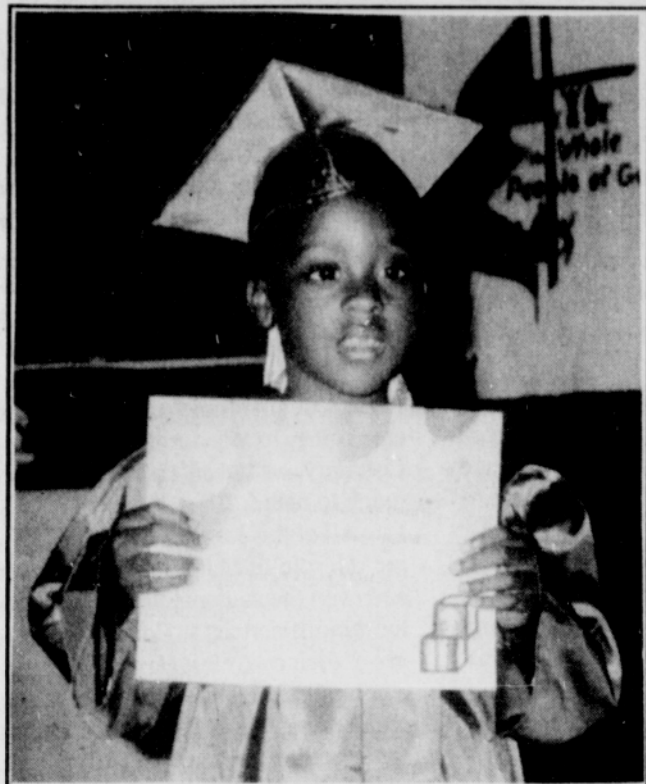


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Woodlawn AMA Head Start Holds 1992 Graduation



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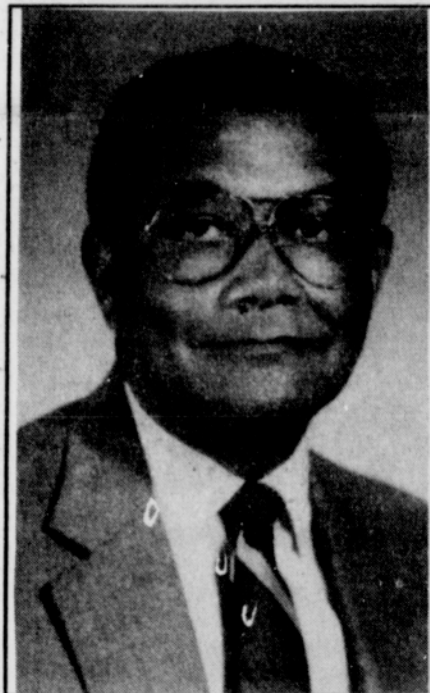
AMA head Start Program held their annual graduation class on June 9th at the Woodlawn Center. The 13 graduates were Ashley Berry, Mosique Hardnett, Nicole Jackson, Tiara McConnell, Selina Ramirez, Maurice Washington, Ronald Bethune, Twandre Hodge, Shante Johnson, Destine McDonald, Jean

Sawyer, Carla Williams, and Joseph Gibson.

The Woodlawn Center is one of 11 Centers in the Portland area. Classes are held September through June. They offer a family focused program, free health, dental, social service, speech-language services, strong ties with community services, a comprehen-

sive curriculum (Crossties), individual assessments - individual child programs, Mainstream handicap services, successful use of volunteers (students, parents, foster grandparents and members of the community), staff and parent training, undergraduate, and graduate student internship programs.

Portland City Council Honors Dr. Matthew Prophet



Dr. Matthew Prophet

Portland's City council is honoring Dr. Matthew Prophet at their afternoon session Thursday, June 18. The

public is invited to the ceremony at which City Council members will express the community's gratitude for Prophet's leadership as Superintendent of Portland Public Schools over the past ten years.

Mayor Clark will present a proclamation at the ceremony, declaring the week of June 21-27 to be "Matthew Prophet Week" in Portland.

In his retirement, Prophet will assume the helm of the "I Have a Dream" Fund, which is administered by the Oregon community foundation. Among those expected to attend the ceremony are School District officials, Foundation Board members, and some of the "Dreamers" whose college tuition will be paid by the "I have a Dream" Fund. Checks should be made payable to:

Oregon Community Foundation
I Have A Dream
(or O.C.F.-I.H.A.D.)
621 S. W. Morrison, Suite 725
Portland, Oregon 97205

Grocers Support Jobs For Teens

Disputed interpretations of U.S. Child Labor Laws have resulted in recent levies against a number of Oregon grocery retailers by the U.S. Department of Labor.

"Parents, teens, youth counselors and community leaders have implored our grocers to employ teens," says Steve McCoid, President of the Association of Oregon Food Industries. "We have responded with some of the highest wages and most promising career opportunities available to teens."

The excessive levies may directly impact the ability of affected stores to provide summer jobs for teens, McCoid says. Indirectly, this enforcement policy will act as a deterrent to other grocers who were considering offering jobs to teens.

