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MLK's Daughter to Lead SCLC

Civil rights group cofounded by her father

(AP) -- The Rev. Bernice King was named Friday as the first woman to head the civil rights organization co-founded by her father, the Rev. Martin Luther

Southern Christian Leadership Conference Interim President Byron Clay called King and said she accepted the position.

"She is excited," Clay told reporters. "I am excited. The nation will be excited."



Bernice King

Rock, Ark. He was the first black

The other candidate was attorney to work for a major Judge Wendell Griffen of Little Arkansas law firm and is an ordained minister and pastor of

New Millennium Church.

Chairman Raleigh Trammell of Dayton, Ohio, called King a "dynamite person with a great personality and a great heart."

"The national organization has done itself well to elect the daughter of Dr. King to lead the organization during this time," Trammell said. "She seems to have renewed her commitment to the ideas and legacy of her father ... There was a time that she was not as interested in the movement, but she talked to us about going back and reading her father's books and studying her father's message."

Martin Luther King Jr. was the SCLC's first president, serving from 1957 until his assassipresident from 1998 to 2003.

Bernice King inherits an SCLC much changed from the days of her father's leadership. rebuild the organization which has stumbled in recent years — while she heals deep rifts within her own family.

Internal bickering has overshadowed signs of progress for SCLC that included paying off millions in debt and opening a \$3 million headquarters in Atlanta. A former state director in Florida accused several national leaders of financial misof the Los Angeles chapter last people."

nation in 1968. His eldest son, fall clashed with leadership over Martin Luther King III, was his support for gay marriage in California.

The Rev. Eric Lee, the Los Angeles chapter president, said in a statement Friday that he And she will have to work to hopes King will follow her parents' example with respect to the rights of lesbians, gays and transgender people.

In 2004, she marched against gay marriage in Atlanta.

"We know that her mother, Coretta Scott King, was supportive of LGBT equality, and we believe that Dr. King would have been as well," Lee said. "My hope is that her election is a sign that SCLC is returning to management and the president its spirit of equality for all

Video **Captures** Robbery

The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in identifying a robbery suspect caught on surveillance video.

On Thursday, Oct. 8, at about 3:23 a.m., the Shell Gas Station at 7433 N. Interstate Ave. was robbed by a lone male who entered the store, walked behind the counter and demanded money from the clerk.

The suspect, described as Hispanic man in his 20s and about 5 foot -8 inches tall and 180 pounds, fled driving a Chevrolet Suburban and was last seen heading east on Lombard. He was wearing a at crimestoppersoforegon.com dark green stocking cap, blue or text 823 plus your tip and jacket, torn blue jeans and tan send it to CRIMES (274697).



A surveillance camera shows a man who robbed the Shell Gas Station at North Insterstate Avenue and Lombard Street.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony, and you remain

anonymous. Contact Crime Stoppers at 503-823-HELP (4357), or online

Local Leaders Make Call to Action

Addressing State of Black Oregon

A symposium on the "State of Black Oregon: A Call to Action" will be held 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 5, at the Oregon State University Memorial Union ballroom at 26th Street and Jefferson current economic downturn. Way in Corvallis.

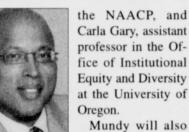
African Americans and other dent of the Eugene chapter of a poverty gap for Americans Thursday, Nov. 12 at 9 a.m.

people of color in Oregon.

The report contains a stark inventory of statistics that shows a persistent gap in living standards between black and white Oregonians – a gap that is

growing wider as a result of the

The Urban League of OSU event include Marcus C. Portland's State of Black Oregon Mundy, president of the Urban tel in Portland. report was published in July. The League of Portland, Robert Thtemic disadvantage still exist for Studies, Henry Luvert, presi-



Marcus C. Mundy

before the City Club of Portland The featured speakers at the Friday forum, a public event at will be discussed in depth. 11:45 a.m. at the Governor Ho-

"During the last eight years,

the NAACP, and generally, the African-American Carla Gary, assistant poverty gap widens to chasm professor in the Of- proportions. This flies in the fice of Institutional face of the ideals our country Equity and Diversity stands for, and simply should at the University of . not be acceptable here in Oregon or anywhere else."

