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The Black United Fund Of Oregon Community Forum

The Black United Fund of Oregon will begin this year's series of Community Forums with a workshop on grant writing. This workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 1992 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the conference room of the U.S. Bank at 5505 NE Martin Luther King Blvd. Community Forums are a series of monthly workshops that offer useful information to nonprofit organizations.

Sixth Annual Walt Kellogg/Safeway Easter Seals Invitational Ski Race

The Sixth Annual Easter Seals Ski Race will be held on April 7th and 8th at Mt. Hood Meadows. This event is held annually to raise money for Easter Seals. It has been very successful the past five years a lot of fun too!

For more information call (503) 622-3101

Registration Opens for Oregon Writers' Workshop Classes

Registration has begun for spring term classes at the Oregon Writers' Workshop. Taught by well-known Oregon writers, the Workshop classes are open to people of all skill levels who wish to make a serious commitment to writing.

Portland Women's Crisis Line

The Portland Women's Crisis Line is pleased to announce openings for its spring volunteer direct service worker training. Volunteers would receive a forty-six hour training, spread out over four weeks, which would prepare them to answer the crisis line. Final date for application for admission to the program is April 28. Trainings begin on May 2.

Register To Vote Call 248-3729

Oregon Police Academy Graduation Graduates Complete 200 Hours Of Law Enforcement Training

Steve Bennett, Executive Director of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training, announced today that Basic Corrections Class No. 79 will graduate from the Oregon Police Academy in Monmouth, Oregon, on March 13, 1992.

The graduates have completed 200 hours training in Law, Human Behavior, Security and General Skills. Specific subjects include: ethics, prisoner transportation and restraints, defense tactics, firearms qualification, fingerprinting, Oregon Jail Law, inmate rights and responsibilities, and interpersonal communication skills.

These officers will also be expected to complete a field training manual with their agency training officer in order to receive their certification, which must be earned within one year of their employment.

Senator Jim Bunn, District 15, will present the graduation address for the ceremony which will commence at 10 A.M. in the Pacific Room of the Werner Center at Western Oregon State College in Monmouth.

Awards will be presented to outstanding officers for performance in academic achievement, professionalism, defensive tactics, and physical development.

Families of the students, supervisors, department heads, and city and county officials will be among the guests.

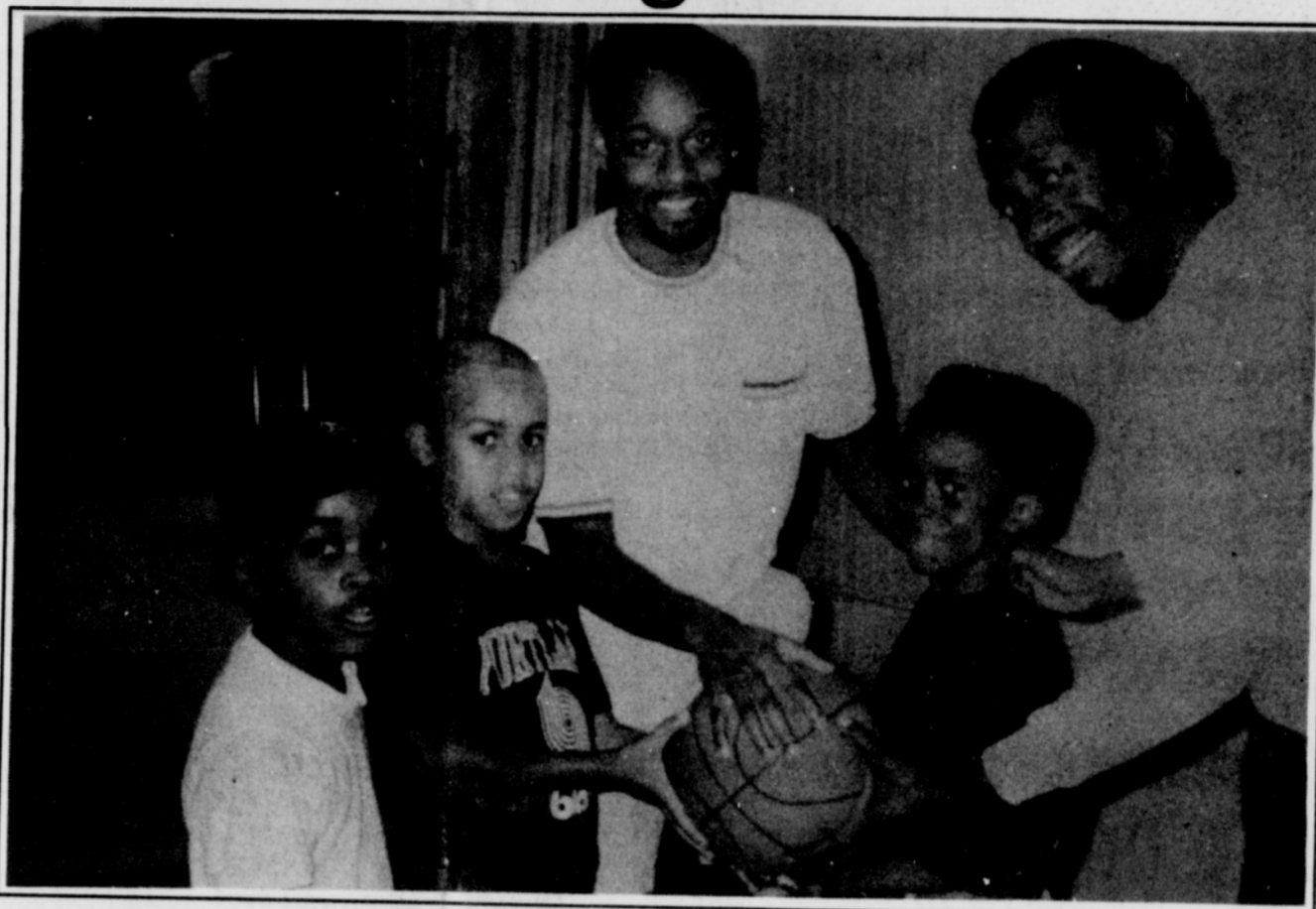
Rehab'd Cambridge Court Apts. Opened March 5, a Unique Joint Venture of Three Public Agencies to Aid Homeless Families

