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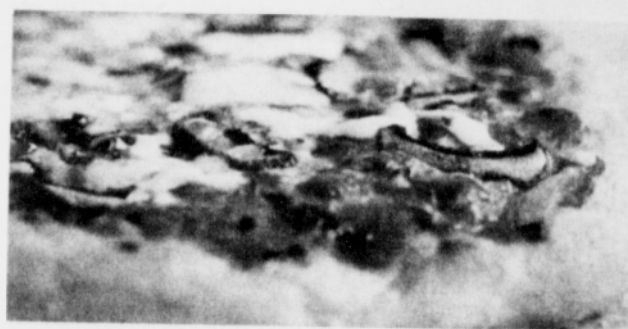
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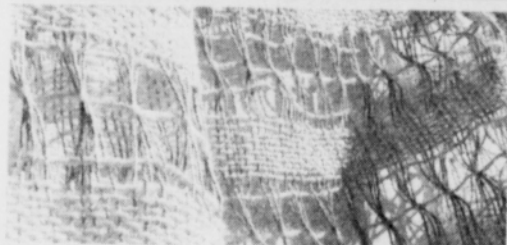


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What's on your list today?

LOCAL NEWS

A Mentor to Generations Coach remembered for life of helping kids

A mentor and coach for generations of Portland youth is being remembered after his death at the age of 83.

Phillip S. Walden had a passion for coaching basketball, football and track. He helped youth reach their academic potential through the magnetism of sports. He started the Albina Roadrunner Track club and Albina Sports basketball program to help youth achieve their goals in school and sports.

If not for the care, patience, love and financial support of Phil Walden, the cap and gown of thousands of graduations could have easily been the striped jump suits of prison or worse, said Jonathan Richardson, one of Mr. Walden's former kids.

Walden worked with youth as a teacher and coach in the Portland Public Schools; was superintendent of education at the Oregon State Prison, was a veteran's education specialist at Mt. Hood Community College and was a substitute teacher in Multnomah County.

He was born in Portland on Dec. 28, 1927 to Robert Elizabeth Summers and Walter St. Clair Walden.

He attended St. Patrick's Grade School and Lincoln High School.

He served in the Army during World War II in occupied Korea. He learned boxing, fencing, basketball, band, and football in



Phil Walden

high school and advanced those skills as an active participant in adult life. He was also a paymaster.

He attended the University of Portland on the G.I. Bill, and graduated with a degree in education.

He was recognized by many groups in the Portland area for his mentoring to area kids, including work with the Bridge Builder Youth Program, Portland Trailblazers, Jefferson High School, Model Cities Program, Albina Ministerial Alliance, Portland Federal Executive Board - Black Employment, Kaiser Hospital Master Athlete, World Arts Foundation, State Farm Insurance Neighborhood Award,

Bethel AME Church, and Portland Interscholastic League Hall of Fame.

His wife Carol always joined him to support at-risk youth. When the couple realized that inner-city youth could not participate in sports clubs without sponsorships, transportation and shoes -- and that the neighborhood could not support these financial demands -- they would pay for the expenses out of their own pockets.

The city of Portland twice named days in his honor. He will be missed, but he was comforted to know that work to uplift the community will be carried on by others.

Survivors include his spouse Carol Walden; two sons, Phillip and Patrick Walden; two daughters, Jean Tarver, Tamara Jones and Phyllice Johnson; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, Godchildren, family and friends.

A memorial service has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011 at 12 p.m. at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 8501 N. Chautauqua Blvd. A re-pass reception will follow at Self Enhancement, Inc., 3920 N. Kerby Ave.

A Phil Walden Scholarship Fund is being established in his memory in care of Albina Community Bank. On-line donations can be made by visiting the internet site coachwaldenfund.com.

Back to School Traffic Safety Patrols

The beginning of the school year arrived Tuesday and the Portland Police have made school safety their mission.

For the next two weeks officers from the Traffic Division, the Transit Police Division, and Youth Services Division will work to provide a safe environment for children to travel to and from school and

support a positive atmosphere for learning.

Officers will place special emphasis on traffic laws in school zones, bus zones, and crosswalks and enforce parking laws in and around school zones.

Added patrols will go out during the morning and afternoon commute times from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30

p.m.; and during the high school lunch periods from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Motorists are asked to remember the 20 mph speed limit in schools zones from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Speed kills, so please drive safe, slow, and within the legal limits," a police bureau spokesperson said.