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## Tubman's Science Fair Features Key Scientists

Photo courtesy of NACME



Options in Science Day: Tubman Students interact with the Northwest's Top Scientists

BY PROFESSOR MCKINLEY BURT

They all came together Monday, January 28 at the Harriet Tubman Middle School on North Flint Avenue; students, teachers and 24 key scientists from the Battelle Northwest Laboratory,

the largest technical research center in the Pacific Northwest.

It was an exhilarating experience to observe the enthusiastic interaction between the children and several dozen top professionals. Each group

inspired the other over the entire range of technical demonstrations and related activities. Classrooms and the gym were the sites for the fast-paced, colorful presentations which lasted all day and involved every student and all teachers buzzkingle

and staff. The latter all wore colorful "Options In Science" shirts.

Tight, closely coordinated scheduling permitted the Battelle scientists and staff from the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) to carry out demonstrations in 24 topical areas of science and technology. The range was from earth sciences and biology to space and "exploring the properties of various solids, gases and liquids. There was hands on involvement by students and the response was loud and enthusiastic. The level of interest was high throughout the day and I am sure that much of the success was due to a carefully crafted grade-specific organization of the student body. Principal Paul Coakley had orchestrated the support functions to perfection. There were 24 major presentation topics in all and I will list some of them here. Quite possibly, other schools in the district will find them of interest-helpful in the design of science programs; "Being

aware of the earth around you-soil chemistry-fossils-pioneering space-robotics and machine design-Geology-Marine Animals-Arid Land Ecology-Waste Management-Radiation in the environment and you-Properties of Light Environmental Toxicology-Antarctic research-Materials Science."

Mondays' session was the first formal presentation of this well-structured

program though it is hoped that it can be developed into a model which can be replicated across the country. The concept was introduced to Tubman back in October by Department of Energy Secretary James Watkins and Oregon Senator Mark Hatfield. The conceptual framework was developed in 1989 at a "Math-Science Action Conference" attended by representatives of industry, education and governmental agencies such as the National Science Foundation, and the Department of Energy (The latter agency is and has been the principal sponsor and prime mover in the process).

Mondays' presentation will not be the end of the interaction at this school. The Battelle Laboratory is looking at such innovations as a "Scientist-In-residence" and "Teacher Internships" at the organizations headquarters in Richland, Washington. I'm sure I speak fairly when I state that students, teachers, staff and the community are all appreciative of this motivation an direction for youngsters maturing into a world of increasing complexity.

And I am especially appreciative to the two members of Battelles' staff who provided me with the information and orientation for this article: Ms Susan Baver, Public Relations Dept. and Jeff Estes, Science Education Specialist.

### PFC Eric Spears, H & S Co HQ BN, 2nd Mar Div, FPO New York, NY 09502-0066



Private First Class Spears enlisted in the United States Marines in the winter of 1990. He entered boot camp in June of 1990 and graduated September 15, 1990 from the San Diego, California's MCRD (Marine Corp Recruit Depot). He was married on November 21, 1990 to DeShawn Templeton. He returned on November 26th to Camp LeJeune in North Carolina. He was

sent to Saudi Arabia January 8, 1991. His new wife spent 7 days with him, in North Carolina, before he left.

Eric graduated from Marshall High School. After completing three years at Umqua Community College, he enrolled in Mount Hood Community College to pursue architectural design and engineering. Eric is one of four children born to James and Mattie Ann Callier-Spears. He is a member of Mount Olivet Baptist Church.

When Eric called home last week, he said "Mom, we had a bomb scare last night. A missile came so close to us. We all ran for the bunker. Everyone put their gas masks on and stood in the dark until we heard the all clear signal. The guys were actually crying. Mom, no matter how much you train, you still get scared." Mom told him no matter what, just keep praying and praising the Lord. He said, "Mom, if there were 48 hours in a day, I would use all of them to praise God. We are not the ones in control over here-God is. I love you and tell everyone I said 'Hi!'"

### Corp Terry Kimmons Army 129 Postal Co., APO N.Y.09657



Twenty-three year old Terry is the son of J.V. and Nancy Kimmons. Terry has a sister, Kimberly Black of Patterson, CA, two nieces and one nephew. Terry who is a graduate of Benson High School (1985) loves reading, music, and traveling. This his second tour.

