

POLICE NEWS

CRIME STOPPERS

Investigators from Portland Fire Bureau, Portland Police Bureau, and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, are seeking for your help in solving a Burglary/Arson that resulted in \$200,000 of uninsured damage to a church.

On Saturday, January 9, 1999, at 3:44 in the morning, the Portland Fire Bureau responded to a fire at the First Baptist Church Of The Deaf, 2003 SE Larch Avenue.

According to investigators, the fire appears to have been set to cover a burglary. Stolen was a 10-year-old VCR, most likely an RCA or Toshiba

brand, in "poor" condition, and a pair of stereo speakers. The speakers, which are approximately three feet tall and have an individual adjustment dial on the front, are made of pressed particle board with a dark simulated wood cover.

The Pastor, for Fire Baptist Church Of The Deaf, had recently passed away and members had accidentally allowed the church's insurance to lapse. Therefore, none of the loss is covered.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers,

which leads to an arrest in this case or any unsolved felony crime, and you need not give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

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Vancouver firefighters ready to save hearts

VANCOUVER - Just in time for Valentines Day, all Vancouver Fire Departments (VFD) personnel can now respond with a sophisticated new tool for the heart.

The tool is a 12-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) machine and automated external defibrillator (AED) which revives patients by shocking the heart or providing early information of a heart attack in progress.

Starting the week of Feb. 8, the 12-lead EKG (with AED) machines will become standard equipment on all VFD apparatus.

"This is an important enhancement because time is the most critical consideration in saving lives threatened by sudden heart attack and/or cardiac arrest," says Roxy Barnes, RN, emergency medical services administrator for the VFD. Firefighters are dispatched by 9-1-

1 and are almost always first on the scene at a medical emergency. Vancouver firefighters responded to over 17,000 emergency medical calls last year, with a significant number of calls related to heart problems.

Over the past two months, Vancouver's 150 firefighters and paramedics received training in operation of the 12-lead EKG and the AED.

City invites applications for Charter Review Committee

Applications will be accepted by the Mayor's Office through Feb. 10 for fifteen positions on the Charter Review committee, per Section 11.17 of the Vancouver City Charter.

"No later than five years after the most recent charter review, the mayor shall appoint subject to city council confirmation, a panel of fifteen residents to re-

view the city charter and to recommend to the city council in time to be considered for that year's election, any charter changes shall thereafter place any such amendment on the ballot at the municipal election if a majority of the city council so determine; provided nothing herein shall interfere with the right of citizens to, by petition,

require an election to be held for any charter, nor shall it interfere with the right of the city council to, at any time, propose and submit charter amendments to the voters."

For applications, or questions, contact Jan Bader, Mayor's Office, 735-8870, Fax 696-8049. Or, stop by Vancouver City Hall at 210 E. 13th St.

Mediation skills focus of training

VANCOUVER - Mediation skills, communication techniques and conflict theory are the basics of a twenty-hour Conflict Resolution Training and Mediator Certificate program offered by Vancouver's Community Mediation Services (CMS). Graduates can perform volunteer mediation work and work towards mediator certification.

"The training will help people

mediate community and workplace disputes through individual contact," says Christopher Sheesley, program manager. "This is a great way to learn how to resolve conflicts and bring peace to the community. The training is a great way to learn how to resolve conflicts and bring peace to the community. The training focuses on telephone mediation, which is the first of a ten-step certification program"

The training will be on March 5 and 6, from 8:30 to 5 p.m. and on March 10, from 1 to 5 p.m. Interested people can obtain applications by calling CMS at 360/696-8600. CMS needs Bilingual individuals who serve as volunteer mediators for eight hours a month for 10 months. Scholarships are available. For more information, call Christopher Sheesley at 360/696-8060

Professor McKinley Burt: A Tribute To An Extraordinary Man

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He railed against the devastation of earlier urban renewal programs, witnessed upon his return to Portland in 1964 to find an entire neighborhood wiped away for construction of Memorial Coliseum. He drew parallels in today's plans for light rail in North Portland and other redevelopment projects. As an educator, he regularly criticized the public education system's inability to nurture the potential of all students, especially African American youth. He continued to call attention to the overlooked great contributions of Africans and African Americans to the world, from ancient times to the present.

Accomplishments in 1998 that the Professor was especially proud of include: Science Clubs developed through personal visits from parents and youth, his pivotal role in

the Bosco-Milligan Foundation's publication *Cornerstones of Community*, and his in-depth feature on Portland native Don Rutherford, the only African American engineer on the team for the Hughes Aircraft "Spruce Goose." After Rutherford was overlooked in an *Oregonian* article on a reunion of the engineers, the Professor went into high gear to "correct the injustice."

