



Social and community service organizations cemented strong ties for generations of Vancouver's African-American community. One such group (pictured from the 1970s) shows Ida Jones (center, front), the Most Ancient Matron of Rebecca Court No. 4, Heroines of Jericho, Washington jurisdiction, with other members of the court, including Carrie Holiday (to the left of Jones), Wallicia Harrison (behind Jones) and Bertha Baugh (left of Harrison).

# Enduring Courage

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a local NAACP branch in 1945 and have worked ever since on supporting housing and job opportunities for current and future generations.

"I was brave enough to say

I'm not moving," Jones said. "I'm a citizen of Vancouver now. I worked hard here, we all did, and I'm not leaving. We went down to the courthouse — that's everybody's home. I wouldn't let 'em push me out."

Jones joined the Vancouver

Avenue First Baptist Church in Portland in the early days, before the first black churches in Vancouver took hold. About 10 years ago, she moved near Seattle to be with family.

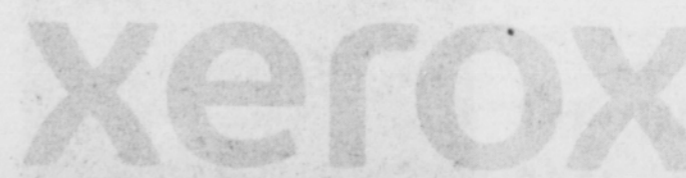
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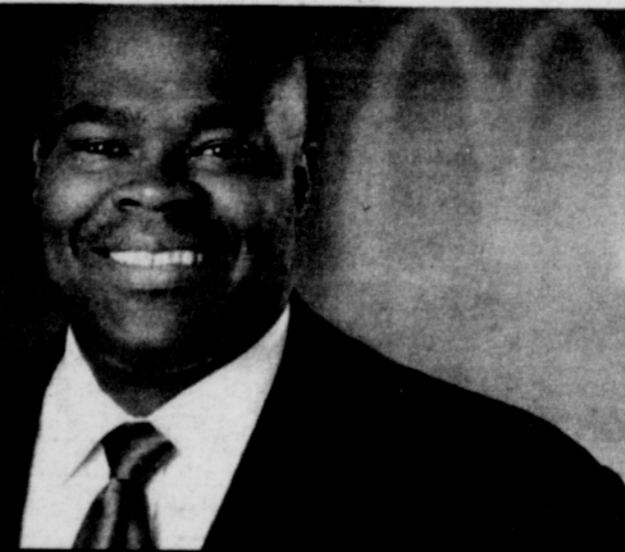
**Ursula M. Burns**

Company: Xerox Corporation  
Position: Chairman and CEO



**Don Thompson**

Company: McDonald's  
Position: CEO



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