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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is a summary of Calendar Year 2006 Amendment No. 1. The City of Portland proposes to amend its FY 2005-06 Action Plan as follows:

- A. Add a new activity: \$8,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to Native American Youth Association for the Native American Home Buying Fair.
- B. Allocate an additional \$8,653 CDBG to Rose Community Development Commission for Lents Homeownership Development.
- C. Allocate an additional \$7,000 (CDBG) funds to Northwest Housing Alternatives for the Weidler Commons Rehab project.
- D. Allocate an additional \$3,737 (CDBG) to Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare Housing for the Pigsah/Harriet Court Rehab project.

A complete description of the amendments can be found at: [www.portlandonline.com/bhcd/index.cfm?c=41262](http://www.portlandonline.com/bhcd/index.cfm?c=41262). To request a hard copy of the complete proposed amendment, for further information or to comment on these proposed amendments, contact Beth Kaye by mail, phone or email at Bureau of Housing and Community Development, 421 SW 6th, Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97204, 503-823-2388, TTY (503) 823-6868, [bkaye@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:bkaye@ci.portland.or.us) by March 6, 2006.

BUSINESS

Career Fighting Scam Artists Ends

Construction crime investigator retires

Bruce Buffington, Chief Enforcement Officer in the Special Investigations Unit at the Oregon State Construction Contractors Board has retired.

Buffington started at the CCB as a Special Investigator in 1992. The agency has complete jurisdiction to pursue and investigate civil and criminal crimes related to the construction industry.

Since 2001, Buffington has overseen the successful prosecution of over 100 civil and criminal cases.

Among his most successful convictions was that of Bill Bob Bickford who was on the run for three years after jumping bail on a



Bruce Buffington

in Puyallup, Wash. Buffington coordinated the capture with the assistance of Washington law enforcement. Bickford is currently serving a 26 month prison term.

\$100,000 bond. Bickford, who was featured on "America's Most Wanted," was convicted of scamming the elderly, by overcharging for shoddy roofing jobs. Bickford was never licensed as a contractor in Oregon.

The arrest came after a tip from a California police agency led him to a car repair shop

Buffington is still waiting for the arrest of Gary Mandes, a scam artist suspected of bilking thousands of dollars from elderly citizens for asphalt seal coating jobs.

Buffington's law enforcement career was preceded by working as an Investigator in California during the 1970's. He worked for a firm where the well-known attorney Johnny Cochran was a partner.

His career in law enforcement and interest in public safety won't end when Buffington leaves the CCB. He will continue as a volunteer in the Beaverton Police Departments Loss Prevention Program.

Additionally, Buffington, an avid cyclist, started a non-profit bicycle safety organization called NW Bicycle Safety Council. The group hosts safety events, sponsor rides and hosts cable television programs dedicated to public safety and cycling education.

Newspaper Veteran Leads Association

West Coast Black Publishers elect president

The West Coast Black Publishers Association has elected a new president.

Les Kimber, a founding member of the organization, said his priorities in the position will be to ensure that member publications receive their fair share of the multi-billion dollar newspaper advertising budgets from U.S. corporations that African American newspapers have in many cases been unfairly denied.

WCBPA has 22 member newspapers, including the Portland Observer, with more than 34 editions published in 18 markets encompassing the states of Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

Kimber began publishing the California Advocate Newspaper in Fresno, Calif. with his wife Pauline in 1967. He is also

president of Kimber Kimber & Associates, a national marketing firm which develops media buys for over 200 African American newspapers across the nation.

Kimber has been an active and respected business and community leader at the local, regional and national levels. He formerly served for eight years as a Fresno City Councilman and has been an effective advocate for equality and economic development in the African American community in Central California.

"I am honored to have this unique opportunity to head up WCBPA," Kimber said. "Our newspapers are the most effective way for corporate America to tap into the purchasing power of African Americans. Realism

demands that we work together for a better society."

"WCBPA fulfills the legitimate press and communications needs of our community. We are the newspapers that print the stories and images about the hardships and struggles of our people along with messages of hope and progress."

Founded in 1971 as a trade association for African American owned newspapers, WCBPA serves the western region of the United States, the fastest growing region in the country with a combined circulation of 600,000 with a weekly readership of more than 1.9 million.

WCBPA serves a culturally diverse market in which African Americans expend more than \$200 billion per annum.



Les Kimber



A flair in fashion has led Eric Holden to form his own clothing store, Head-to-Toe.

Nicely Suit-ed  
New fashions in Portland

BY NICOLE HOOPER  
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

When Eric Holden is out in about in Portland, he is often asked about his attire. Holden takes prides in wearing nice suits that resemble a Chicago style, which are often seen on comedian Steve Harvey.

Little did Holden know that his fashion flair would become a business venture.

"I decided to bring the flavor to Portland and start my own business," he said.

In the coming months expect to see a Head to Toe fashions clothing store in Portland.

"My thing is catering to everyone and give less expensive prices than some other stores," Holden said. The average suit at the Men's Warehouse is at least \$200; he plans on beating prices of local competitors.

Holden wants to sell suits but also design them. He's relying on his experiences as an artist to help guide him.

In 2002, Holden moved from Oakland, Calif. to Portland with his wife and child. A 10-year veteran of the collections business, he believes that he will be a better entrepreneur than having a regular 9 to 5 job. Making the decision to go into business for him was one that he thought about completely.

"I am a little nervous about starting my own business, the only thing that worries me is people not shopping a lot, but if this doesn't work out, I have other plans like starting a limousine company," Holden said.

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