U.S. Labor Department rules require fines only if employers knowingly violate child labor regulations and place teens in physical danger.

"These fines are excessive, unrea-

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Portland State University's Trisa Kelly Honored Again

Trisa Kelly, who recently received her bachelor's degree from Portland State University with high honors, has received a \$1,000 merit/financial assistance scholarship from Alpha Kappa alpha Sorority. Kelly -- a founding member of Pi Sigma, AKA's first undergraduate chapter in Oregon -- will use the scholarship to continue her studies at Portland State. The Educational Advancement Foundation of AKA, the first Greek lettered organization established by and for Black women in the United States, awards these scholarships yearly to university undergraduate and graduate members. "I'm very grateful to receive this scholarship," says Kelly. "Sometimes I wonder if my hard work will pay off and in this situation I see that it has. I definitely will continue to do my best knowing there is support for me."

Kelly also recently was awarded an all-expenses paid trip to Paris, France, in July from Alpha Kappa Alpha in recognition of her grade-point average (3.8) as the highest among AKA women in the western region. In addition, her academic achievements qualified her for the sorority's National Leadership Fellow and an all-expenses paid trip for Leadership Training in Atlanta, GA., in June. This summer Kelly also will spend time in Washington, D.C., as an intern for the Smithsonian's Latino Outreach Program.

Kelly received her bachelor's degree in foreign languages (Spanish



Trisa Kelly

and French from PSU this spring. She will return to the University for the fall term to pursue a master's degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other

Languages (TESOL).

Trisa Kelly is a resident of Portland, Oregon, and a graduate of Jefferson High School.

Small Business Administration Recognizes Minority Small Business Advocate



Donnie Young Griffin

Donnie Young Griffin, Director of corporate Communications and community Affairs, US West Communication in Oregon, has been named as the "Minority Small Business Advocate of the Year" for Region X by the Small Business Administration, the Portland District Office has announced.

Griffin was also recently recognized as the Minority Small Business Advocate for SBA's Portland Area. The award is presented to individuals who have made outstanding contributions of time and efforts to further minority business development.

Griffin was cited by the SBA in 1990 for his support, dedication, en-

thusiasm and cooperation in the promotion of minority small businesses.

As chair of the Advisory Board of the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME), he played a key role in gaining public and private sector support for this organization. Griffin was responsible for securing a permanent location for OAME, which was donated by U S West.

He currently serves as a Board Member of the Urban League of Portland and has initiated corporate involvement in Indian Business Development and is involved in several Economic Development projects which focus on minority business involvement.

Forced Return Of Haitians To Homeland Opposed

Forced return of Haitians fleeing their homeland is opposed by the chief staff executive of the United Methodist Church's social action agency, and by an international agricultural missions agency.

"I must oppose the decision to return refugees to such a volatile, frightening situation as exists in Haiti under the present military government," the Rev. Thom White Wolf Fassett, general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Church and Society, said May 29 in letters to President Bush and Secretary of State James A. Baker III. Fassett said documented evidence shows escalation of human rights violations since President Jean-Bertrand Aristide of Haiti fled a military coup in 1991.

Directors of Agricultural missions, a program subunit of the National Council of Churches, said in a statement that refugees fleeing violence and injustice in Haiti deserve the same treatment as emigrants from the former Soviet Union and Cuba. The directors said they had learned that the United States has agreed to accept more than 50,000 refugees this year from the Commonwealth of Independent States and 100,000 refugees worldwide. U.S. officials claim the Haitians are economic rather than political refugees.



Chris Frazier

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The Les Femmes Cavaliers live by respect, we respect elders and also our peers, but most importantly we respect ourselves. By respecting myself, I carry myself in a manner where at all times and at all places I am in control of myself. I show others that I know how to adapt in all situations. I know there is a time for fun and a time for business and I can distinguish between the two.



April Cannon

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I feel that a Debutante is a young lady that shows good leadership skills and gives back to her community by doing various service projects. I have good moral character and exhibit it at all times. I know I am a debutante because I have tried to give back to my community by becoming involved with service projects. Being a Debutante has helped me to be a positive role model for my peers.



Lisa Grant

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When I was younger I thought a Debutante was some stuck-up rich "Daddy's Little Girl," but as I become a Debutante it's much more than that. In order to be presented to the society or community, I must volunteer my time to my community. That means to give my time without expecting anything in return, just the joy of helping someone gives me what I need. I plan to be a professional dancer in a touring dance company, some day becoming the Artistic Director of my own dance company.



Rhonda Rollins

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I attended Benson High School to be fully involved in their health occupations program. In my spare time I enjoy reading love stories. I also enjoy writing. I like to write short stories about people that I believe were great people in the days of ancient times. I plan to attend Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. I will major in Nursing in order to obtain a B.A. in science.



Carla Warren

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The person that I believe that I am is very out going. I try to be very honest and respectful at all times. I have always been the type of person to just do enough to get by, but now I intend on being the best I can be. I try to let the Lord guide and lead me at all times.

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