

BLACK HISTORY MONTH and the American Experience

Be a leader.

- PHIL WALDEN Respected teacher, coach and youth advocate for the past 50 years.
- BERNIE & BOBBIE FOSTER Instrumental team in re-naming the former Union Ave to Martin Luther King Blvd.
- KELCI RAE FLOWERS First African American selected as Miss Teen Oregon.
- OLAREMI SOBOMEHIN Accomplished local student accepted into Stanford University Biophysics program.
- DR. LARRY GRIGGS & LAVERN WOODS Leading the Educational Opportunities Program at OSU supporting minorities.
- MICHAEL HARPER Revered family man, businessman, coach, motivational speaker, volunteer and former Trail Blazer.

Celebrating local African American leaders blazing new trails in our community.



Her energy is impressive

Community leader. Pacific Power representative. TV personality. In the public eye and behind the scenes, **Geneva Jones's work is making Oregon a better place.**

For her dedication, Pacific Power is honoring this tireless retiree with the first annual Geneva Jones Community Spirit Award. Pacific Power's charitable arm, the PacifiCorp Foundation for Learning, will make contributions at her request to Portland Police Sunshine Division and the White Rose Education Fund.

Geneva was the high-profile face of Pacific Power for years as "Polly Pacific" and as a member of our Community Relations Department. Many will also remember her from nearly 30 years of cooking expertise on local television. She touched the lives of others through her efforts to empower African-American women and entrepreneurs.

Today, Geneva continues her service to the community as a board member of the Sunshine Division, Links, Inc., and Beta Sigma Phi.

Each year Pacific Power will recognize those who follow her example with the Geneva Jones Community Spirit Award and PacifiCorp Foundation for Learning's donation to the charitable institution of the winner's choice.

**Congratulations, Geneva, and thank you for all you've done.**



Grant Opens Doors to Author on Race

Will discuss book 'Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome'



Dr. Joy Leary

REAP, Inc. and Grant High School invite the community to celebrate Black History Month with a public speaking engagement by Dr. Joy Leary, a local expert on matters of race, culture and education.

Leary, an assistant professor of social work at Portland University, will reference her recently published book "Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome," and discuss other topics, at Grant, on

Friday, Feb. 24 from 10:43 a.m. to 11:37 a.m., followed by a book signing ending at 12:19 p.m.

Leary is a renowned lecturer, author and educator on matters

of race, culture and education. She is the author of relationship-based models for both education and management, and has also developed the African American Male Youth Respect Scale. Among her numerous presentations, she has been a speaker for the U.N. Conference on Race in Barbados, the National Association of Social Workers Annual Conference and the Essence Women of Leadership Summit.

Dr. Leary's presentation is sponsored by REAP, Inc., Reaching And Empowering All People and Grant High School, 2245 N.E. 36th Ave. For more information, call Kandy Whitley-White at 503-341-6161 or email at reaping@msn.com.



Civil rights lawyer Constance Baker Motley (right) with Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and his wife Coretta Scott King.

A Great Defender of Civil Rights Law degree propels Constance Baker Motley

BY RON WEBER

After being run off a beach because of her black skin, 15-year-old Constance Baker went home and cried. That day, she vowed fight for the rights of black people and others of color.

Born in 1921, Motley was the ninth of 12 children, but her parents of meager means were somehow able to send her to college.

She soared through Fisk University, a black college, and graduated from New York Uni-

versity in 1943. She earned a law degree from the prestigious Columbia Law School in 1946.

Motley became a law clerk for the New Haven NAACP, a chapter that was founded by her mother years earlier. She hoped to see that all her mother's hard work did not go to waste. Here, she met and worked Thurgood Marshal, the future Supreme Court Justice and icon attorney of the Civil Rights movement.

Only four years into her law

career, Motley wrote the original complaint and other briefs in the famous Brown v. Board of Education case, helping to end school segregation. Most of her work involved education and segregation issues, winning nine out of the 10 cases she took to the Supreme Court.

She argued the Meredith v. Fair case, allowing James Meredith to be the first black student accepted into the Uni-

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Descendants of Black Pioneers

An undated Urban League of Portland photo from an Oregon Historical Society collection shows Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bogle Jr., descendants of Oregon black pioneers dating to 1851, enjoying an evening at the Lipman Wolfe Tea Room in downtown Portland.