The rehabilitated Cambridge Court Apartments, which will provide housing and support services for homeless families, officially opened at ceremonies on March 5.

The 20-unit apartment project is a unique joint venture involving the Portland Development Commission (PDC), Housing Authority of Portland (HAP) and Multnomah County Division of Housing and Community Services.

HAP is providing rental assistance for tenants in the form of Section 8 certificates from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). PDC is providing an acquisition and rehabilitation loan to the project. Multnomah County, through a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, will provide on-site support services to tenants including access to health care, job training and child care.

Speakers were City Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury, Multnomah County Commission Chair, Gladys McCoy, HAP Executive Director Denny West, and PDC Housing Director Randall Mullen. Special guests at the event from Washington, D.C. and Boston included the Director and Co-director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Homeless Families Program and HUD's Director of Special Needs Assistance Programs.



Left right lower, Josiah Jones, Maurice Cowley, Xavier Friday. Upper, John Cowley, J. W. Friday

BY D. BELL

The Mallory Avenue Christian Church has instituted a series of youth programs to meet the needs of the community's youth known as the People Are Beautiful Youth Program. The most intriguing component is the midnight Basketball Program. This is a joint effort with the Salvation Army.

Willie Stoudamire, administrator for the church, was introduced to the midnight basketball concept in Prince George County Maryland. Stoudamire states that according to east coast studies most crimes occurred between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. The studies also indicated that a significant number of these crimes were committed by teenagers and young adults.

Therefore the Midnight Basketball Program was developed to deter young people from pursuing criminal behaviors.

Stoudamire says that the church and Salvation Army sponsored Midnight Basketball Program differs from the more publicized Y.M.C.A. Mid-

night Basketball Program in several ways. The church/Salvation Army program is based in inner north Portland, closer to our community's gang problem.

Also it offers an array of services such as pre-employment medical and dental, H.I.V. prevention, alcohol and drug counseling. The providers have booths set up at the site.

Stoudamire said that Private Industry council provides the pre-employment services, the Red Cross provides H.I.V. prevention, and an anonymous party provides drug counseling. Negotiations are still in progress for the other services.

The basketball games are held at Salvation Army Center on Williams and Killingsworth from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. The competition is open admission, however there are now eight organized teams, such as P.I.C. Redirections and Yaun Home.

Stoudamire states that this program creates a user friendly environment that is also nurturing. It also provides services that the youth might not take ad-

vantage of or have access to change.

Another facet of the People Are Beautiful is a before and after school program run autonomously by the church. It provides supervision for children ages 5-12 from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. prior to school. Transportation to and from school is provided by the church. After school snacks are dispensed to children and there is a format of structured activities including homework, arts and crafts, computers, and recreation. Infrequent field trips are also offer.

The third facet of People Are Beautiful is youth sports.

This program caters to children in the first through sixth grades. It utilizes basketball and is itself a basketball league. Stoudamire estimates that between 120-150 children participate in this instructional league.

