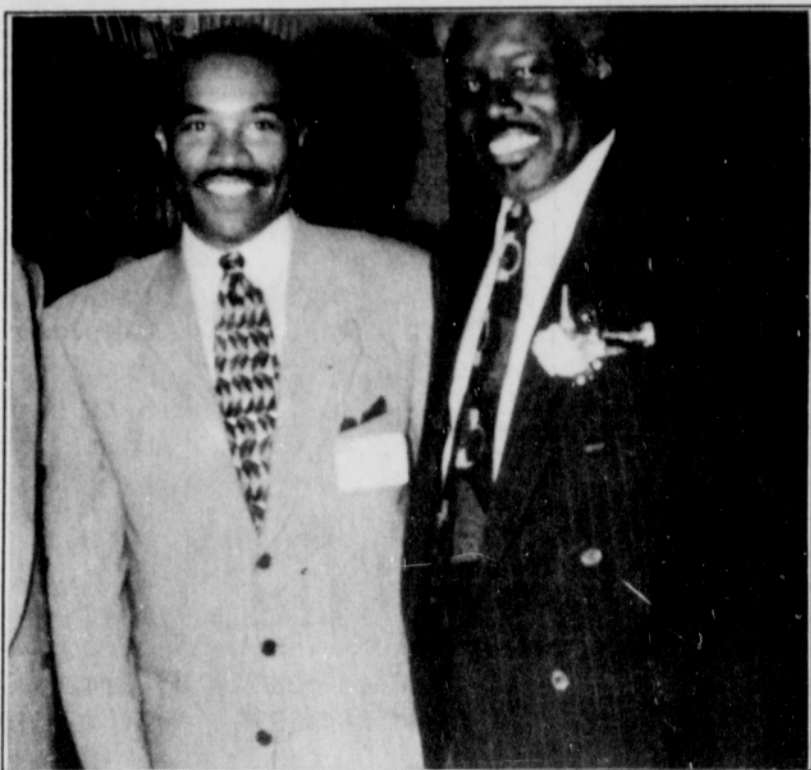


Minority Owned Businesses Honored



Lorenzo Poe (left) and Rev. Dorsey McCullough of the Bethel AME Church recognize the achievements of African Americans and other minorities in Oregon and Southwest Washington.



Minority Contractor of the Year Noell Webb.



Grace Gallegos, president of Impact Business Consultants, Portland Minority Business Development Center.



Tri-Met General Manager Tom Walsh.



Community service award winner Lillie Walker (center) is joined by her sisters Shirley (from left), Alice and Johnetta. The 13th annual Minority Enterprise Development Week was observed Thursday during a business awards luncheon at the Red Lion Jantzen Beach.



Urban League President Lawrence Dark and Portland Observer Publisher Joyce Washington join the salute to minority owned businesses.

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Walnut Park First Interstate Bank Manager Steve Sims.



U.S. Civil Rights Commissioner Dr. Arthur Fletcher and James Boyd of Boyd's Landscaping were among the supporters of minority business entrepreneurship.