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By Gracing our Community with your warmth, your commitment to Excellence and your African-American womanhood, you enrich our lives.

Black Colleges Annual Conference

Plans are underway for the 8th Annual Black Colleges Conference which will be held October 22, at the Memorial Coliseum from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The conference will feature speakers and representatives from many historically Black Colleges. Workshops on many topics including financial aid, tips for test taking, and careers of the future will also be presented.

Information regarding the conference may be obtained by calling 284-7930 or 287-9669.

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by Nyewusi Askari, Editor
Portland Observer newspaper

The death of 8-year-old Dayna Lorae Broussard, the daughter of Ecclesia Athletic Association founder Eldridge Broussard Jr., stunned Portland's African-American community. Reactions have ranged from can't believe that it happened to why did it happen ... Will it happen again. In many households, candles are burning in mourning for Dayna.

Throughout the community, prayers are filling churches and there is a deep, serious concern for the psychological and emotional welfare of the 53 other children who had been under the supervision of the Ecclesia Athletic Association.

While it is inappropriate to comment on the Ecclesia Athletic Association without knowing the facts surrounding the death of 8-year-old Dayna, it is important to comment on the State of Oregon's participation in the matter.

COMMENTARY

Up to this point, very few Black Oregonians believe that the Children's Services Division is capable of providing the emotional, psychological and cultural support needed for the 53 African-American children taken from the Ecclesia site. In fact, very few Black Oregonians believe the Children's Services Division to be capable of providing the necessary support and balance for most children it takes "into custody," especially, children of color. Throughout the African-American community, the Division's image and reputation is filled with cultural insensitivity, arrogance, and incompetence.

If the Children's Services Division is serious about the welfare of the children of Ecclesia, it will seek input from Portland's African-American community. The community is willing and more than capable of providing cultural, spiritual, family, psychological and the emotional support needed to keep those children from suffering greater damage. If the Governor of Oregon is serious about his Children's Agenda, he will make sure that these children are treated as humans, not as criminals who must wait on the state to decide their status. We know their status. They are children in need of the support of all Oregonians.

We know their status. They are African-American children.

A Portland Oregon Black Community Welcome



National Organization Of Black Law Enforcement Executives



A noble gathering of Black law enforcement officers & executives at the Royal Esquire Club.



Lee Brown, Chief of Police
City of Houston
Houston, Texas

Editor's Note: On October 15, 1988, Chief Lee Brown spoke before a gathering of Black law enforcement officers, involved citizens and community residents, at Portland Community College, Cascade Campus. Presented here are excerpts from Chief Brown's speech.

"Our first value says that we as paid professionals must make it possible for you and other citizens to work with us if we are sincerely concerned and serious about controlling crime."

"We have to set priorities. At least in our city, we feel that crime prevention has to be the number one priority. To us it makes sense. It is best to prevent a crime than to have the machinery of the law enforcement agency go into motion after citizens have been victimized. Crime prevention is our number one priority and that's our second value.

Our third value states that as we deliver our services, we want to do so in a manner that re-enforces the concept of neighborhoods. We have studied and looked very carefully at what social analysts are saying about urban America in the latter part of this decade. And two things are quite clear; people are concerned about what's going on in their neighborhoods. They are more concerned about what goes on in their neighborhoods than in any part of the city. What happens on my block is of more concern to me than what's goes on across town. Secondly, there is a self-help movement. People are doing more to address those issues that negatively impact on the quality of life. And we see that in our business and crime business such as neighborhood watch programs and crime stoppers programs and citizens on patrol. All of those are classical examples of citizens doing something to address the problem they are concerned with.

The final value says that as we deliver our services, we intend to do so in a manner that re-enforces the concept of our democracy. We want to not only preserve, we want to also advance the principle of our democracy. It is our belief that to the extent that policemen accept that as being their responsibility, not only to arrest people, but also protect the right that is guaranteed the individual under the Constitution of America, then your police becomes the most important people in your vast structure of government. That is the case because it is their job to preserve those principles that make America what it is today ..."



Harold L. Hurtt
Assistant Police Chief
City of Phoenix
Phoenix Police Department
Phoenix, Arizona

"... I have been treated Great! I really like Portland."



Joseph C. Carter
Superintendent
Chief, Bureau of Special Operations
Boston, Massachusetts

"... A great city ... A great African-American community."

T-h-a-n-k Y-o-u!!!

