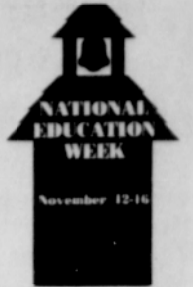


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A look at a 'Rising Star': Lee P. Brown



**Lee Brown
Former
Multnomah
County
Sheriff
selected as
President of
International
Association
of Chiefs of
Police**

BY: LEON L. HARRIS, EDITOR

EDITORS NOTE: Lee Brown is a truly remarkable man. I know him not only as a close and personal friend, but as an individual with strong family ties, extremely close to the church, and deeply committed to community issues.

Our first encounter was in 1968, in Pasco, Washington. He was there as a consultant for the U.S. Department of Justice's Community Relations Division to conduct a study of the Pasco police department and the Black community, for the purpose of making recommendations for improved relations between the two. Our next encounter was in September of that year here in Portland, as we both had established residency after accepting new appointments.

We established a friendship that remains cherished to this day. Besides being a close friend, he remains an advisor and a confidant.

Some of us are enriched thru investments in goods, commodities, knowledge or experience. I invested in Lee Brown's humanity—and because of it, I am a "millionaire" today.

On October 10, 1990, New York City police Commissioner Lee P. Brown, was sworn in as president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the world's oldest, largest, and most prestigious police association. The election of Commissioner Brown marks the first time a black has served in this capacity in the association's 97 year history.

Being "First" is fastly becoming a part of Brown's illustrious career. He was the First black sheriff in the history of Multnomah County, later moving up to become the First black director of the county's Department of Judicial Administration. In 1982 he was tapped by Houston, Texas', Mayor Kathryn J. Whitmore to head up that city's 4,600 member police force. Another First.

His knowledge of policework, his extraordinary talents as an administrator,

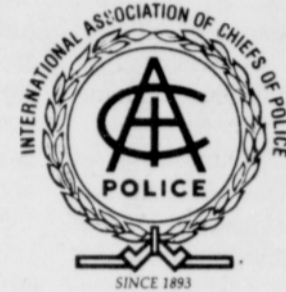
his creativity and innovative approach to police interaction with the community, has led factions both within and outside law enforcement to label him the top police chief in the United States. This was apparently the thinking, too of New York City Mayor, David Dinkins, who upon selecting Brown as New York City Police Commissioner, called him "The best talent available."

This also just might be the thinking of top officials in the Bush administration, as recent articles in the New York Times, and Jet magazine claims the Commissioner is a leading candidate to replace ailing F.B.I. Director, William Webster. If the rumors are true, and he is appointed by the President to the head of this embattled agency, it would be a welcome relief for many, as the F.B.I. has recently been rocked with charges of racism, sexism, and harassment of fellow black and hispanic agents by their white counterparts. (A former black agent was recently awarded \$1,000,000 in damages after successfully fighting his case in court. More recently, several black and hispanic agents were promoted to supervisory roles as the agency struggles to maintain credibility within its ranks.) With a Bachelors, two Masters, and a Doctorate degree, it is interesting to note just why this truly amazing man is considered by his peers to be the best.

Dr. Lee Patrick Brown was born in Wewoka, Oklahoma, on October 4, 1937. His family joined the "Dust Bowl" migration to California, and he grew up near Fresno in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley. A three-letter high school athlete, he won a football scholarship to attend California State University in Fresno in 1955.

At Fresno State, Dr. Brown became fascinated with the criminology subject area and decided to major in it. He received a Bachelors Degree in Criminology from this institution in 1961.

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Printing company
president recipient of
Minority Enterprise
Development
Achievement Award



Peggy C. Ross, President and co-owner of express Graphics Printing, Tigard, Oregon, has been presented with the 1990 Minority Enterprise Development Achievement Award by the U.S. small Business Administration. The award is presented annually to those minority business persons who best reflect the spirit of minority entrepreneurship.

The award was presented in conjunction with Minority Enterprise Week, October 7-13, 1990. Ms. Ross has been president of Express Graphics Printing since the company was formed in 1985. The company began in a 840 square foot office and now occupies a 21,000 square foot building. Today the company employs twenty-two men and women with annual sales in excess of \$1 million.

Ms. Ross is active in many civic and cultural organizations including: Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, Oregon Art Institute, OAME (Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs), PAL (Police Activities League), Portland Urban League & Guild, Oregon Direct Marketing Assoc., Women's Foundation of Oregon and Oregon Commission on Black Affairs.

A native of Magnolia, Arkansas, Ms. Ross attended college at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, Nebraska. Her career began in word processing management with Pacific Power, Portland, Oregon; training and consulting in Arkansas with Arkansas Power and Light Company, the State of Arkansas/Juvenile Services, and in Texas with Touche Ross & Co., Xerox Corp., and her own firm.

There is something special in scouting



BY TONY WASHINGTON

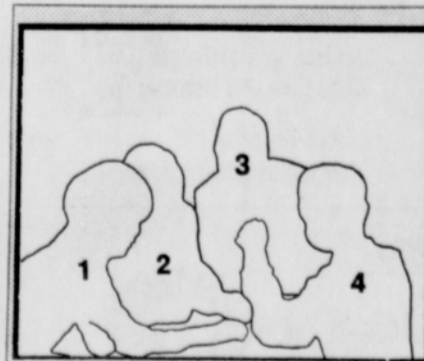
On Wednesday November 7th, Shirley Johnson's 5th grade class participated in the In School Scouting Program. Joan Barclay conducted a

science and nature class, and the children took part in an exercise called Genius Sacks. They were given the contents of a sack to create a specific functioning item. This proved to be a very popular,

and challenging activity. In school scouting is offered to 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders, at Irvington, Sabin, and Rigler Schools.

Participation has increased from 375 Students, in 14 classrooms to 2600 stu-

Veronica Green Photo



1. Andy Bixby
2. Drake Shelton
3. Les Bradwell
4. Nejuan Burke

dents in 104 classrooms. A 40 minute session of participatory activities that support the areas of Communications, Community Awareness, First Aid, and Science and Nature. It is designed to make learning fun.

Without programs such as this most families would not be able to afford this type of activity. We salute Portland Public Schools for their interest in our natural resources (youths), and for providing a service to our community. For interested parties please call Colleen Watkins at 226-3423.

The Tradition Goes On



BY TONY WASHINGTON

Linda, the daughter of Clara Peoples, has been a volunteer since she was five years old. Following the foot steps of her mom, still sees a great need for help in the community. The Community Care program has been in existence since 1952. Linda, an employee at First Interstate Bank (downtown) is in the International Banking Section, where she has been for ten years. She is a member of Bethel AME Church where she recruits our youths for Bethel AME Church volunteer program.