

Senator Gordly Honored



Sen. Gordly addresses youth at Maclaren Youth Correction Facility

The Maclaren Youth Correctional Facility's Minority Youth Concerns Program held its eighth Annual Black History Month Assembly before a packed audience in its gym on February 28. The theme for this year's assembly was "Creating Bridges to the Future."

MacLaren's Minority Affairs director Thomas Hardy and Rahshaan Sloan, a youth in the program, served as masters of ceremonies.

In his powerful opening speech, Sloan said, "As young African-American males who are presently

incarcerated, we must do everything in our power to make this time serve us and to learn what it will take to break this vicious cycle we are engulfed in. The year 2000 is upon us. Now is the time for positive action to redirect our lives, instead of passive submission to a negative reality."

The program featured powerful, emotional songs, positive rap music, and oral presentations performed by participants in MacLaren's Minority Youth Concerns program. The youths created a church-like atmosphere, where the audience clapped

and cheered approval. The Portland Highland Church Choir, pastor W.G. Hardy, and Harold Williams of CH2A Associates also participated in the program.

Lonnie Jackson, manager of Minority Services for the Oregon Youth Authority, presented Senator Avel Gordly a Model of Excellence award for her numerous contributions to the state and her community. Senator Gordly told the youth, "This message is for you to hear now and think about it in the days ahead. Whatever you've done wrong, you don't have to wear it for the rest of your life. When you decide to give something back to the community, you will find my hand and others outstretched to welcome you back and help you to a higher and better place."

Thomas Hardy presented Jackson with a surprise award in recognition of his founding of the Minority Services in the Oregon State Juvenile Correctional system. Rick and Linda Hamilton and Barbara King of CH2A Associates also received recognition awards for their outstanding support of the Minority Program.

Carol Hardy of Highland Church concluded the program with a stirring performance of "Reach Out and Touch Someone's Hand," as students and program participants came on stage and held hands in a symbol of unity and hope for the future.

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Police News

Assault subject wanted

Investigators from the Honolulu, Hawaii, Police Department, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in locating and apprehending Russell Clear. An arrest warrant is on file charging Clear with Terroristic Threatening and Assault.

The charges stem from an incident which occurred on June 8, 1996, in Kailua, Hawaii. Clear

and a 26-year-old male were involved in an altercation, in which Clear is alleged to have physically assaulted and threatened to kill the man with a pistol.

Investigators believe Clear may have left Hawaii, and is living in the Portland area with his parents. Clear may be attending classes at a local community college.

Russell Clear is described as a 31-year-old white male, with a

date of birth of July 27, 1965. Clear is described as 5'10" tall, weighing 165 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime, and you do not have to give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

Detectives Charge Man in Serial Rapist Case

Portland Police Detectives have arrested and charged a SE Portland man in connection with a series of nine rapes, beginning in January 1996.

Detectives for the Sexual Assault Detail (SAD) and East Precinct culminated several months of investigation with the arrest of

Mikal Akabar Shabazz, whose date of birth is 08/02/72.

Shabazz, a black male, who resides in the 14900 block of SE Stark Street is charged with the following crimes:

Ten counts of Rape I, one count of Attempted Rape I, seven counts of Sodomy I, one count of At-

tempted Sodomy I, nine counts of Burglary I, five counts of Robbery I, and three counts of Sex Abuse I.

A photograph will be available at the Portland Police Identification Division, 12th floor of the Justice Center. Shabazz is lodged in the Justice Center Jail.

Subject Arrested For Forgery and Possession

On Monday, April 1, 1997, at approximately 9:00 in the morning, Portland Police Bureau Fraud Detectives served a search warrant at 5206 SE Gladstone Street. Taken into custody was Thor Storm Lancial, 22-years old, birthdate 01/31/75, of the Gladstone Street address.

Thor Lancial, who was charged

with first Degree Forgery, First Degree Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument, Second Degree Forgery, Second Degree Possession of a Forged Instrument, Simulating Legal Process, and Second Degree Theft of Service, was lodged in the Justice Center Jail with bail set at \$21,500.

The investigation involved Lancial's possession and use of a

number of phony documents, including an auto insurance card and items from the "Multnomah County Common Law Court."

The investigation is continuing and more arrests are anticipated.

A photo of Thor Storm Lancial is available at the Portland Police Bureau's Investigation Division on the 12th Floor of the Justice Center.

Percentage of Western States' Drug Arrests for Marijuana, 1988

A recent graduate of Multnomah County's work-release and restitution center at SW 11th Avenue and Main Street in downtown Portland estimated that within a period of six months, 20 percent of the inmates at the center were serving time for marijuana-related convictions, mostly cultivation. The next time a public official denies marijuana offenders are being locked up in significant numbers, show him or her the FBI statistics below.

Here is a list of western states in order of percentage of drug arrests that concerned marijuana compared with total arrests for cocaine and opiates such as heroin. These figures are based on FBI statistics for 1988, the most recent year for which such a breakdown was available. The numbers do not add

up to 100 because they do not include synthetic narcotics and other drugs.

State	Marijuana	Cocaine-Opiates
Idaho	79	14
Hawaii	69	26
New Mexico	68	19
Alaska	61	24
Utah	59	27
Colorado	52	32
Arizona	51	29
Washington	51	42
Oregon	41	36
Nevada	35	29
California	13	70

Is There Life After O.J.?

The O.J. Simpson trial has, arguably, made Christopher Darden the best-known criminal trial prosecutor in American courtroom history. But when asked if he would do it all over again, Darden says, "It came at a great cost to me personally...and my family was constantly harassed by the media and the people in the community. When you step back to look at it...it just wasn't worth it." In his book, "In Contempt," Darden says he came under unrelenting fire for "treason to his race" and was labeled an "Uncle Tom" - a situation which has come to be known as "The Darden Dilemma."

Not long after the completion of the Simpson criminal trial, Darden left the L.A. District Attorney's office. He now works as an associate professor at Southwestern University School of Law in L.A., teaching students trial tactics, as well as the higher rules of the game. "There are rules of ethics that every lawyer should follow. But there are higher

rules--moral rules. I tell them to 'do the right thing.'"

As a former member of the criminal justice system, Darden cites racism, poverty, lack of opportunities and a lack of hope as factors in the rising crime rate among young African-Americans. "I think that's why getting rid of affirmative action is such a mistake...Young black people need to have hope and need to know that if they work hard, there will be opportunities beyond the 'hood, beyond the ghetto."

This week on America's Black Forum, host Juan Williams leads a spirited discussion with the former L.A. Prosecutor Christopher Darden on the Simpson case, the "new" culture of black-on-black violence and how rap music is redefining what it means to be a young Black man in America. Commentators Deborah Mathis and Armstrong Williams join the conversation with an engaging look at these and other topics.



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