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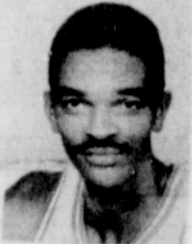
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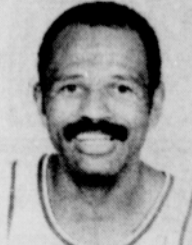
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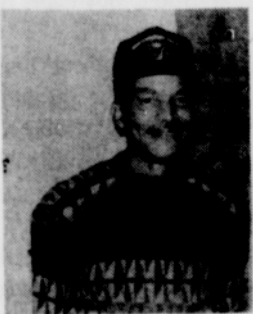


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cable to Portland
area Minority Busi-
ness Enterprises.
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Grace Collins: In the Spirit of Caring Too Much

PORTLAND OBSERVER STAFF

Unless a virtual miracle oc-
curs by November ninth, the
Grace Collins Daycare Center could be
closed by the Oregon Children's Ser-
vice Division for failure to meet recertifi-
cation standards.

The Center has operated since the
end of 1989 on temporary certification
but has been unable to correct deficiencies
mandated by the state agency.

C.S.D. has cited these deficiencies
as an unsafe kitchen and food handling
practices, unsafe toys and equipment,
incomplete records and inappropriate
employees.

Another CSD concern was the leader-
ship of Mrs. Collins. "Administratively,
she handled personnel matters and
made decisions which led to the
problems they have now," claimed
one CSD employee asked to remain
anonymous. "She was more suited for
a convent than a daycare center." The
CSD employee went on to state that at
one time, the Center had 16 employees
on payroll with "shaky" backgrounds,
most involving theft and drugs. When
questioned if any of the employees had
been identified as having child abuse
problems, the answer was no.

It isn't difficult to find someone
who attended the Grace Collins Center
during childhood. Two former em-
ployees of the Observer reflects warmly
of their experiences as attendees. Ac-
cording to Arnold Petrie, former sales-
person for the Observer, and now op-
erations manager for handy workers, a
local maintenance firm, Ms. Collins is
one of the warmest, most caring and
loving individuals he has ever met. "She
had a hug and a kiss every morning



The Collins Daycare Center faces impending termination barring a miracle.

for her children, as she called them," he
recalls. "She never seemed to lose her
temper." She is still referred as "Mother"
Collins by almost everyone who attended
her daycare center. The Bible, a warm
meal, and tender loving care was the
norm for the day as all remember.

According to Ralph Davis, recently
selected by the board to assume the day-
to-day operations of the center, the board
must share some of the blame. Davis is
himself a former student of the center.
The self-employed business man who
recently returned to Portland after a 17-
year absence claims most of the con-
cerns addressed by CSD are accurate.
"But we thought we were close to an
agreement with CSD to having our re-
certification extended, since we were

cleaning house of the questionable
employees and making the necessary
repairs as requested." Davis states that
the board communicated with CSD in
August and thought the agency was sat-
isfied with the response from Collins
Center. "The letter of September 21
took us by complete surprise which is
what caused the panic with parents, staff
and the community," he added.

Collins Center now operates with a
budget of \$250,000 of which 40% comes
from parents, 25% from U.S.D.A. and
aid to dependent children and the re-
mainder from contributions from
churches, corporations and individuals.
Davis was particularly elated about a
\$5,000 contribution he received from
Mr. R.B. Pamplin, of the R.B. Pamplin

Corp., a long time supporter of Ms.
Collins, and a \$1,000 contribution from
Mr. Gilbert Lamb, a former high school
classmate of Ms. Collins.

CSD has extended the certifica-
tion process until November 9, and has
imposed the following conditions on
the center:

There shall be no new intake of chil-
dren into care as requested in the letter
of September 21, 1990.

Write a letter to parents of all children
currently attending the program and
inform them that the Grace Collins
Memorial Center is unlicensed. You
will need to have documentation from
parents in each child's file that parents
were notified of the current unlicensed
status of the center.

Grace Collins Memorial Center shall
appoint a contact person to work with
CSD Certifier Nancy Howes. CSD
needs to be notified of the name of this
individual by Tuesday, October 9, 1990.

In cooperation with the certifier, de-
velop a work plan for the period of
Monday, October 8, 1990, to Friday,
November 9, 1990 to show how re-
quirements listed in this letter will be
met. This contact person and Nancy
Howes will be part of a committee.

