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Portland Loses An Institution

□ The Northeast community pauses for breath as local legend George Page passes □

By Prof. McKinley Burt

George Page, the 'soul' factor in the Portland Jazz Scene has left us and we have great difficulty in dealing with that. Mr. Jazz and Blues of KBOO Radio died of a heart attack last Thursday. One cannot begin to imagine how this void is going to be filled. THE MASTER BLASTER is gone.

We are left to reflect, can twenty years of solid on-the-air and on-the-tube contributions have passed so swiftly--since those days on the OPB-TV Public Affairs program and "Third World" on KATU-TV? George was a caring mentor to many a neophyte and many sought to emulate his award-winning style, but no one--no one--ever surpassed his ability to deliver and delineate the finest of that classic American cultural genre, Jazz.

My own associations with George were intermittent over the span of years but I was always listening to him or hearing of him; of his decades of solid community contributions, in the classroom, in the forum and seminar, and of his strong advocacy where minority issues were at stake (or the rights of 'anyone'). And I would not neglect to cite his solid support of the many public affairs (and artists) who have made up Portland's entertainment scene.



George Page in the KBOO-FM studio

How much we owe to him.

A simple eulogy will not suffice at all. We must find a way to 'institutionalize' the insight and concepts this committed man brought to our community. How can we do this? What form of PERMANENT MEMORIAL can be developed to carry forward the tradition that George pioneered with his dedication to that great American music genre, Jazz? Scholarship? University Chair? What?

Readers, let us hear from you, and soon. Call 288-0033 or better still write us of your ideas; 4747 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. 97211.

The Oregonian, in its eulogy of the 47 year-old personality, described Page as such: "A role model, mentor and promoter, he gave black music a place to be heard. In addition, his show offered a forum for issues of concern to Portland's black community." The Oregonian also quoted Page as saying (last fall), "I have an obligation to let people know that things aren't as they've been portrayed to be...that's why I do my show."

In an article that ran last April in the now-defunct African American Journal, writer Eugene Rashad referred to Page as "orator, griot" and "Black conscious", and stated that his public

voice "evolves into an instrument". The Oakland-born deejay is survived by his wife, Glenna; daughter, GeAnna; and brother, Philip, all of Portland. The memorial service is at 7 p.m. on Thursday (the 28th) at the Immaculate Heart Church, at 2926 N. Williams Ave. Per Page's request, he was cremated.

(from the African American Journal, 4/27/90, written by Eugene Rashad)

FOR GEORGE...

*Jazz radio in Portland. Twenty years
George Page, 1970-1990 Jazz Rap
still here*

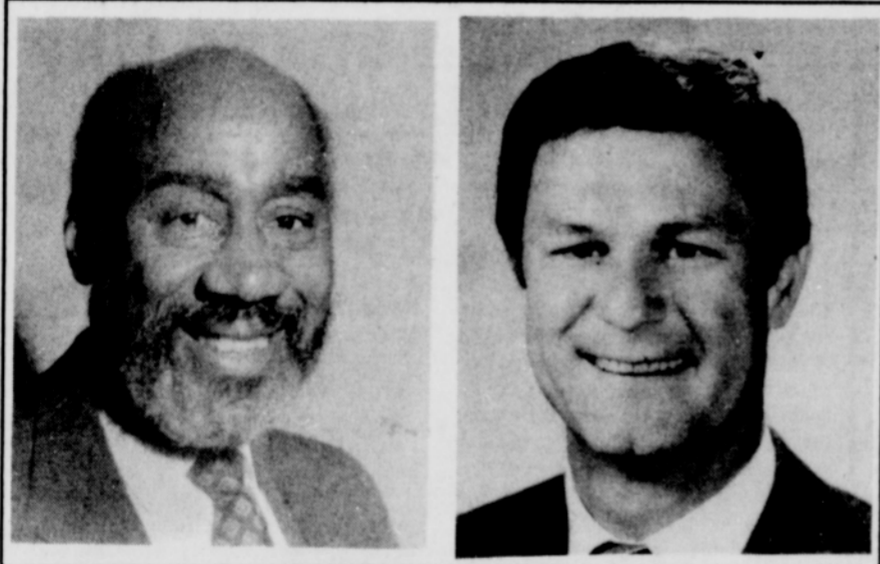
*Do you hear, can you hear
dig that groovy sound
Share your ears, man shed your
fears jazz rap is still around
play some bird, spin some stitt
Share some oscar in the next set
Bop some diz, blare some sarah
It's not six o'clock, so don't stop
yet!*

*Milk your guest of the facts
Let us know what is hip
Do your show, show your stuff
Ah, that's it, kick man, kick
Almost six, time to close
It was sweet music you played
George, congrad, man you bad
Just don't play no LD J!*

United Way Taps Portland's NAACP President

Northeast Portland resident Ed Washington has been elected to a three-year term on United Way of the Columbia-Willamette's board of directors.

