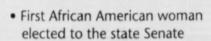
Oregon Senator Avel Gordly

and the Avel Gordley Center for Healing Opening February 28, 2008 621 S.W. Alder, 5th floor Portland, Oregon

The Avel Gordly Center for Healing is a new mental health center that is culturally responsive to the needs of African Americans. The Center was developed by the African American Mental Health Commission in partnership with Oregon Health and Science University. It is named for Avel Gordly who will retire from the Oregon Senate in 2008. The list of her accomplishments is extensive:



- 16 years of public service
- Former Director of Youth Services, Urban League of Portland
- Lifelong advocate for racial and ethnic justice
- Recognized champion for the support of mental health
- · Currently serving as Associate Professor, Dept. of Black Studies, Portland State University



"Senator Avel Gordly's unwavering, heartfelt, and informed leadership and advocacy on behalf of Oregonians living with mental illness has resulted in improved services, greater understanding and better communication and education regarding their daily lives as well as issues they face. The way she lives her life inspires us to live our best lives while considering others. We are all better citizens because of her example of service."

> Judge Adrienne Nelson Multnomah County Circuit Court

Governor Kulongoski and Senator Gordly

share one of her many honors.

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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

#### COURAGEOUS AFRICAN AMERICANS

#### Canada's black heroes country to re-establish associations from the past.

BY JUNE ACOSTA POTTER

Oscar Peterson, the brilliant, worldrenowned jazz pianist, died recently at his home in Mississauga, Ontario, a suburb of Toronto.

Peterson was black, the son of a Pullman porter and born in Montreal on Aug. 15, 1925. (My first encoun-

ter, as a little girl, with a black person was a Pullman porter: kind, patient and impeccably dressed.)

Though he was a veteran of many world tours, performing in many great cities, Peterson always returned to Canada, and in recent years, his home in Mississauga.

Canada, of course, was the Promised Land, a destination of the Underground Railroad during slavery times, a blessed haven and refuge, a "Welcome Home, Travelers" land.

Canadian citizens were known for treating black people (whether from Africa directly, or the U.S.A.) as valued members of he human family, worthy of respect and courtesy.

A naturalized citizen, born in Canada a long time ago, I customarily seek to reconnect to by mother

During a recent phone conversation with a lifelong friend, I learned that the new priest at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Iroquois Falls, Ontario, was black-Father Augustine Katuka, from Nigeria.

My friend reported that: "They all love him!"

When Jackie Robinson was chosen by Brooklyn Dodgers General Manager Branch Rickey to be the first player to integrate Major League Baseball in 1947, he played with the Montreal Royals, a Dodger farm team.

Robinson reported in his autobiography "I Never Had It Made" that during tours in the U.S., he was regularly harassed and verbally abused, while his teammates suffered along with him. But they were welcomed home joyously by Montreal citizens who sought to comfort them.

Today, Canada has opened her doors and arms to Hispanics, deemed illegals south of the border and to Haitians, dispersing them throughout the country, and extending aid and monetary assistance.

During the forthcoming Olympic winter games in Vancouver, B.C., all Americans will have a chance to observe and enjoy Canadian hospitality.

By the way, many black Canadians call themselves African Americans. After all, the name should apply to all who dwell in both North and South America!

#### **Struggle for African American Business**

Roscoe Dixon was born in Virginia in 1843 and became famous tion of the state was relatively small for owning and operating Roscoe's at the end of the nineteenth cen-Oyster House in Astoria.

was extremely unusual.

The African-American populatury. In 1860, less than one percent During the later part of the 19th of the population in the territories century, Dixon migrated to Oregon of Oregon and Washington were and settled in Astoria where he African American. African Amerimarried Theresa Antoinette cans held a variety of occupations Townes. Many African Americans in Oregon. Many were farmers and in Oregon encountered discrimina- farm laborers, artisans, merchants, tion in the job market and were servants, skilled laborers, sailors, employed as servants or laborers, railroad workers, porters, waiters, African Americans throughout vants, a position typically held by



Roscoe Lee Dixon owned Roscoe's Oyster House in Astoria in the 1800s.

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so Dixon's position as a proprietor cooks and barbers. Household ser- much of the nation, were overwhelmingly Euro American in Oregon.

#### In Loving Memory

Services for John W. Harris, 52, who was born Oct. 24, 1955 and was called home on Feb. 9, 2008, will be held Friday, Feb. 15 at 11 a.m. For more information, call Cox & Cox Funeral Home 503-281-4819.



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