love. At the time, we lived in a segregated society where there was a lot of hate, but my parents never taught me to hate anyone. I was taught to go for my goals. When Dr. Martin Luther King had the first demonstration at the 16th Street Baptist Church, I ran away from home (he returned after the demonstration was over) to go and get involved in that. It was a positive learning experience," he remembers.

In addition to his duties as Captain, Captain Fowler teaches a course at Portland Community College - "Crash Firefighting Rescue" and "Fire Department Orientation." "I encourage young people to do well in school and to take a look at colleges like Portland Community College and Mt. Hood Community College. Both have an excellent Fire/Science Program. It's a two-year program where you earn an Associate Degree in Firefighting. After you get the degree, you then start taking tests for the fire department you want to work for," he explained.

Promoted to Captain in 1987, Captain Fowler believes that we can effectively inspire our youth by giving them positive encouragement, positive work opportunities and experiences, a positive family environment, adequate education and love. "My wife's father introduced me to firefighting," he said. "He was a firefighter. After my first visit to a firehouse, I knew that I wanted to be a firefighter. That's what I call "being inspired."

This fall, Captain Fowler's son Allen will attend Howard University. "Our family, friends and relatives are very proud of him. He's an achiever," Captain Fowler said with a big smile.

The Portland Observer congratulates Captain Fowler and is proud to salute him as our "Role Model of the Month"

By: Dr. Carl Parker

Greetings to parents, teachers and community supporters:

We at CITY (Citizens Involvement in Teaching Youth) would like to bring you up to date regarding the recent activities that have occurred in the program during the school year 1987-88. Thus far this year the program has served over 50 students in grades Kindergarten to sixth. Since January of this year Jan Gentry has



Dr. Carl Parker

Citizens Involvement In Teaching Youths Providing Children With A Chance to GROW

Observer's Commentary

Surprisingly Commissioner Dick Bogle's "Gang Summit Meeting" produced some welcomed resolutions (see resolutions). Honestly, many of us in the Black community had little faith that the summit would give us anything to grab onto. But it did—namely,



Portland City Commissioner
Dick Bogle

- It brought together City and County Commissioners to work on problems that affects us all;
- It allowed both the media and the public to observe the proceeding;
- It gave the African-American community the opportunity to see and hear many of the men and women who everyday design and enforce laws that govern behavior and treatment of others.

Although the Summit Meeting produced less than Black Oregonians had hoped for, hats off to Commissioner Bogle for having the courage to go forth with an idea he believed would benefit the majority.

To expand upon the Summit and the City/County's ability to resolve the problem of drug/gang activity in North/Northeast, the Portland Observer makes the following recommendations:

- Immediate approval and enforcement of the resolutions.
- That African-American women (from this point on) be brought aboard to help resolve issues relating to their children and their community.
- That radio and television stations, performing arts institutions, bands, art museums, historical societies, Portland public schools, the Black and white church, etc. Sponsor youth oriented festivals, tours, shows, concerts and community events.
- That all citizens living in North/Northeast Portland make a greater effort to understand their social and cultural differences.
- That the process of identifying drug/gang resources be extended to include lesser know African-American organizations, who, for many years, have been working very hard to help Black youth achieve success.

served as coordinator on a part-time basis. She has served well in maintaining open communication with school personnel. She also arranged the scheduling for the tutors. She has reported that school personnel support the CITY program and believe it is an essential service for the children.

Tutors who have worked for CITY during the year have been: Richard Brock, Lauren Clendenen, Jacqueline Daniels, Amy Delia, Montreal Granville, Sandra

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Joint City/County Gang Policy Resolution

Monday, July 25, 1988

PARTICIPANTS

Mayor Bud Clark	County Chair Gladys McCoy
Commissioner Earl Blumenauer	Commissioner Pauline Anderson
Commissioner Dick Bogle	Commissioner Polly Casterline
Commissioner Bob Koch	Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury
Commissioner Mike Lindberg	Commissioner Caroline Miller
Auditor Barbara Clark	Auditor Anne Kelly Feeney
	Sheriff Fred Pearce
	District Attorney Michael Schruck

WHEREAS, known criminal gang members have come to this community to sell drugs, especially "crack" cocaine, and gang-related violence has reach an intolerable level; and

WHEREAS, gangs are involved in other criminal activities ranging from extortion and intimidation to hate-motivated assaults and the manufacture of methamphetamine; and

