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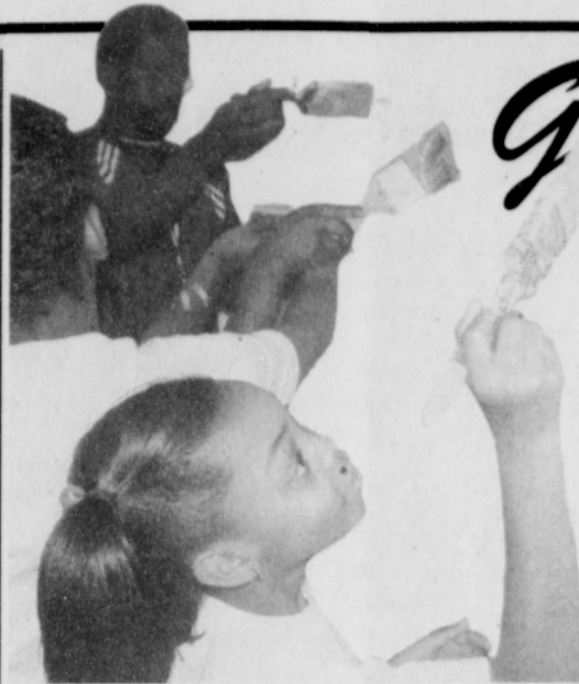
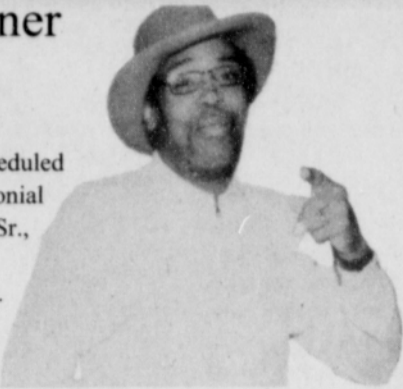
Richard Chambers Sr.

Funeral services were scheduled Wednesday in Caldwell's Colonial Chapel for Richard Chambers Sr., who died Sept. 19 at age 57.

Mr. Chambers was born Oct. 13, 1945, in Colorado Springs, Colo. He moved to Portland as a child and graduated from Jefferson High School. He was a utility worker for the Oregon Convention Center. He was also a member of the Street Corner Singers, who provided the voices for the "California Raisins" television commercial and performed at various musical events in the Portland area. In 1966, he married Gertrude Stewart.

Survivors include his wife; sons, Richard Jr. and Diallo E.; brothers, James A., Donald D. and Wesley; sisters, Anna L. Chambers, Artie Mae Christmas and Debra Kabia; and two grandchildren.

Remembrances to American Cancer Society.



Giving Back

Volunteers from Portland's Friends of the Children painted classrooms and offices at King Elementary School, to give back to the community and to Portland Public Schools. Friends of the Children has mentored more than 30 King students in the last decade, by teaming mentors with some of the most vulnerable children in the community.

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NBA Great to Become a Minister



David Robinson

(AP) - Basketball star David Robinson, who retired from the San Antonio Spurs after leading them to this year's N-B-A championship, will reportedly become a minister at his longtime church.

The Rev. Max Lucado told worshippers at Oak Hills Church in San Antonio that Robinson will become a "minister at large," adding that he and Robinson may teach a weekly Bible study together.

Matt Woods Remembered

A funeral was held on Sept. 17 in Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes for Matt Woods, who died Sept. 11 at age 90.

Mr. Woods was born March 13, 1913, in Idabel, Okla. He was a mechanic for Western Motor Co. in Seagraves, Texas. He later moved to Portland in the early 1980s.

Survivors include his daughters, Loyce Thompson, Billie Dixon, Kay Calloway and Claudette Bates; stepdaughter, Darlene Yates; stepsons, Tyrone Yates, Harold Yates and Chris Yates; companion, Mozell Adkison; 12 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

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Betty Jean Duke Kemp

Betty Jean Kemp was born on March 3, 1932 in Bend to Stanton and Rozelia Duke of Portland.

She graduated from Lewis and Clark College in 1953 and dedicated her professional life to helping others as a social worker, lay minister, and counselor. A cherished experience was at the Western Behavioral Sciences Institute, where she worked on a project with noted psychologist Dr. Carl A. Rogers.

In 1975, she started a ministry for mothers and their children at Maranatha Church and continued to lead the group for 21 years. She was a member of the church choir for 30 years and also served on the board, preached on occasion, and participated in Prison Ministries.

Betty received a master's degree in education from Portland State University and was in the doctoral program in psychology at Western Conservative Baptist Seminary. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority honored her with a Women of Excellence Award in Religion in 1983 and she was Portland General Electric's employee Volunteer to the Year in 1991.

Throughout her life, she enjoyed music, cooking, fishing, family and friends. Betty loved to travel and visited Haiti, Switzerland, Germany, Mexico, and Canada. Each year she took a van of single mothers to Canada for short, child-free vacation.

In 1977, she wrote "A Ministry to the Single Mother," recounting her experienced with the ministry through her church. And in 2002, the members of Maranatha Church blessed Betty's heart by honoring her in a loving tribute.

Donations may be made to the Betty Duke Kemp Scholarship Fund, through Maranatha Church or at any U.S. Bank, to help provide educational scholarships for single mothers and their children.

Survivors include a daughter, Lauri Kemp of Lake Oswego; a stepfather, Carl Johnson of Milwaukee; a stepmother, Helen Duke of Portland; a brother, Clarence Duke of Santa Barbara; two sisters, Carlene Jackson of Molalla and Evelyn Cook of Terrebone; a stepsister, Penny Milar of Portland; and two great aunts, Juanita Johnson and Lois Johnson of Portland.

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been convicted of a crime?" Axhelm also addresses problems such as noise, yard clearing, abandoned vehicles and domestic disputes. In addition, he works with the Housing Authority of Portland and apartment complex managers to reduce noise complaints and other issues.

Other crime problems include thefts of personal possessions, bikes and cars. Often, the stolen goods are taken by transients.

"We can't solve drug abuse, homelessness and crime, but if we can make one street safer for the people that live on it, that's great," Axhelm said.

Northeast Neighborhood Office Deputy District Attorney Jim Hayden praised the SNO program.

"I've always been a fan. You've got a group of police officers who work on investigating problems in the community. To have that resource available is very valuable to the Portland Police Bureau, the community and to me," Hayden said. He said local residents can provide SNO officers the necessary information to issue arrest warrants to nuisance drug houses in their neighborhoods.

The warrants are served when enough evidence is accumulated.

Questions about the SNO program can be answered by calling the Northeast Precinct at 503-823-5700 or dropping by the precinct at 449 N.E. Emerson St.

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