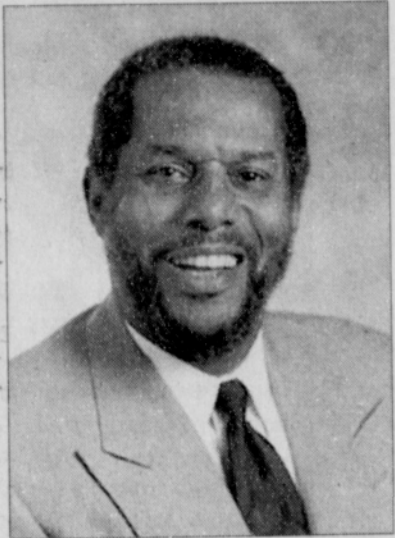


## Richardson Appointed to Tri-Met Board



George Richardson Jr.

George Richardson Jr. of northeast Portland has been appointed to the Tri-Met Board of Directors.

Richardson is manager of federal and local government relations and community affairs at NW Natural. He has worked there since 1965, in various positions starting as a pipeman helper and advancing to gas control supervisor, supervisor of budget control, and director of corporate budgets and strategic planning.

Richardson has a long history of community involvement, and includes currently serving as a board member of the Portland Oregon Visitors Association and the Citizens Crime Commission.

"George Richardson brings a wealth of work and community service experience to Tri-Met and we look forward to the insights he will bring to the board," said Fred Hansen, Tri-Met general manager.

Richardson was appointed by Gov. John Kitzhaber to serve for four years on the seven-member board of directors, representing District 5 in northeast Portland. He replaces the Rev. Alcena Boozer, who did not seek reappointment because of health matters.

Richardson and his wife, Dorothy, live in northeast Portland.

## Oregonian Wins Miss America Title

(AP) — Miss Oregon Katie Harman was crowned Miss America 2002 in a patriotic telecast Saturday night and wasted no time in promising to do what she can to help the nation recover from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Harman, 21, is the first Oregon contestant to win the pageant. She plans to use her reign to promote the supporting of terminal breast cancer patients.

She delivered a passionate rendition of "O Mio Babbino Caro," a Puccini aria during the talent portion of the pageant. She gasped when her name was announced as the winner before leaning down to receive the crown from outgoing Miss America Angela Perez Baraquio.

Host Tony Danza opened the show with a monologue mourning the lives lost in terrorist attacks less than two weeks earlier, then he led the flag-waving crowd in a spontaneous recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Danza said contestants and organizers de-

cidated to go ahead with the pageant while paying homage to the victims and tapping into the nation's resurgent patriotism.

"We don't carry on to make less of what happened. We carry on to make more of it, and to add resolve to our nation's voice," Danza said.

He appealed to viewers for donations to the Sept. 11th Fund, a charity set up in the wake of the attacks, and a graphic appeared intermittently on the screen to tell them how to do so.

Miss Massachusetts Abbie Lynne Rabine was first runner-up and Miss Tennessee Stephanie Culberson was second runner-up. Miss District of Columbia Marshawn Evans and Miss New York Andrea Plummer rounded out the finalists.

Katie Harman, a Portland State University student, wows the judges Saturday during the talent portion of the Miss America pageant.



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