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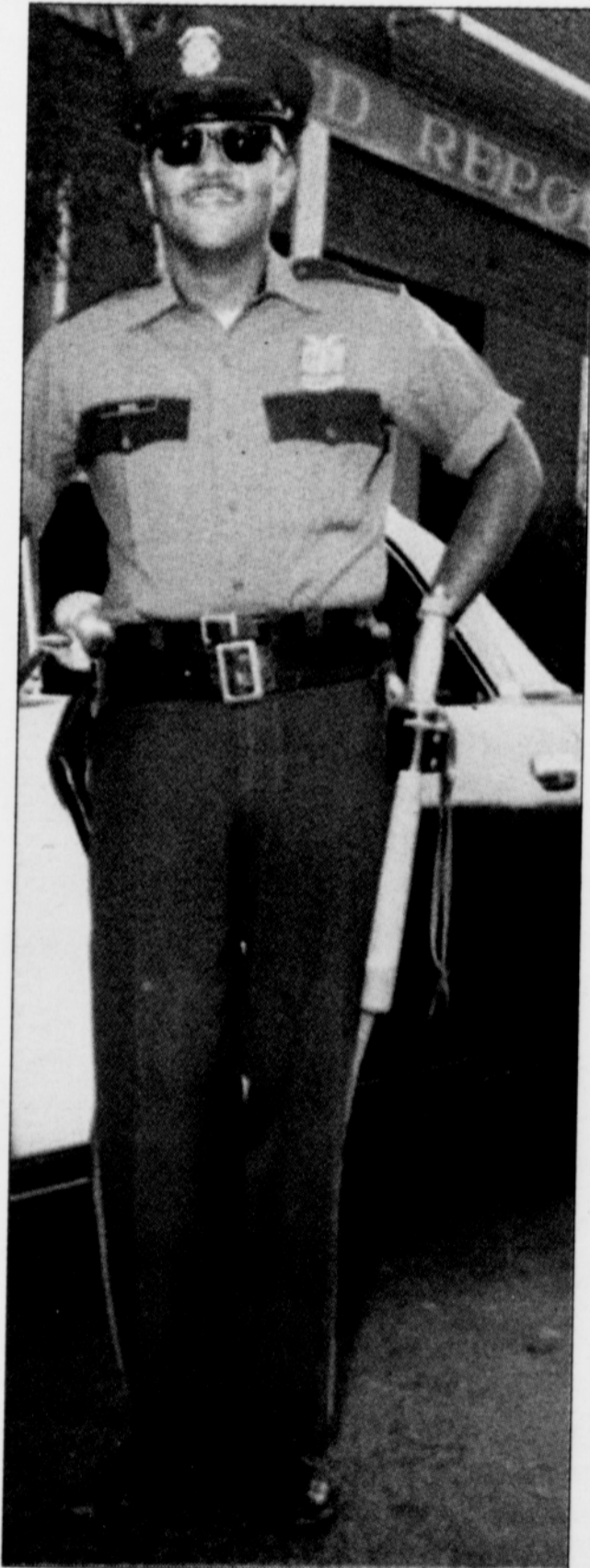
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## Legacy Unmatched

TV anchor, councilman and police officer broke barriers

Dick Bogle, a trail-blazing Portland journalist and city commissioner, died last week at the age of 79, leaving behind a legacy for breaking color lines.



Dick Bogle serving as a Portland Police Officer in the 1960s.

Bogle served as one of the city's few black police officers in the 1950s and 60s; he was the first black reporter and television anchor for KATU news, and was only the second African American to be elected to the Portland City Council.

After attending Oregon State University and Portland State University, Bogle joined the police force as a patrolman working in the detectives and intelligence divisions during the 1950s. In an interview with the Portland Observer last year, Bogle said his reason for joining the force was simple: he wanted to help others.

The spirit to serve the public remained with him throughout his prodigious career that spanned several professions before bringing him back to the Police Bureau where he worked part-time during his retirement on cold cases.

"That spirit of wanting to help never leaves you, no matter how old you get," Bogle told the Portland Observer at the time.

