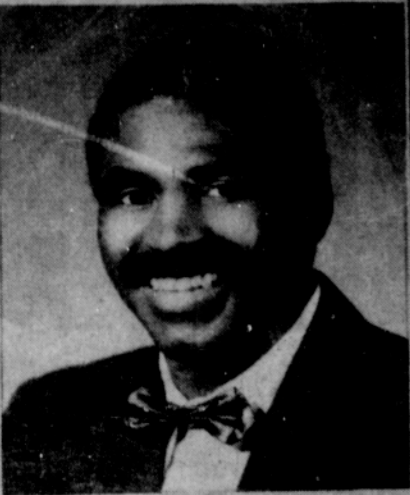


## Introducing:



**Charles Stoudamire**  
Safety and Health  
Education Director  
Appointed by Red Cross

Charles Stoudamire of Portland has been appointed director of Safety and Health Education for the Oregon Trail Chapter of the American Red Cross. Stoudamire, received a Master's degree in hospital and health care administration from the University of Minnesota in 1980 and a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Science from Portland State University in 1972.

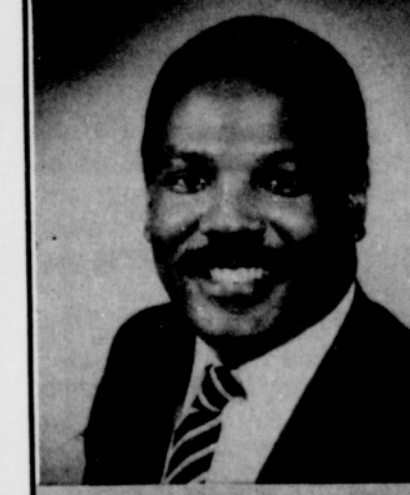
In the past, Stoudamire was a Health Program Analyst for the Multnomah County Health Services Division and served as an administrative resident and health counselor with Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program.



**Wanda Wright**  
New Manager Named

Oregon's Adult and Family Services Division (AFS) last week announced the appointment of Wanda Wright as Manager of its Northern Region Administrative Office.

Formerly director of Assessment and Taxation in Multnomah County, Wright is responsible for administering the state's welfare programs in Multnomah and Clackamas Counties.



**James W. M. Hennessee**  
Workers' Compensation  
Administrator Named

Gov. Neil Goldschmidt and Theodore R. Kulongoski, the director of the Oregon Department of Insurance and Finance, last week announced the selection of James W. M. Hennessee as administrator of the Workers' Compensation Division. Hennessee's name was submitted Monday by Governor Goldschmidt to the Oregon State Senate, for confirmation next month.

## Reach Out To The Children

by Nyewusi Askari  
News Editor

I won't seek to win friends or pin medals. I won't seek to ignite public or private opinion for or against the deaths of Ray Ray Winston, age 17, and James Edward Twine, age 21. I will, however, seek to compel all of us to stop and mourn for their families—as well as for ourselves. I will seek to have us remember Ray Ray and James as we would remember our own children.

Somewhere out there in this city the mothers, the fathers, the relatives and the friends of Ray Ray and James are mourning their untimely deaths. Somewhere out there, and only God knows where, there is anger, there is pain and there are growing notions that revenge has got to be the order of the day.

Pain causes us to act in unpredictable ways. Today we laugh, tomorrow we cry. Today we love, tomorrow we hate. Today we

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are gentle, tomorrow we are cold-blooded. Today we create magic, tomorrow we create ugliness. Today we speak of peace, tomorrow we make war. Today we remember, tomorrow we forget... our own beginnings and set ourselves up for unpredictable endings...

It's oh so painful to lose a child to death. Any child it makes no difference the race or color. It makes no difference whether the child's mother is on welfare or his father is in prison. It hurts the same. Pain is pain. It makes no difference whether the child was a member of a gang or a member of Harvard Law School. Death is death. A loss is a loss. A family suffers.

What manner of a people are we who build convention centers and other whatchamacallits, but cannot build a future for our children? What manner of a people are we who journey to foreign lands to negotiate peace but cannot teach peace to our children? What manner of a people are we who encourage our children to follow our lead and then holler foul when they do? What manner of a people are we who cannot protect our children from themselves?