Washington, customer support specialist for government and educational services at US WEST Communications, was selected at the organization's 71st Annual Meeting. He also was recently named president of the Portland chapter of



Ed Washington (left) and Ronald Gould

the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Additionally, Washington is a member of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce/Business Youth Exchange, Tri-Met's Citizen's Advisory Budget Committee, the Portland State University Alumni Association board of directors, and chairs the Finance Committee at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church.

Joining Washington as a new member of the United Way's board is Judith A. Ramaley, president of Portland State University. Ronald B. Gould, partner-in-charge of audit at Deloitte and Touche, was elected chairman of the board. Other officers elected include Richard Durrett Jr., executive vice president of Far West Federal Bank, chairman-elect; Terry W. Clifford, treasurer of Tektronix Inc., treasurer; and Carol Schatz, administrator of the state of Washington's Department of Social and Health Services, secretary.

Portland Man Helps Liberate Kuwait Island In Desert Storm

Aboard USS Curts In the Middle East-Life on the guided-missile frigate USS Curts has been a tightrope between danger and triumph since war in the Middle East began. From supporting the United Nation's embargo sanctions, to its part in the liberation of Qurah Island on Jan 24, the Curts has played a significant role in Desert Storm.

Lamar T. Star, the 21-year-old son of Victor Barber of Portland, is a crew member aboard the Curts, a ship that will be remembered for its role in the liberation of the first speck of Kuwaiti soil since the war began.

Since arriving in the Middle East, the Curts' job has been the intercepted of ships heading for Iraq. Curts interdicted more the 100 vessels in the region. Designed for anti-submarine warfare, the Curts had to adapt to its role of maritime interception. It was while performing in this capacity that the Curts met with its moment of triumph.

"I've always wanted to do this," said Capt. Glenn Montgomery, the commanding officer. "I've always wanted to get involved if there was a major operation."



**Serving in Desert Storm-Petty Officer 3rd class
Lamar T. Star from Portland is serving aboard
the guided missile frigate USS Curtis in the
Middle East. Star is the 21-year old son of
Victor and Brenda Star of Portland. (U.S.
Navy photo by Joe Gawlowicz.)**

Star and the other crew members probably saw more action that day than

they have ever seen in their entire careers. It took six hours for the crew to take over Qurah.

"The crew did a terrific job," said Montgomery. "Their average age is 20 or 21, and they did their jobs superbly."

Star is a Navy operations specialist.

"My job is to help provide surveillance of enemy air and surface targets, said the 1988 graduate of Madison High School.

For the more than 200 men aboard Curts, operating in this area of the world presents various difficulties.

"The biggest challenge for me is being away from my fiancée in Japan," said Star.

Star, like many other sailors over here, would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

"I'd like to tell my family and friends that I'm all right, and will be home as soon as possible," Star said.

Contributing to this story were Tarek Hamada of the Department of Defense Media Pool, and Jeffery Perron and Rachel J. Steele of Navy Public Affairs Center San Diego.

PSU Announces Minority Student Tuition Waivers

Minority students with good academic records are eligible for special tuition waivers at Portland State University, according to Dan Fortmiller, Director of the Academic Support Center at PSU.

30-35 scholarships will be available to students in each of two groups, Fortmiller said. The Underrepresented Minorities Achievement Scholarship awards tuition waivers to entering freshman. The Underrepresented Minorities Achievement Scholarship for College Juniors awards waivers for students with junior level standing.

Deadlines for scholarship applications for academic year 1991-92 are March 1 (for entering freshman) and April 1, 1991 (for juniors).

For more information or to receive a scholarship application; call PSU's offices of Admissions, 725-3511, Minority Students Recruitment, 725-4457, or Academic Support Center, 725-4005.

The Beaumont Bulls will have a car wash at the Observer office, 4747 N.E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The objective is to raise funds for an upcoming tournament and team party. The price is \$4.00 per car. Please come and support your community basketball team!