Use mutually agreed upon consultants
for technical assistance regarding pro-
gram planning for each age group. We
believe Headstart should be contacted
as a consultant for technical assistance
for your preschool program. Head-
start is universally accepted as a stan-
dard for preschool.

Provide CSD with a list of currently
enrolled children and currently work-
ing staff for this period.

Anniversary of a Brutal Murder



Mulugeta Seraw

On November 13, two years will
have passed since an Ethiopian man,
Mulugeta Seraw, was kicked and
beaten to death by three Portland Skin-
heads.

At present a jury is being empaneled
to hear a 10 million dollar lawsuit brought
against Tom Metzger, head of the Whit
Aryan Resistance movement. The suit
alleges that Metzger sent agents to Port-
land to recruit members of the Portland
Skinhead group East Side Pride and incited
them to commit violence against blacks.

Worldwide attention is being fo-
cused on this suit filed on behalf of the
Seraw family by the Southern Poverty
Law Center and the Anti-Defamation
League of B'nai B'rith.

"The October trial of White Supremacist
Tom Metzger will undoubtedly
focus national attention on Portland.
Let the message be a positive one dur-
ing that time--that Portland stands united
against racism."--Deni Yamauchi,
Center for Democratic Renewal

Black United Fund Campaign Underway Again

"The Best Help is Self Help"



Support the
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It's that time of year again and Sun-
day the Black United Fund of Ore-
gon launched its 1990 campaign with a
"BUF Sunday, sponsored by the Albina
Ministerial Alliance. The goal for Port-
land this year is \$200,000; BUF Sunday
is a national event held in churches across
the country in support of local Black
United Funds.

The Black United Fund of Oregon
Inc. (BUFO) is an independent fundrais-
ing and philanthropic organization, one
of sixteen affiliates of the National Black
United Fund. The BUFO, located in
Northeast Portland, was founded in 1983
and became operational in 1986 in re-
sponse to the historical underfunding
and lack of management services for
non-profit organizations operating in
North/Northeast Portland.

The overall goal of the BUFO is to
assist in the social and economic devel-
opment of Oregon's Black and other
disadvantaged communities by provid-
ing financial management assistance and
other services to non-profit organiza-
tions whose programs help improved
the quality of life for all Oregonians.
Services provided by the BUFO are
designed to ensure the development and
retention of organization that respond to
community needs.

The BUFO raises money primarily
from individuals in charitable campaigns
in both public and private sector
workplaces. We currently participate in
campaigns at the State of Oregon, City
of Portland, Multnomah County, Port
of Portland, Metro, Tri-Met, Housing Au-
thority, Pacific Power and Light, IBM
Corp, Paragon Cable TV, Boise Cas-
cade Office Products Division, Pacific
Development Corp, Portland Public
Schools, Portland Community College,
Lewis & Clark College and many oth-
ers. Our campaign goals are to provide,
without coercion, the greatest opportu-
nity for employees to give, minimize
disruption in the workplace and the ad-
ministrative burden of the employer and
to maximize charitable contributions for
community needs. Last year employees
contributed over \$180,000 to the Black
United Fund of Oregon; this level of
support clearly demonstrates that em-
ployees welcome choice in workplace
giving and support the Black United
Fund of Oregon's goal of community

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BUSINESS PROFILE

Kenny Carr, Construction?



Kenny Carr

BY C. BROWN & U. TUCKER JR.

Kenneth Carr, President of Carr
Construction, has led a life charac-
terized by success in diverse occu-
pations. A native of Washington, D.C.
Kenneth began his basketball career
under the legendary Morgan Wooten
at Dematha High School in Hyattsville,
Maryland (1972-74). One of his team-
mates was NBA great Adrain Dantley,
one of the finest scorers in league his-
tory. (DeMatha has also produced
current NBA players Danny Ferry,
Sidney Lowe, Jarrod Mustaf, and James
Brown, now an announcer for CBS

sports.) After graduating from high
school, Kenneth accepted a scholar-
ship to North Carolina State University
in Raleigh, N.C. He earned All-Ameri-
can/All ACC honors and played on the
1976 Olympic basketball team in
Montreal which won the gold medal.
Again his teammate was Adrain Dantley
and other NBA stars such as Walter
Davis and Phil Ford. Carr entered his
name in the 1976 NBA draft while still
a junior at North Carolina State and
was drafted by the Los Angeles Lakers
(1977-78). He eventually played for
the Lakers, Cleveland, Detroit and Port-
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