It's oh so painful to lose any child to death.

Ray Ray and James didn't create the environment in which they lived. They didn't create the persons who were responsible for pulling the triggers of the guns that launched the bullets that ended their lives. James and Ray Ray didn't create themselves.

Somewhere out there are our

children—wishing and hoping that we will somehow come to understand their plight. They are out there wishing and hoping that we will soon understand one basic truth: "we are not the heroes and role models we think ourselves to be," at least not in their eyes.

We like to talk about the "good ol' days," and how we were more cultured than our children of today... have we forgotten what those so-called good ol' days were about? Have we forgotten the hate, the segregation, the riots, the oppression of women, the murders of human beings who were different than ourselves? Have we forgotten the wars and the loss of sons and daughters who were the children of mothers and fathers who are still suffering from the pain?

It's oh so painful to lose any child to death.

Somewhere out there, Ray Ray and James will be laid to rest, forever. Ashes to ashes, dust to dust. Gone are their aspirations. Gone are their hopes for a better tomorrow. Gone are their futures. Ashes to ashes, dust to dust. Such painful words; such a painful finality.

Let us remember Ray Ray and James. Let us remember their families. Let us remember their

## Jackson To Speak

Governor Michael Dukakis and Reverend Jesse L. Jackson will be two of an array of national and international leaders and elected officials speaking at the Saturday, August 27th "Great March on Washington" to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the 1963 March.

It was at the August, 1963 March on Washington that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. excited a gathering of 250,000 and the nation with his historic "I Have a Dream" speech.

A coalition of some 200 organizations and prominent individuals are sponsoring the "massive mobilization" to convey a special message to both presidential candidates that civil and human rights should be returned as top priority for this country.

Confirmed speakers at the march include: Mrs. Coretta Scott King, Dr. Joseph Lowery, Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young.

The marchers will begin assembling at 10 a.m. at the Sylvan Theatre on the Washington Monument grounds and then march to the Lincoln Memorial where the formal program is to begin at 12:30 p.m.

### An Observer Special Report

## The Struggle To Dream

On September 8, the *Portland Observer* will begin a series of investigative reports entitled **WE SHALL OVERCOME: The Struggle To Dream.**

The series will examine the social and economic impact on the Black Community of business policies practiced by major lending institutions, department stores, supermarkets and mass media in the city of Portland. The series will also examine the impact of recent media coverage on crime in North/Northeast Portland which in the eyes of many community residents portrays the area as a combat zone.

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## Portland's Multicultural Curriculum Rated Among Nation's Best

As the class of 2,000 enters first grade this fall the debate continues: Just how good are our schools? Headlines decry a crisis in public education, but at some schools students are really learning.

Ladies' Home Journal appointed a panel of education experts to find the nation's outstanding school programs. A special report in the Journal's September issue praises the top ten programs, explains why they work and encourages parents and educators to imitate the programs in their own schools. Among the ten best: The Multicultural/Multiethnic Curriculum in Portland, Oregon.

By the year 2000, one third of

America's public school students will be minorities. Portland school administrators believe children must develop a respect and understanding of cultures other than their own. The city-wide program draws on the expertise of university scholars and members of minority groups to develop a curriculum focusing on cultural and intellectual achievements of different groups.

The curriculum changes require widespread community support and funding. The school budget allocates \$250,000 a year for the project and training teachers to use the new resources.



them and extend hands we've never extended before. Let us restore their confidence in us. Let us become who we say we are. Let us remember to be kind, gentle, warm, loving and understanding. Let us show responsibility, leadership and faith. Let us become healers. Let us teach them that revenge is not the way. Let us teach a new way.

## Black United Front Saturday School Seeks Volunteers

The Black United Front Saturday School will be starting up again this fall. The Saturday School provides cultural and basic skills education, free of charge for children Grades 1-6.

The Saturday School needs 200 volunteers! If you are interested in teaching or assisting in some other way, please contact Avel Gordly or Karen Powell at 230-9427. Teaching experience is not necessary, volunteers can be anyone over Grade 6. The Saturday School will provide orientation workshops for all interested volunteers. Three hours a week of

your time can help a lot of children.

