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Community Calendar

Healing Time

A Community Forum, A Time to Heal will address crime, community concerns and the conduct of the Portland Police Bureau with an open mic at 6 p.m. on May 14 at the King Neighborhood Facility, 4815 N.E. 7th Ave. For more information, call 503-284-0617.

Healthy Chat

OHSU's healthy chats continue with Caregiving for Family and Friends with Serious Memory Problems from noon to 1 p.m. May 6 at the Metro YMCA, 2831 S.W. Barbur Blvd. The Dark Side of High Fashion Shoes is discussed from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 12 at the PHSU Family Health Center, Richmond, 3930 S.E. Division St.

Salvation for Kids

The Salvation Army's 10th anniversary luncheon is all about kids, from noon to 1 p.m. May 14 at the Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel, 1000 N.E. Multnomah. For more information, call 503-963-1187.

Maya Angelou Visit

Maya Angelou joins the Unique Lives and Experiences lecture tour at 7:30 p.m. on May 19 at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. For tickets, visit www.eventsunlimited.org.

Women Speak

Women have a voice at Women in NAACP, a new women's group, meeting from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Saturday of each month at the American Red Cross Building, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave. For questions, call 503-249-6263.

Old Home Workshop

A workshop called So, You Went Ahead and Bought an Old House? is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13 at Rejuvenation, upstairs at 1100 S.E. Grand Ave. Cost is \$17. To pre-register, call 503-231-7264.

Diabetes Walk

America's Walk for Diabetes is at 8 a.m. at the Rose Quarter Amphitheater in Portland and Esther Shore Park in Vancouver. Register online at www.diabetes.org/walk or call 888-DIABETES.

Hospice Training

Kaiser Permanente is offering free training to adults interested in providing physical and emotional support to terminally ill patients. The trainings are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 9:30 p.m. through May 13. For more information, call 503-499-5285.

Interest in Adoption?

A free information meeting for prospective adoptive parents held the third Wednesday of every month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Belmont Public Library, 1038 S.E. 39th Ave. For more information, call 503-226-4870 or visit www.openadopt.com.

A Healing Song

Sankofa Health Institute offers a free diabetes support group from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every third Thursday at Alberta Simmons Plaza, 6707 N.E. MLK Blvd. For more information, call 503-285-2484.

NAACP Meetings

The Portland Branch of the NAACP holds two monthly executive committee meetings, on the second Thursday of the month and the Thursday before the fourth Saturday of the month. General membership meetings are held on the fourth Saturday of each month. For more information, call 503-284-7722.

Park Terrace Shines with Improvements



Bright exterior walls of gold and terracotta give new life to the Park Terrace Apartments at 315 N. Alberta. The affordable housing complex is also shining with new windows, exterior lights, landscaping and laundry facilities.

Retains local population in homes that are affordable

A long-term affordable housing complex serving inner north and northeast Portland was saved from becoming an open-market priced property and underwent major renovations because a local housing nonprofit took an interest in it and its tenants.

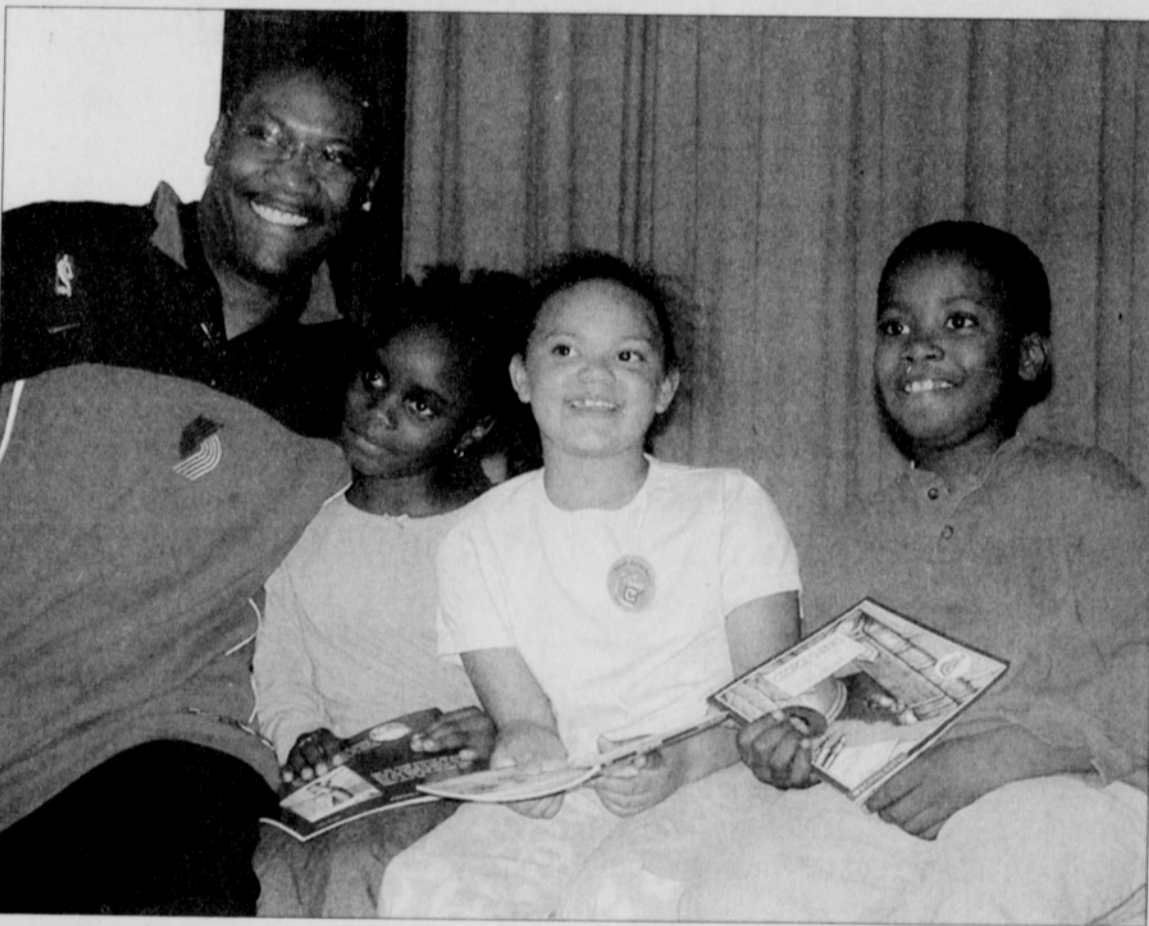
For that, Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, Inc. (PRRI) was rewarded with a 2004 Award of Excellence in Housing by the Oregon Housing and Community Services ceremony on April 23.