## Re-Cap of War Events

- March 1990: Kuwaitian oil minister accedes to charge of ignoring OPEC's allotment of oil
- August 2, 1990: Iraq invades Kuwait
- September 10, 1990: U.S. Secretary of State James Baker pleads for wider international buildup in the Middle East, six days after he announced he foresaw a long stay for U.S. troops in the Middle East
- September 23: Hussein threatens to attack Saudi Arabian and Israeli oilfields if Iraq is "strangled" by the U.N. economic sanctions placed on Iraq
- Last week of September: Hussein warns his people in a televised broadcast to ready themselves for "the mother of all battles"
- January 15, 1991: Hussein's deadline to either give the nod to the U.N. sanctions, or plot a recourse of action...he plots
- January 15, 1991: Bush, with Congress' okay, declares war

## Milestone Moves

- Saudi Arabia's King Fahd decided to permit female medical volunteers (which is unprecedented in Saudi Arabia—generally, females are only permitted to provide medical attention to other females)
- President Bush opted to allow gays to enter the army to serve during the war--after which, they shall be forcibly discharged

## Edward J. Washington Sworn In As President Of NAACP

Edward J. Washington a life-long resident of Portland, was sworn in as President of the local chapter of the NAACP on Sunday, Jan. 20, 1991.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, founded in 1909, is the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the country. The Portland chapter, chartered in 1911, is the oldest branch west of the Mississippi and largest in the state.

Washington is a 16-year employee of U.S. West, currently working with the Government and Education Market group with account responsibility for private colleges, secondary and elementary education, and community colleges.

He graduated from Portland State University in 1974 in Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. He has been involved with community activities throughout his professional life, and has run for

elected office.

Washington has been a member of the NAACP for more than 20 years. He said his first priority during his two-year term "is to make sure the NAACP continues to have the credibility and visibility they have fought so hard to earn." "The Portland branch is a fighting chapter", he said. During the late '50's and early '60's we helped get blacks employed in retail and grocery stores, government offices, and helped pass the state's fair employment act."

Washington is also looking to increase the chapter's membership, currently at about 500; revitalize the activities in the chapter's division, and reach out and work closely with other organizations in the community who have similar goals.

"We shouldn't stop striving just because there are no more visible signs of discrimination," he said. "There is still racial harassment going on. We need to provide support for all people."

Judge Ancer Haggerty administered the oath of office at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.

## Tax Extension For Storm Soldiers

BY SENATOR BOB PACKWOOD

Many of you reading this column have friends or acquaintances in the Persian Gulf. Some of you have children or grandchildren, brothers or sisters participating in Operation Desert Storm. Maybe your husband or wife is in Saudi Arabia.

The American soldiers serving in the Gulf are sacrificing themselves for our country. They left behind their jobs and their families. For those who are left behind to wait and worry, there is much to do. You need to work just that much harder to keep your families together. For our soldiers overseas, they have even more to worry and think about.

American soldiers and their families have enough on their minds now without having to worry about deadlines and demands back home. Included

among those is our fast-approaching deadline for filing tax returns.

That's why along with other Senators, I introduced legislation to extend the tax filing deadline for Americans stationed in the Persian Gulf.

The legislation gives the men and women (and their spouses) up to 60 days after completing Operation Desert Storm service to file their tax returns and pay their taxes. They will not be charged interest on taxes owed, but will receive interest on refunds.

For those Americans hospitalized for injuries sustained in Desert Storm operations, the 60-day period will begin upon being released from hospitals.

The bill provides temporary relief from federal tax filings and payments. And, since Oregon follows federal tax rules, Oregonians serving in the Desert Storm operation will automatically receive an extension for Oregon tax

returns as well. Some states which do not follow federal rules will need to enact similar legislation as quickly as possible.

As the senior Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, which has jurisdiction over tax issues, I will be responsible for bringing this legislation through the Senate committee process. I hope, and expect, to have the cooperation of Congress to pass this legislation into law quickly.

American servicemen and women have made great sacrifices, leaving behind their jobs and their families. It will give them a sense of relief to know the paperwork back home will wait for their safe return.

These men and women did not ask for a lot when they went to the Middle East to risk their lives. I think Congress owes them at least this small favor.