Those with a desire to teach are needed but there are lots of other jobs you can do, so call 230-9427 and be a Saturday School Volunteer. Student recruitment will start soon. The number of volunteers will determine the number of students Saturday School can serve. Call and volunteer now!

The *Portland Observer* salutes the Black United Front and those volunteers who have undertaken the serious task of providing quality education for the children of our community.

## NEWS MAKERS OF THE WEEK

by Bill Scheider

When Rev. Roy L. Tate says "We need to stand up and let people know we won't tolerate drugs and crime in this community," he backs up his words with action. And when he speaks of helping despairing victims caught in the squirrel-cage of drug addiction and crime, he offers a solution.

Tate is pastor of North Portland's Christ Memorial Church and founder of Jesus Against Drugs and Alcohol (J.A.D.A.), an 18-month-old drug rehabilitation program that operates as an outreach ministry of his church. More recently, the group has become a vehicle for a growing number of concerned community residents to voice opposition to the plague of drug- and gang-related crimes ravaging North and Northeast Portland neighborhoods.

"The people in this community are now sick and tired," said Tate. "neighborhoods are being stolen from law-abiding citizens and the criminals are taking over."

"The people in this community," he said, "need to stand up and let people know that we don't want drugs, crime and gangs in this area."

J.A.D.A. is helping the community send that message by sponsoring marches and rallies where community leaders and residents can "give a positive voice the visibility it deserves."

One such march was held in Northeast Portland last Aug. 13, and another is planned in October for North Portland's Columbia Villa, the scene last Wednesday of the Northwest's first drive-by shooting fatality.

The Aug. 13 event attracted over 200 participants who met at the U.S. Bank parking lot on N.E. Union and marched to Alberta Park where a rally was held. The afternoon rally's speakers included Mayor Bud Clark and

State Senator Bill McCoy.

In addition to sponsoring marches and rallies, J.A.D.A. is attempting to form a coalition with other concerned area groups to present a cohesive force behind which the community can unite to combat drugs, crimes and gangs.

While Tate is helping to unite



J.A.D.A. Founder Rev. Roy L. Tate

neighborhood opposition to drug problems and crime, he notes that J.A.D.A. was originally formed to help the large number of his parishioners that had drug problems. J.A.D.A. operates an outpatient rehabilitation program at Christ Memorial Church.

The program was launched shortly after the rapidly-growing church moved from its Albina store-front on N. Mississippi and Skidmore to its spacious N. Killingsworth home two years ago. For Tate it was the realization of a dream. To the community it contributed a sorely-needed resource to provide spiritual rehabilitation to indigent drug addicts and alcoholics.

"When people are hooked," Tate said, "they don't know which way to go. They're stuck. We want them to know that we are available; there's a place where they can find assistance."

Every Monday evening 30 to 40 people file into the Christ Memorial Church basement to attend a meeting modeled after Alcoholics Anonymous. Here, recovering addicts share their experiences of life without drugs and alcohol.

If a newcomer who attends a meeting decides to live chemical-free, he can be assigned a counselor, an individual who has gone through the program and volunteers to work with new people who want to change their lifestyle.

Former drug addicts are the best people in this position, Tate said, "because they know every trick, every game. They've been there, and they know what's happening."

The next project that Tate and J.A.D.A. hope to tackle, the next sequence in his dream, is the establishment of a halfway house for substance abusers.

"What we're hoping for," said Tate, "is a house where people who want to get off drugs can stay until they get on their feet."

Christ Memorial Church has the house, said Tate, but lacks the funds to operate it.

J.A.D.A. prefers to seek grants from private businesses and "anybody who wants to donate to the cause" rather than government funding because Tate believes County and State funding regulations often impede reaching "the average John Doe."

"We just want to help people," Tate said, "and some people don't meet treatment requirements of funding agencies. And some don't want to go downtown and talk to a doctor; they just want the support of a calming person who's been where they've been and has come out of it."

About his work with the J.A.D.A. treatment program and the organizing and staging of anti-crime and -drug marches, Tate said, "We are doing something in this community; not just inside these walls but outside these walls. There's a lot of teenagers on drugs. We need to face that reality and let people know that we are available to them."