

## Local Brame Family Grows Careers

### Business center dedicated

A grand opening for "Mahogany Beauty on the Go," a beauty products and gift outlet in the Herman Brame Sr. Business Center, 545 N.E. Killingsworth St., will be celebrated May 26 through June 6 as part of a dedication to the retail outlet bearing the name of one of Portland's African American business pioneers.

"Mahogany Beauty on the Go," operated by Seble Ramsey, started as a kiosk at Lloyd Center Mall in 2002. In its new location, the business will feature Patti LaBelle fragrances, Flori Roberts and Interface Cosmetics, gift items and more.

The Killingsworth center is also home to Ricky M. Brame Sr.'s Studio Six Nine Hair Design Salon, barbershop and professional styling shear sharpening service. Additional business suites are currently available for lease.

Herman Brame Sr. was one of Portland's early African American entrepreneurs. He settled in Vanport after serving in World War II in the late 1940s and established the Cherry Street Barbershop. Later he moved the business to a building he purchased on North Tillamook Street where he operated the Tillamook Street Barbershop for many years.

He later purchased the center that bears his name on Northeast Killingsworth. Mr. Brame passed away April 28, 2004. His wife, Earnestine Brame, and their four children Herman L. Brame Jr., a minority, women and emerging small business coordinator for

Multnomah County; E. Louise Brame-Spears, a university supervisor for Portland State University; Rickey M. Brame Sr., an electrician with IBEW Local 48; and Sandra M. Brame, a literacy and math teacher for Portland Public Schools, are working to make businesses in the Brame center successful and keep Mr. Brame's dream alive.

Earnestine Brame (front, center), wife of the late Portland entrepreneur Herman Brame Sr., is surrounded by her family (from left), Sandra M. Brame, Rickey M. Brame Sr., E. Louise Brame-Spears, Herman L. Brame Jr., and Seble Ramsey.



Barber Herman Brame Sr. served generations of Portland residents.



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The annual event will be held at Washington State University Vancouver from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 20.

Competitive activities will include a math Olympiad, foil floaters, catapult, straw towers, naked egg drop and multi-purpose vehicle or mouse trap car. Parents will have the opportunity to participate in two seminars entitled, "How Students Learn" and "College Readiness."

The MESA mission is to bridge the gap in academic achievement with enriching educational opportunities for

African-American, Native American, Latino and female students who are underrepresented in mathematics, engineering and science careers.

For more information, contact Armetta Burney at 360-546-9676. WSU Vancouver is located at 14204 N.E. Salmon Creek Ave., east of the 134th Street exit from either I-5 or I-205.

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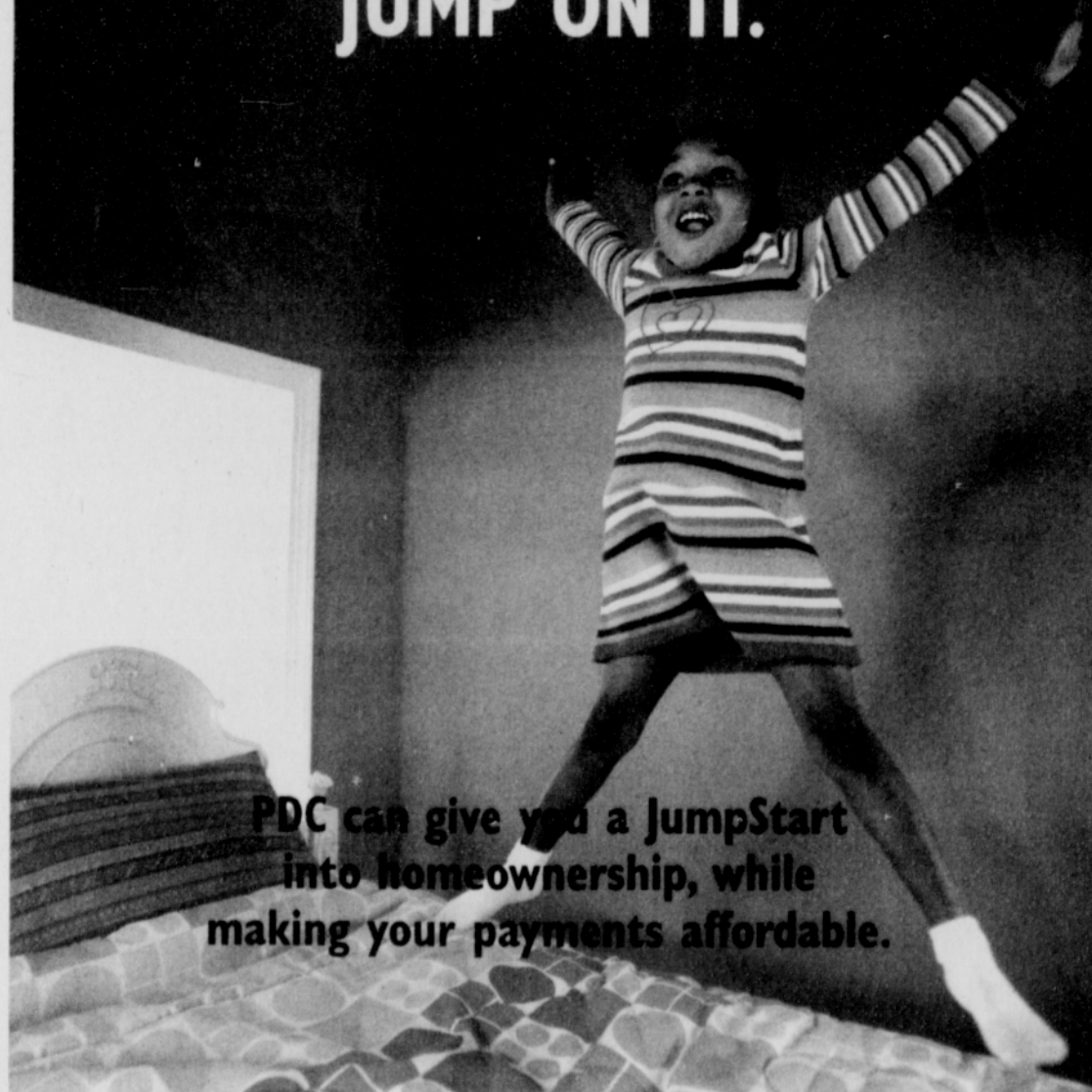
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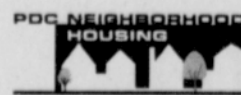
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