The community housing organization preserved the long-term affordability of Park Terrace Apartments at 315 N. Alberta by making dramatic improvements at the property and working with Park Terrace Tenants' council throughout the process.

"Park Terrace sits in an area of Portland that in recent years has experienced significant gentrification, the replacement of

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'George Shrinks' Hits a Beat



Former Blazer Jerome Kersey poses with children at King Elementary School after reading them the popular book "George Shrinks."

Former Portland Trailblazer Jerome Kersey read an award-winning story to 80 new readers at King Elementary School in northeast Portland to celebrate Oregon's SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) early literacy program.

The book "George Shrinks" was voted the most popular book by some 9,251 children across the state participating in program.

"SMART children get to see firsthand how reading is a doorway to so many other wonderful things," said

Donna Dengel, a field director for the program.

"George Shrinks" by William Joyce is a story about a young boy completing his chores one morning — only this day he has shrunk to about three inches tall, making everything from breakfast to dishwashing to retrieving the mail an exciting adventure.

To learn more about the SMART program, to volunteer, or to pledge a donation, please call 1-800-355-3999 or visit www.getsmartoregon.org.

Oregon Quarter Image Picked



The Oregon Commemorative Coin Commission recommended to Gov. Ted Kulongoski that a view of Crater Lake appear on the reverse side of Oregon's commemo-

rative quarter when the United States Mint releases it around June of 2005. The Governor will send a recommendation to the director of the United States Mint this month.

"The Oregon quarter is like a billion postcards we're sending to the rest of the country for the next two decades, and it will feature one of Oregon's most beautiful natural treasures," said State Treasurer Randall Edwards.

The Commission considered four designs: Crater Lake, Mt. Hood, a salmon jumping up a waterfall, and a prairie schooner on the Oregon Trail moving past Native American dwellings toward mountains.

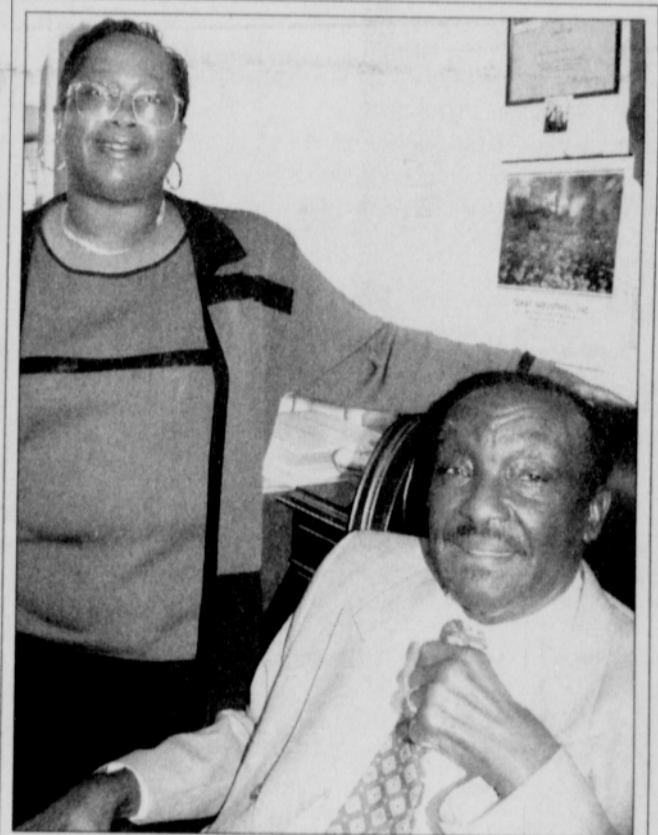


PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Minority entrepreneurs Linda and her uncle, Henry Scott, live their dreams by owning cleaning and janitorial businesses.

A Legacy of Clean Portland business opens with generations of experience

Linda Scott has been the owner of a Linda's Maid Service for less than two months, yet she is backed by a lifetime of experience and generations of entrepreneurs in the industry.

Manuel and Henry Scott, Linda's father and uncle, opened Coast Janitorial Service and Empire Security Service in 1957, becoming one of the first black business owners in Portland.

Scott said calls from new clients come in everyday since she launched the maid cleaning service in March.

"I feel like my business is my family legacy," says Scott. "I opened it up because of a dream."

The dream has now come true for Scott, who is bonded and capable of cleaning small or large homes on a weekly or bi-monthly basis and large cleanups for moving and special events. She also offers free estimates.

"I'm overwhelmed by the success it's already taken in just the first month," she said. Scott is already considering expanding by adding catering services to her company.

Scott accredits her family with her success for training her in the industry and thanks many local mentors and business owners who have inspired and encouraged her.

To contact Scott for a free estimate, call 503-288-1489.