

**EASTER ACTIVITIES**

**Enjoy An Easter Egg Hunt At Oxbow Regional Park On April 3**

Friends, family and especially children are invited to Oxbow Regional Park on Easter for a traditional hunt for eggs. The hunt begins at 2 p.m. April 3 in group picnic area A at the park, now managed by Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces. Hard-boiled and chocolate eggs will be hidden close to the old growth forest in the park's grass and bushes.

The hunt will be organized by age groups; all ages, from toddlers to 12-year-olds, are welcome to participate. Park naturalist Elizabeth Moore will point out the signs of spring in the park, including an active osprey nest on top of a douglas fir tree. The program is free after a \$3-per-car park entrance fee. Parents are encouraged to bring picnics. Please leave pets at home to protect wildlife and habitat. Plan to arrive 15 minutes early for the drive through the park to the event area.

Oxbow Regional Park is a 1,000-acre forested natural area located on the Sandy River, eight miles east of Gresham. Take I-84 to the Wood Village exit, drive south to Division, turn left and follow the signs. For more information, call 797-1850.

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*Happy 14th Birthday to our bright and loving daughter, Shalanda Carr. May God Bless you always. From Daddy and loved ones.*



**Zimbabwe Welcomes Brown**

MATTIE ANN CALLIER-SPEARS

Sister Cities International Trilateral Exchange Program, which includes Sapporo, Japan, Zimbabwe, Mutare Africa and Portland, Oregon, has recruited the very talented services of Bennie Brown, Jr. to participate in an international conference on the environment. The conference will be held in Zimbabwe in May of this year.

Clifford Walker, president and Founder of the Portland/Mutare Sister Cities Association and long time friend to Bennie Brown, Jr., asked Brown whether or not he wanted to become involved with this organization. Walker went on to ask Brown what was the extent of his knowledge of Telecommunication Systems.

Following their discussion, Brown decided to join the SCITEP Portland Chapter. Little did he realize what joining meant.

"Since January of 1993," Brown reflects, "we, Clifford and I, have shipped over four hundred text books (math, science and dictionaries) to the Murehwa primary School in Zimbabwe where Mrs. V. Nyoni is the Head Mistress or Principal. Then, we hosted the Acting Town Clerk from Zimbabwe, I.T. Munyame. And presently, we

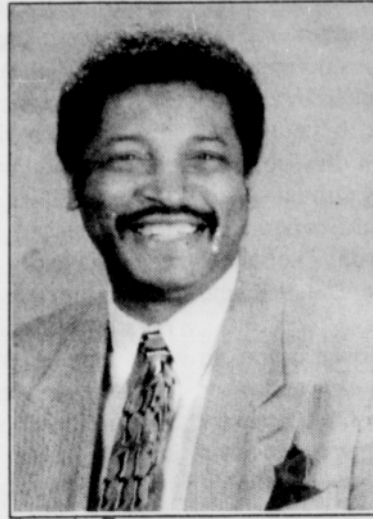
are in the process of sponsoring a Portland visit from His Excellency Ambassador Amos Midzi from the Embassy of the Republic of Zimbabwe who has been appointed to Washington D.C. His Excellency Midzi will arrive just before I leave.

I am looking forward to hearing all that I can hear before my departure."

Brown, a Telecommunication Specialist, has been busily writing proposals to school districts and children's programs who would allow him entrance into their establishments to teach what he knows about telecommunications to the young mind.

To date, Brown's Telecommunication Program has been sponsored by: OMSI, MESA, PPS and the Oregon Graduate Center. Many children of elementary through high school ages have received the hands-on benefits of Brown's patience and his skillful tutelage.

Africa! Here he comes! Brown's dream doesn't just end here. If you look at the equipment that encompasses the field of telecommunications, you'd think you were in another time dimension. Star Wars. Brown's dream is to



Bennie Brown

open a fully functional Space Center, like the one at the Epcot Center in Florida, here in Northeast Portland. A center that will not only bring revenue to the city but one that will be a learning center for the economically deprived children who are constantly being turned down by society, by the schools and in the work-place.