He says that basketball instills in children the pursuit of excellence, and teaches them the merits of working together as a team. Parents also benefit by being able to spend more time with their children.

A Star For Winter Olympics, 2000



Devon Corsair Saahir, 11-year old hockey player from Vernon school (Blue Team of "Squirt Division")

BY PROF. MCKINLEY BURT

How does a bright eleven year-old student like Devon Corsair Saahir at Vernon Elementary School get to be the only black player in the "Squirt Division, Portland Amateur Hockey Association"? Well, it might not be that difficult if you have a dedicated mother like Bekkah Sahir-and several very unselfish sponsors.

It helps too if you're an energetic young man with your own share of

commitment and self discipline. Devon was cited last week in the "Portland Observer; African American Academic All Stars: 50th Percentile in Reading and Math." A versatile player on his "Blue Team, Squirt Division," he is quite a competitor to say the least, playing at right wing, left wing or center, he also plays tackle in the Pop Warner football league.

Devon began his romance with skates and ice at an early age, thanks to

lessons encouraged by his mother at the Lloyd Center rink. This led to a very fortunate series of events when, at the age of nine, our young skater went to Danbury, Wisconsin to spend two years with his grandfather, Ahmed Sahir, formerly of Portland (Maurice Baker, a carpenter of very respected skills). They were the only blacks in this frigid little town, 1½ hr. drive north of Duluth, Minnesota. Here, Devon's white schoolmates quickly introduced him to "the only game in town," ICE HOCKEY!

Returning to Portland last August, young Devon was soon immersed in the busy schedules of the Amateur Hockey Association and the Matt Dishman Center (woodshop-cooking-trampoline-OMSI). He has a wonderful support group in addition to his mother, an employee of Jeff Parks Enterprises. His maternal grandmother, Fareeda Muhammed of the Ameen Executive Service secured a scholarship for him, and he has two great black male role models who act as sponsors; Vernon Ambus a merchant seaman, and Leroy Hansen, a policeman.

They are needed in another fashion, for ice hockey is a very expensive sport with only the uniform provided by the league: skates \$122, stick \$24, kneepads \$69, elbow pads \$20., shin guards \$40., gloves \$30-40, socks \$14,

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The Friends of Oregon Ballet Theatre will host a "Ballet Warm-Up" before OBT's performance of "Music, Myth & Madness" on Friday, March 20.

Ticketholders for the Friday performance are invited to join the Friends, a support group of OBT, for an informal, pre-performance buffet and no-host "Barre" at 5:30 p.m. on the Second Balcony lobby at the Portland Civic Auditorium. The location, overlooking the Lovejoy Fountain, is a perfect setting for ballet aficionados and ballet novices alike to meet and to enjoy a convenient dinner before the show.

The cost is \$15.00 per person.

After the "Ballet Warm-Up," guests are invited to the Rehearsal Room at 7:15 on the First Balcony for "Performance Perspectives," an informative pre-curtain discussion led by OBT Historian Carol Shults.

Additional lectures will be held at 7:15 p.m. on March 19 and 21, and at 1:15 on March 22. Admission is free to all concert ticketholders.

For more information call Oregon Ballet Theatre at (503) 227-0977.

OAME, Portland Chamber Announce New Alliance

The Portland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) will sign an agreement for cooperation on Friday, March 9 a.m., in the Portland Chamber Board Room.

The agreement will establish initial steps for cooperation and collaboration between OAME and the Chamber to foster the growth of their relationship and provide additional opportunities for each organization to assist the other in attaining their respective missions.

As part of the agreement, each organization will extend library and reference material use privileges to members of the other organization; organize joint networking events; and review opportunities to jointly apply for grants for projects which are consistent with their respective mission statements. OAME members will be invited to attend Chamber seminars at Chamber member prices. OAME will appoint a representative to sit on the Chamber's Small Business Council and to act as a liaison.

Attending the signing will be Samuel Brooks, founder and executive director, OAME, and president, S. Brooks & Associates, Inc; Amelia Lanier, chair, board of directors, OAME, and owner, Carla's Crab & Quiche

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A SBA/Score Workshop on How to Start Your Own Business

The U.S. Small Business Administration and the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) are jointly presenting "A Beginning Business Workshop" on Thursday, March 26, 1992 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). This workshop is especially recommended for those thinking of starting their own business, or those presently in business.

The theme of the workshop is "Getting Started Right." It is taught by a lineup of practicing CPAs and attorneys, business consultants and SBA staff. You get their input on success and failure factors, marketing, record keeping, making your business plan, sales promotion/advertising, point of sale selling, SBA loans, and selecting the right legal structure for your business. A question and answer period follows each presentation. Participants get a free business information kit.

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