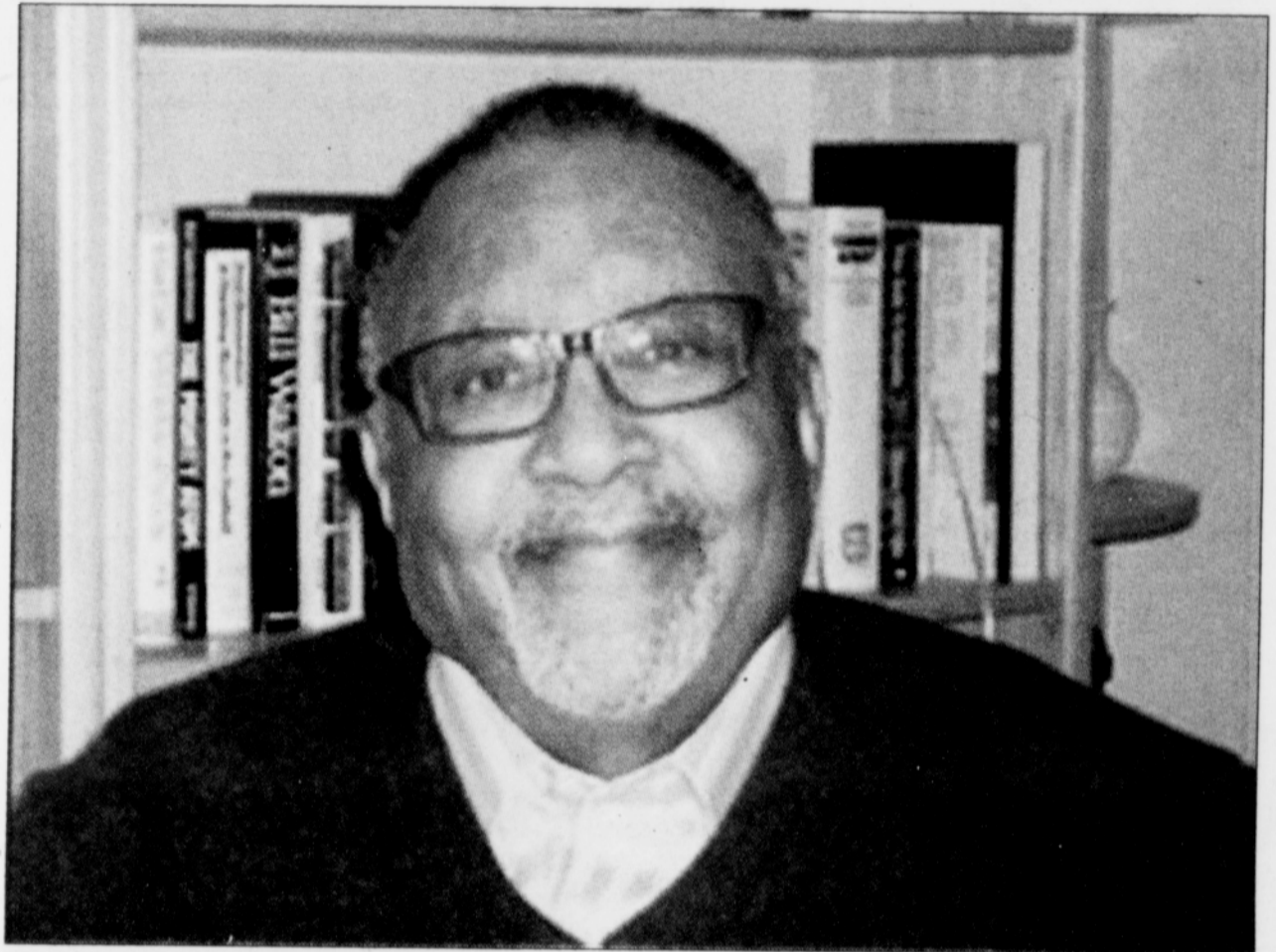
Bogle's family roots in Oregon extend back to the 1840s and 1850s, when his family first migrated to the territory. He grew up in southeast Portland.

While a police officer, he worked part-time as a reporter and jazz critic for the Portland Challenger and Portland Reporter, both which are now defunct.

He was befriended by Bruce Baer, a highly respected Portland reporter, whom Bogle would later describe as "color blind." Baer would later help Bogle become the first black reporter at a television news station.

"They're not going to think about hiring me," Bogle told the Portland Observer last fall while recalling the rigorous hiring process that ended with Bogle turning in his badge to work at the station in 1968.

He later took a job as an aide to City Commissioner Mildred Schwab in 1982, which he used to make his own bid for City Council two years later to replace the retir-



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ing Charles Jordan, the first African American elected to City Council.

After running into some troubles after a former aide filed a sexual harassment claim against him, and allegations he didn't account for all of his travel expenses emerged, he lost his bid for re-election in

1992.

With more time on his hands, he turned his attention to a long-standing interest: jazz music.

Bogle frequently wrote about jazz mu-

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In 1985, Dick Bogle takes the oath of office as a member of the Portland City Council.