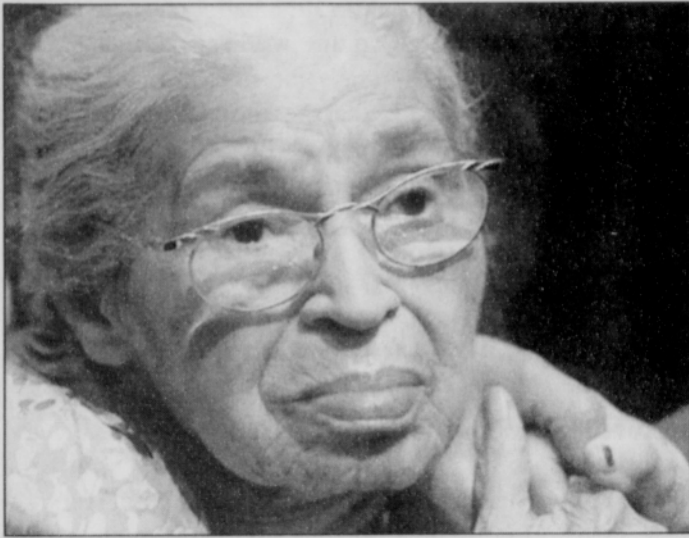


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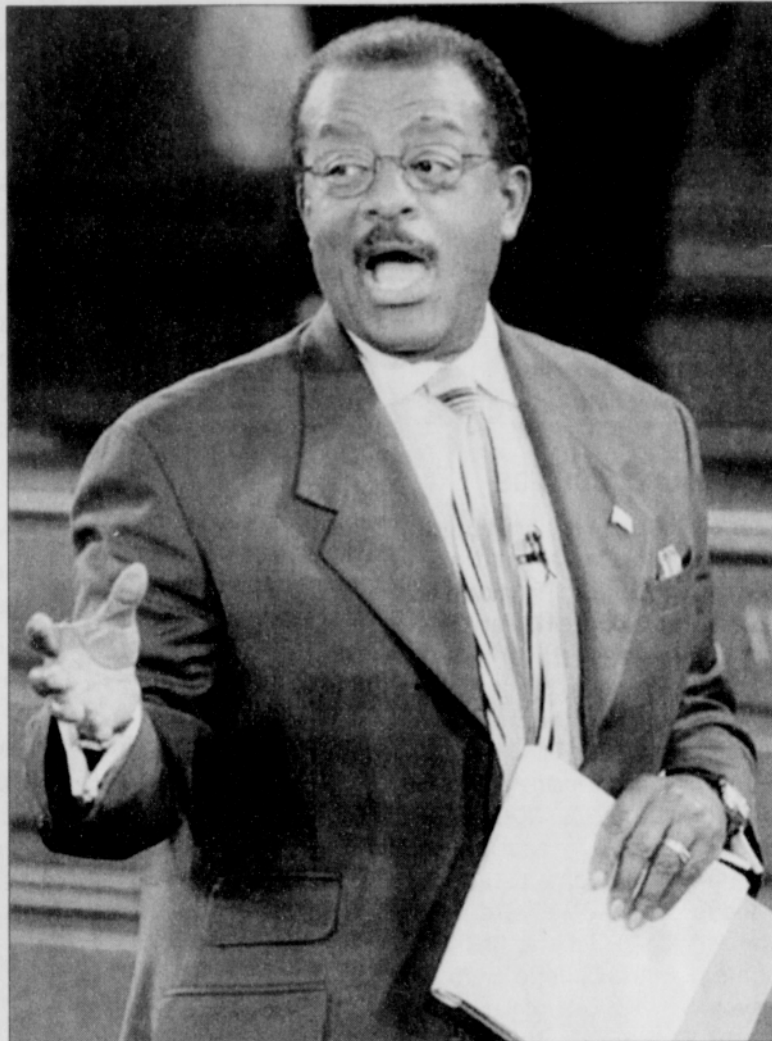
The following African Americans died in 2005 and will be remembered for their lasting contributions:



Rosa Parks, 92. Catalyst of drive for racial equality whose refusal to give up her bus seat to a white man sparked the modern civil rights movement. Oct. 24.



Nipsey Russell, 80. Witty actor-comedian who was a staple of TV game shows; Tin Man in "The Wiz." Oct. 2.



Johnnie Cochran, 67. Famed attorney, defended O.J. Simpson, comedian Lenny Bruce and Michael Jackson. March 29



Luther Vandross, 54. Grammy winner with lush voice on such hits as "Here and Now," the bittersweet "Dance With My Father." July 1. Stroke.



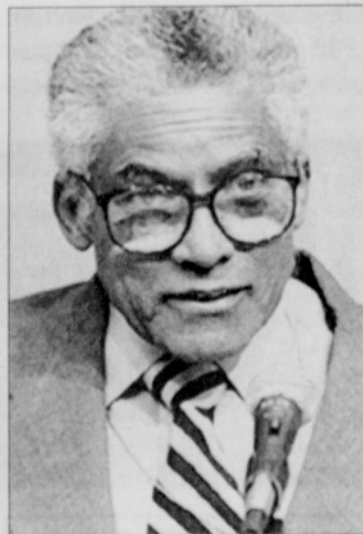
Mercedes Frances Deiz, 87. Oregon's first African-American judge was a mentor to young women and minorities. Oct. 5



Ossie Davis, 87. Actor and civil rights activist; his rich baritone and elegant bearing graced stage and screen. Feb. 4. Brain tumor.



Shirley Horn, 71. Jazz pianist and vocalist; revered as master interpreter of American standards. Oct. 20.



James Forman, 76. A leader of the civil rights organization Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. Jan. 10.

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