In Corvallis, the speakers will address the report address the issues and other during an appearance challenges facing African Americans living in Oregon. during its regularly scheduled Problems, as well as solutions,

Mundy will join another group of African American leaders from Portland to address the study showed that social and ompson, assistant professor in the poverty gap in America and report in a third presentation economic disparities and sys- OSU's Department of Ethnic in this state has continued to before the Multnomah County grow," said Mundy. "If there's Commissioners, scheduled for

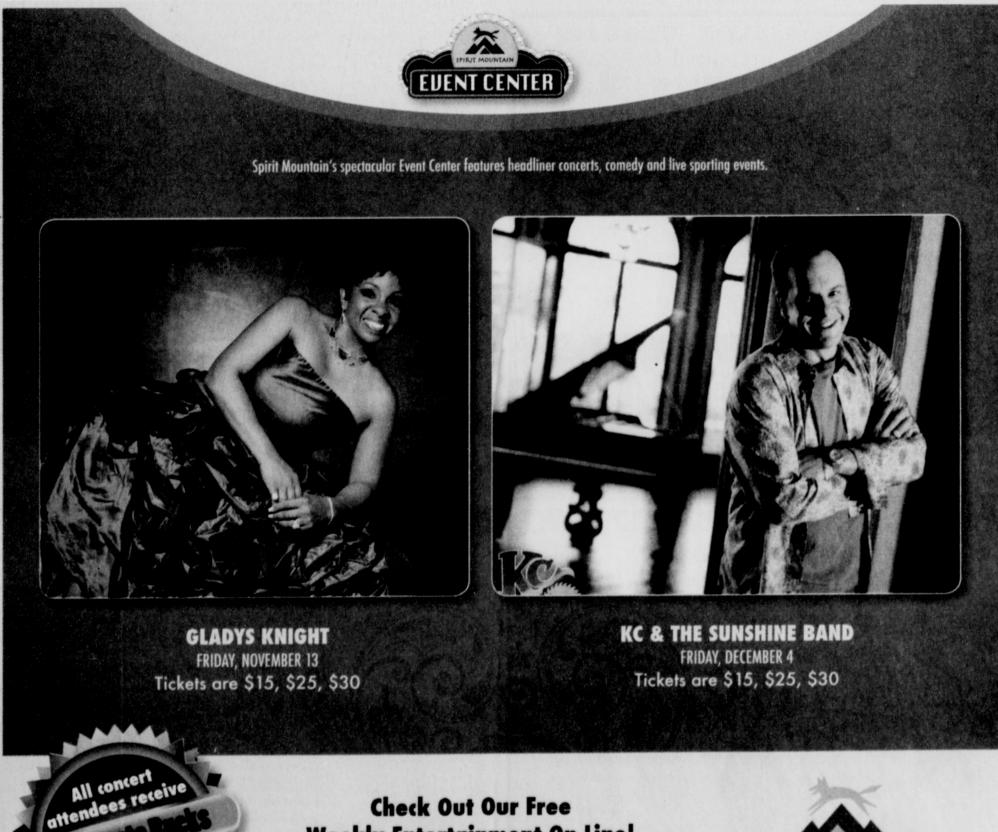
Device for Library Thefts

Stealing from the Multnomah County Library system used to be a simple matter of selecting a book and walking out with it.

Officials said the downtown Central Library

has had no security system since the building was renovated 13 years ago. None of the 16 branches has working security systems either. That's meant hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost materials each year; nearly \$300,000 in the past six months.

For the past month, library workers have been affixing tamper resistant electronic tags to books and CDs. Central Library Collections Administrator Deanna Cecotti is confident in the higher security system decreasing thefts



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