WHEREAS, solving gang problems demands active participation not only by affected neighborhoods, but by the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the spectrum of persons associated with or affected by criminal gangs stretches from the very young who adopt gang colors and behaviors, to those who preach and practice racist violence, to those who engage in organized extortion, to those who manufacture and distribute methamphetamine, and to the seldom-seen operators of "crack" houses; and

WHEREAS, an effective response to gang problems must provide a continuum of strategies, from positive youth opportunities, prevention and treatment, to arrest, prosecution and incarceration—services which are provided by a variety of governments; and

WHEREAS, hard-core criminal gang members, the drugs they sell, and the chemicals that become the drugs they make and sell move in interstate commerce; and

WHEREAS, incapacitation of gang members through imprisonment and closer probation and parole supervision requires the state, which has primary responsibility for convicted felons, to continue to expand prison and juvenile facilities; and

WHEREAS, as long as the conditions which lead to drug use and gang participation continue, the community will suffer the effects of drugs and gangs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

All units and branches of government involved in solving criminal gang problems cooperate in the creation of a continuing gang intelligence base available to each contributing agency, with the aim of eliminating criminal gangs; and

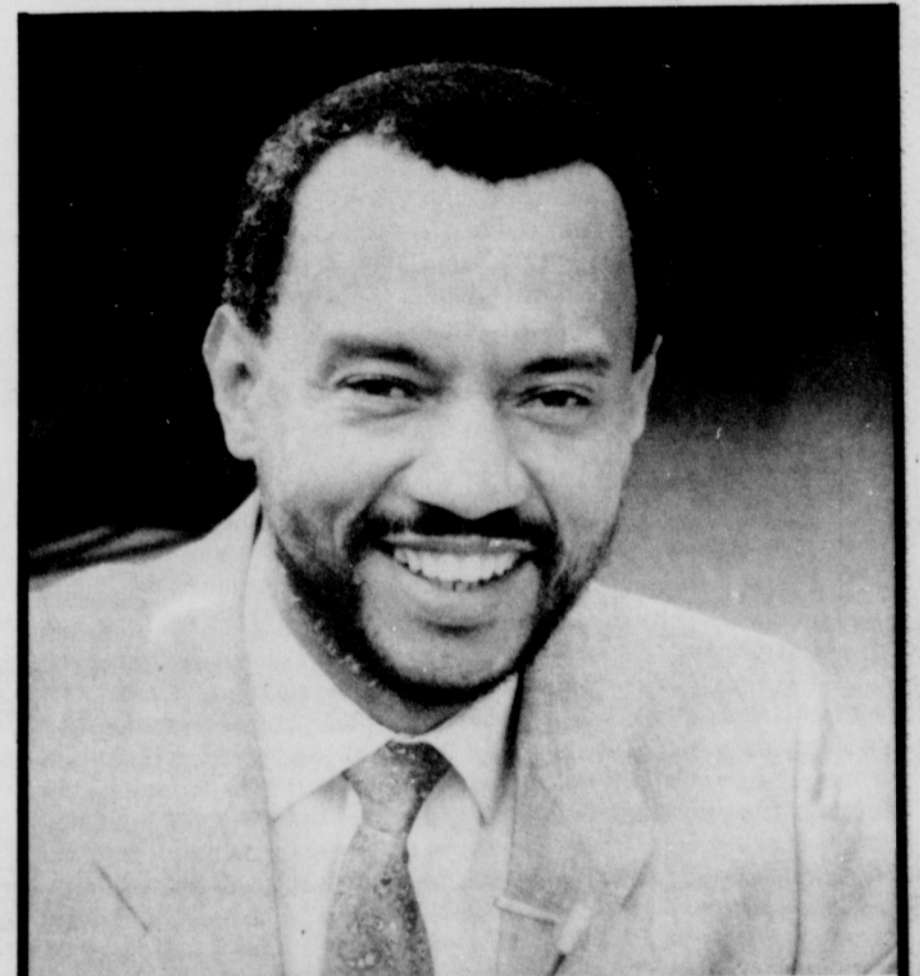
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this policy addresses all gangs engaged in criminal activity, and that it is the criminal activity of these groups, and not merely their association, which concerns our community; and

That we applaud the efforts of community-based organizations such as the District Coalitions, the N.E. Coalition's Youth Gangs Task Force, and the Coalition of Black Men, and pledge our full support to their efforts; and

That since gangs attract many youth at-risk or "gang-affected"

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OBSERVER'S CITIZEN OF THE WEEK



SALUTING MR. RON HERNDON

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