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The Portland Observer

Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio



Kenneth S.M. Phillips

Airman 1st Class Kenneth S.M. Phillips has graduated from Air Force basic training here. During the six weeks of training the airman studied Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training acon human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Ofidean V. Phillips of Sherwood, and stepson of Joshua D. Phillip of N.E. Portland.

His wife, Teneisha, is the daughter of Sherrill and Winslow Caldwell of SW Portland.

The Phillips is a 1986 graduate of Jefferson High School, Portland, and a 1991 graduate of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne.

Beach School Community Launches Reading Program

Beach Elementary will launch its Project ASSIST reading program with the help of a recent \$5,000 grant from ARCO Corporation.

Project ASSIST is a collaboration between the community and the school aimed at improving student reading scores. The project provides professional training for parent and community volunteers to work with small groups of students on reading skills.

Virginia Biasotte, a Delaware teacher, developed the program and will hold training sessions for Beach staff, parents and interested community members from July 12-16 at the school, 1710 N. Humboldt.

"The program is being used in schools on the East Coast and it appears to really work," says Beach teacher Ingrid Wight. "It's a community effort toward solving problems."

Trained volunteers will begin tutoring Beach students this fall. For information on how to participate in the program, please contact Ingrid Wight, teacher, or Mike Verbout, principal, Beach School, 280-6236.



Nestled in the Albina community in Northeast Portland, is the Yaun Youth Care Center. The center is a temporary shelter for young men who may be exposed to potential trouble. There are currently 10 youth in the facility. Norma Mullen, Program Director, continues to accept referrals, but unfortunately can only accommodate 15 youth with a small staff.

The Residential Treatment program is a 24 hour residential care facility for young men, between the ages of 12 to 18. Youth are referred by CSD and the Juvenile Court system. The program is highly structured providing individualized therapy, social skill groups, life skills groups, and specialized mental health therapies. The residential program focuses on gang affected, and peripherally involved gang youth. The youth participating in the program will also be eligible to receive services provided by other Yaun programs.

The Gangs Alternative Program combines gang transition services and youth employment programs through the Multnomah Juvenile Court. The program provides case management services for gang youth returning to the community who are gang involved of at-risk of gang involvement. The comprehensive services are providing job readiness skills, job placement, employee/employer support services, individual and family counseling and specialized (D/A, school, etc.) programs.

There is also the Alberta Learning Center which is designed to meet the educational and emotional needs of students between the ages of 12 to 17. The program's emphasis is on gaining skills for returning to the public school system, credit recovery, high school graduation and GEDs. Students are referred through Special Education & Alternative Education offices of Portland Public Schools, Yaun Residential Program and other



TOP: Tyrone White of YAUN Center, Sits with some of the Kids

similar programs throughout the state. ALC is accredited through Portland Public Schools and the State of Oregon.

Clackamas County Youth Gangs Task Force coordinates efforts between law enforcement agencies, schools, youth juvenile departments and courts, youth service providers, state and local legislators, churches and the community. The Task Force also acts as a clearinghouse for youth gang information and related issues. Yaun oversees the Task Force and provides speakers for many associated forums, workshops and seminars.



Norma Mullen

Youth Get Free Haircuts From The Round Table Support Group

"Fades," trims and cuts are the order of the day for youth ages 5-13 on Saturday, May 1, and it's all for free. Youngsters can come to the Salvation Army Center at 5335 N. Williams from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and have their hair cut for free, compliments of the Round Table, a group of African-American males dedicated to supporting each other and their community. Participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

"The Round Table is a group of 10 men who have been long-time friends and who share mutual social responsibility concerns for their community," said Keith Jackson, Organization president. "We feel the free haircuts for youngsters is an excellent opportunity to extend our love for our community in a unique fashion."

The Round Table group has obtained experienced barbers for the free day of haircuts. "There will be approximately 15 barbers from the local community on hand to do basic cuts, trims and even 'fades,'" said Dante

Paschal, a Round Table member and one of the participating barbers. "We want our young men to walk away looking like a million dollars and not have to spend any money for it."

The Round Table was formed in 1991 as a formal support system for these childhood friends who share one element in common—a college education. All members are professionals in various careers, including banking, professional sports, sales and social work. The group has the mission of providing mutual support through the exchange of ideas, experiences and insights on personal, social and business issues in order to collectively enhance their personal, professional and civic development. Round Table members have hosted motivational speakers at their bi-monthly meetings. Other activities include fundraising events such as a recent dance attended by over 500 people. Their long-range goal is to own an entertainment establishment in the community.

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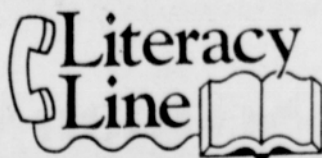


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