On behalf of the subscribers, readers and staff of the Portland Observer newspapers. As well as members of Portland's African-American community, I extend a warm, sincere, and soulful welcome to the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives and other Black law enforcement officers who are in Portland to attend and participate in the annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Convention.

We thank you for the time you've given to our community during your stay in the City of Portland. We thank you for your warmth, your professionalism, your sharing of important knowledge and your commitment to excellence. We also thank you for your willingness to take a dedicated stand on matters regarding law enforcement throughout the country.

You have indeed made this IACP convention a memorable occasion for African-Americans throughout the State of Oregon. Please take the opportunity to visit us again. Our arms are opened wide! Our hearts are filled with traditional pride, respect and admiration.

God bless you and may safety follow you wherever you go ... in whatever you do.

Sincerely,
Leon Harris, General Manager
Portland Observer newspaper
Portland, Oregon

From Education To Spirituality ...

After 20 years with Portland Public Schools, James B. Williams (J.B.) is retiring. His teaching career started in the U.S. Army at age 19, as a troop information and education instructor. At the end of his Army duty, he chose Houston-Tillotson College,



James B. Williams (J.B.)

(Austin, Texas) a private liberal arts college. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Education with a minor in English.

Mr. Williams did further study at Atlanta University, Arizona

State University, Reed College of Religion and Portland State University.

"A formal education is very important and this is something we must continue to try and make our youth understand."

Mr. Williams says he is thankful to have had the opportunity to work with so many outstanding educators, and also students both Black and white.

"I am very concerned about the study habits and conduct of students in the classroom," he said. "A formal education is very important and this is something we must continue to try to make our youth understand."

When asked about his future plans, Mr. Williams said, "I have always had a love for evangelism and the door is wide open. I have taught Bible Band, Foreign missions and other related topics at Mt. Nebo Church of God in Christ Church. We are never beyond the need for spiritual guidance and growth.

Community Care Program: A Labor Of Love

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

For twenty-plus years, Mrs. Clara Peoples has been feeding the hungry citizens in the community. She could not do all all-by-herself.

There are so many good, hard working people behind, beside and about—who have sacrificed their time and efforts to serve those less fortunate than themselves.

We, here at the Portland Observer, would like to take a moment in time to recognize these persons for their tireless devotion.

MARIE FISHER—professional caterer "never faltering" says Mrs. Peoples, to describe Marie's work.

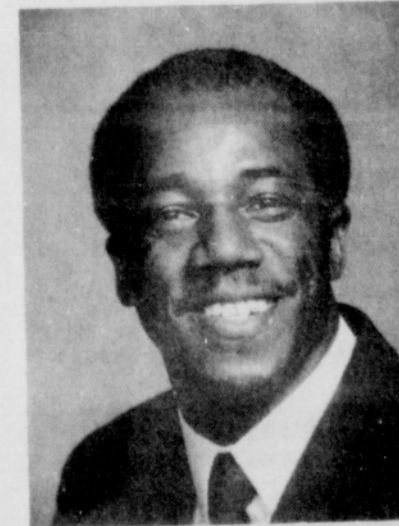
PAM GAINES—a fourth grade teacher at Sabin School. "A young person who never flinches."

ALBERT POOLE—waits tables and supplies the ice.

HELEN GREELEY—retired caterer.

DOROTHY LOLLEY—Community Care Volunteer.

And ROBERTA ROBERTSON—Community Care



Volunteer. Mrs. Peoples smiles and comments, "They provide warm service here at Bethel AME all day long."

These persons not only help during the week (every week) with the Community Care Program—but, when there are special events, such as: the Puget Sound Conference and the many other functions during the year. During the Puget Sound Conference, these persons cooked, cleaned, served and planned breakfast, lunch and dinner for each and

every day that the conference was in session. They even Bar-Becued for over 300 people—in the park.

There is one who stands out above the rest—and that is Mr. Albert Tucker. Why? Because—this guy wears more than one hat all week long.

Albert is actually Sergeant Albert Tucker, NCO SFC U.S. ARMY. He has been in the armed forces for 16 years and is looking forward to his day of discharge in 1992.

He is from Heath Springs, South Carolina in the County of Lancaster (like I really know where that is). He is the son of Connie and Bum Tucker and a member of the Salem AME Zion Church in Pleasant Hill, South Carolina. He has one sister, Queen Ester Tucker.

Albert works for the Community Care Program every week, with out fail. Since he has been here in Portland, he teaches Sunday School at Bethel, sings in the Inspirational Choir and helps to keep the church clean.

Thank God for these special people and for their undying help and assistance.