"We have to create areas where our children can be successful," says Brown. "We are not teaching our younger generation how to succeed but how to fail. And then -- we have the nerve to complain when they do something wrong. The media seems to do nothing but capitalize on the failures of the children. Where will it all stop?"

I might be one tiny pebble being dropped into a very humongous pond -- but, I plan on making a lot of ripples."

When Brown arrives in Zimbabwe, he will be greeted by Robert Mugabe, President of Zimbabwe, and Joshua Nkomo, vice President of that nation. Brown stated that he will be especially happy to meet the men who were leaders of the patriotic Front, the liberation army which was responsible for that nation's independence in 1980.

"Yes! I can't wait to get there; nor can I wait to meet these two men. When I found out for sure that I was going, I wanted to know whether or not I would get to meet them," he said excitedly! "If it had not been for President Mugabe and Vice President Nkomo's gallant efforts and struggles, my trip would not be possible."

**Reunion**

1253rd Engineer Combat Battalion, 50th Anniversary World War II, will be held at the Drury Inn, in Collinsville, Illinois, August 19, 20 and 21st.

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**Governor Roberts Announces New Program To Keep African-American Families Together**

The Oregon Children's Services Division, in partnership with Self-Enhancement Incorporated (SEI) will begin an African-American Family Preservation Program in North and Northeast Portland. Services will be modeled after the Homebuilders program.

Governor Barbara Roberts, CSD and Self-Enhancement unveiled this innovative, community based program at the African-American Family Preservation News Conference on Tuesday, March 22nd, at Mallory Avenue Christian Church, located at 126 NE Alberta, Portland.

Why the need for the African-American Family Preservation Program? Multnomah County has an imbalanced segment of African-American children in foster care. They are only six percent of the population, but represent more than 35% of Multnomah's foster children.

What is the African-American Family Preservation Program?

African-American families from the North/Northeast Portland area will be referred to SEI by CSD for a four week intensive menu of services each family

will be assigned a case-worker who will be available 24 hours a day. SEI will utilize the elders of the community as key resources, include participation of the extended family network and specifically include male members of the community and family.

What types of services will be available? • Parent education • Child development training • Family, individual or marriage counseling • Alcohol or drug counseling • Home maintenance skills • Child care

"The strongest support for families comes from the community. SEI is part of the community," says Tony Hopson President of SEI. "The families we will work with are ones we live with, socialize with, see in grocery stores... they're our neighbors, our friends."



Governor Barbara Roberts

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**Kaiser Permanente Honors Longtime Staff**  
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meeting the needs of elderly patients.

"Our future changes will focus even more on what our members need," says Barb West, vice president and medical services administrator for Kaiser Permanente's Northwest Region. "New technology and integrated systems improvements will be part of our plans, but our greatest asset will continue to be our people, like these staff who've served our members well for so many years."

The other receiving awards for 30 years of service are Rosco Pirtle, RPh, and Dorothy Quinn. June McCourt received an award for 35 years of service.

**KXL-AM Named New Exclusive Radio Broadcast Sponsor Of The Fred Meyer Challenge**

Jacobsen Productions, Inc., has chosen KXL Newsradio 750 AM to be the exclusive radio station providing live broadcast of The Fred Meyer Challenge. In making the announcement, Ed Ellis, President of Peter Jacobsen Productions, Inc., said, "We're proud to have Portland's number-one radio station as the exclusive radio broadcast station of The Fred Meyer Challenge. The KXL team brings enthusiasm and innovation to our already successful event." KXL Station Manager Tim McNamara said, "I feel honored that the organizers of The Fred Meyer Challenge have confidence in us to do a great job promoting and covering this star-studded event." McNamara added, "KXL's sister-station Star 95.5 FM will also promote The Fred Meyer Challenge to its young, active adult audience. KXL Newsradio 750 AM and Star 95.5 FM are owned by Northwest-based Kaye Smith Enterprises.