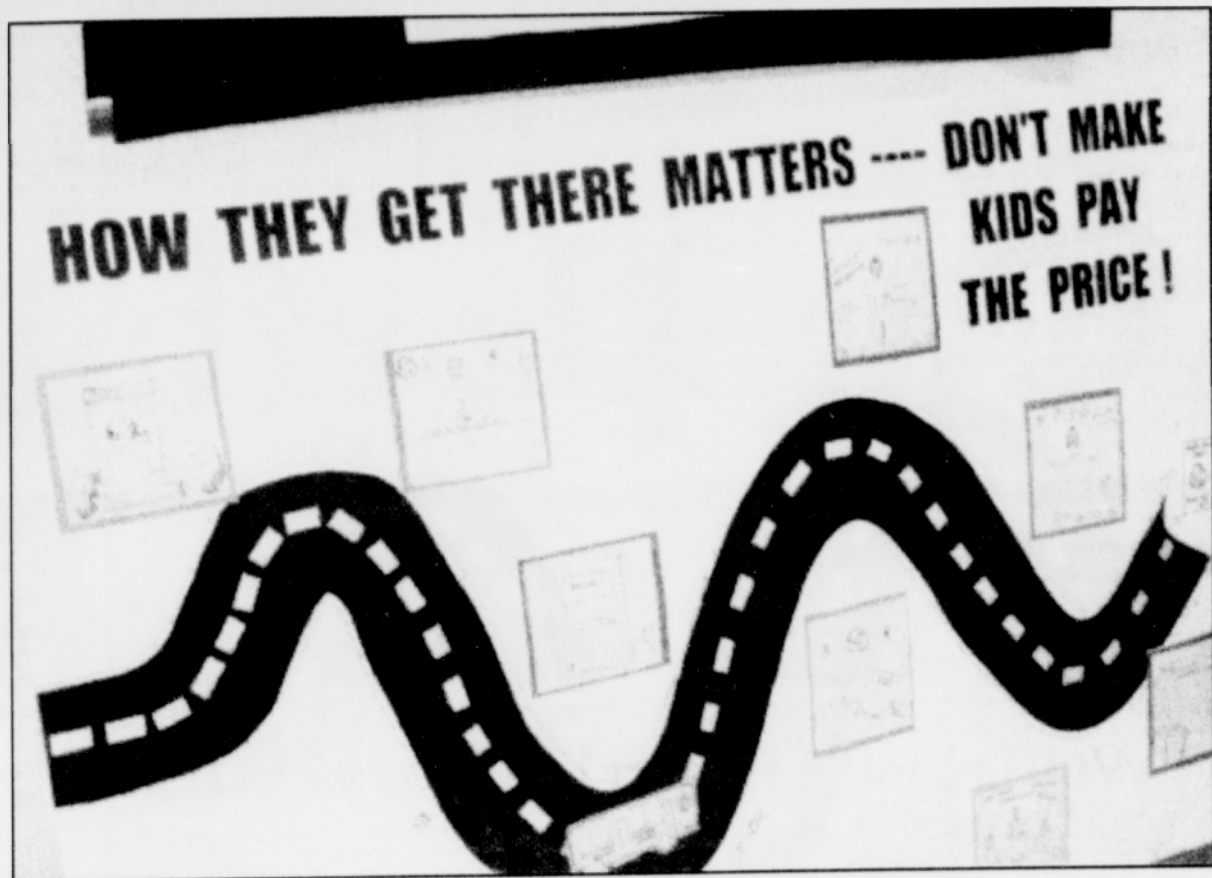
Professor Burt especially believed in and encouraged the entrepreneurial spirit in the African American community, and the need to establish, nurture, and support African American owned businesses. He continued to call out to the "younger generations" to rise to leadership on many fronts, for African American self-empowerment, and to uplift the community.

A non-religious Memorial Service to celebrate the extraordi-

nary life of Professor McKinley Burt will be held on Friday, February 12th, at 1:00 pm at Bethel AME Church, at NE 8th and Jarrett. Cremation is through Cox Funeral Home. No flowers please. Memorial contributions are encouraged—in Professor Burt's name to continue his legacy—to the Black Educational Center (4919 NE 17th Avenue, Portland, OR 97211) and the North Portland Nurse Practitioner Community Health Clinic (5311 N Vancouver Avenue, Portland OR 97217).

Professor Burt leaves an entire community of people of all ages to mourn his passing. He would undoubtedly ask us all to remember him best by doing our best—individually and as a community—to nurture our youth, care for our elders, celebrate our history, develop and support our businesses, and EDUCATE!

Community Group Challenges Tri Met To Invest In Youth



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For families with two children pay close attention to \$60 a month just to get them to school. It is common that due to the cost students may miss school, may be forced to ask teachers to give them money to get home, or their families are faced with deciding between a bus pass or a new winter jacket for a child.

SPIRIT held a press conference last November in which results of

over 2000 surveys they conducted were presented. Finding included: 11% of students interview missed school because of transportation; 37% said transit costs were a problem in getting to school; 53% of students interviewed said they would ride public transportation if it was free.

Sisters in Portland Impacting Real Issues Together is a multi-racial and inter-generational membership organizing low income communities

and communities of color in Portland. Our central program seeks to develop the leadership and expand the opportunities of girls and women of color and low income women of all ages to evolve economically, intellectually, socially, spiritually, and physically. We believe that though our struggles as women and girls are sometimes distinct from the struggles of our community, they are not separate. As we become more powerful, so will our communities.

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Mon. - Thur. 9 to 4, Fri. 9 to 1.

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