

Housing Resource Fair Saturday

The African American Alliance for Home Ownership, a non-profit community based organization, will sponsor the first annual East Portland Housing Resource Festival on Saturday, Aug. 23 from noon to 8 p.m. at Lent's Park.

New and old residents are encouraged to get access to affordable housing and homeownership resources as well as other resources in the community. Local vendors, a kids area, live music, and a "homes for sale" bus tour are other high-

lights of the free and open to the public event.

The African American Alliance for Homeownership began its homeownership programming in 1999. After hosting the fair annually for a number of years, fair organizers realized a need for on-going services for minority, first-time buyers.

While the impetus for the creation of the non-profit was to help African Americans in Portland buy a home of their own, the organiza-

tion has expanded to include the full range of housing counseling services that are available to all persons regardless of race, gender and ethnicity, and in accordance with state and federal fair housing law.

AAAH currently administers a host of free programs such as the DPAL (Down Payment Assistance Loan), IDA (Individual Development Account), Homebuyer education/certification classes, pre-purchase and loss mitigation and foreclosure prevention counseling.

Obituaries

In Loving Memory

Geraldine "Geri" Ward

Geraldine "Geri" Ward, one of Oregon's finest black business pioneers and the former owner of the Lovely Ladee Beauty Salon, died Aug. 11, 2014. She was born on March 7, 1923 in Independence, Mo., the only daughter born to Quindella and Hobart Sage.

Her education was in the public schools of Independence. She graduated from Hirman Young High School; attended Phillips Junior College and later graduated from the Madame C.J. Walker School of Cosmetology in Kansas City, Mo.

Her life's work was as a beautician and she retired in 1993. She moved to Portland in 1958. That same year she united with Bethel A.M.E. Church under the pastorate of Rev. Harley Akers. She was a proud participant in many church organizations.

She was united in marriage to Joseph P. Ward on Dec. 4, 1966 in Portland. There were no children from this union.



She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers, two nieces and one nephew. She leaves to continue celebrating her life, one nephew, 13 great nieces and nephews, 11 great great nieces and nephews, and many friends. Geraldine is resting peacefully after dedicating her life to God, His Church, her family, community and friends.

Services for Past NAACP President

L.C. Oddie, the past president of the Portland NAACP, died Aug. 9. He was born April 21, 1948 in Jackson, Miss. Funeral services are scheduled for Friday, Aug. 22 at 11 a.m. at Omega Funeral & Cremation Service, 223 S.E. 122nd Ave.

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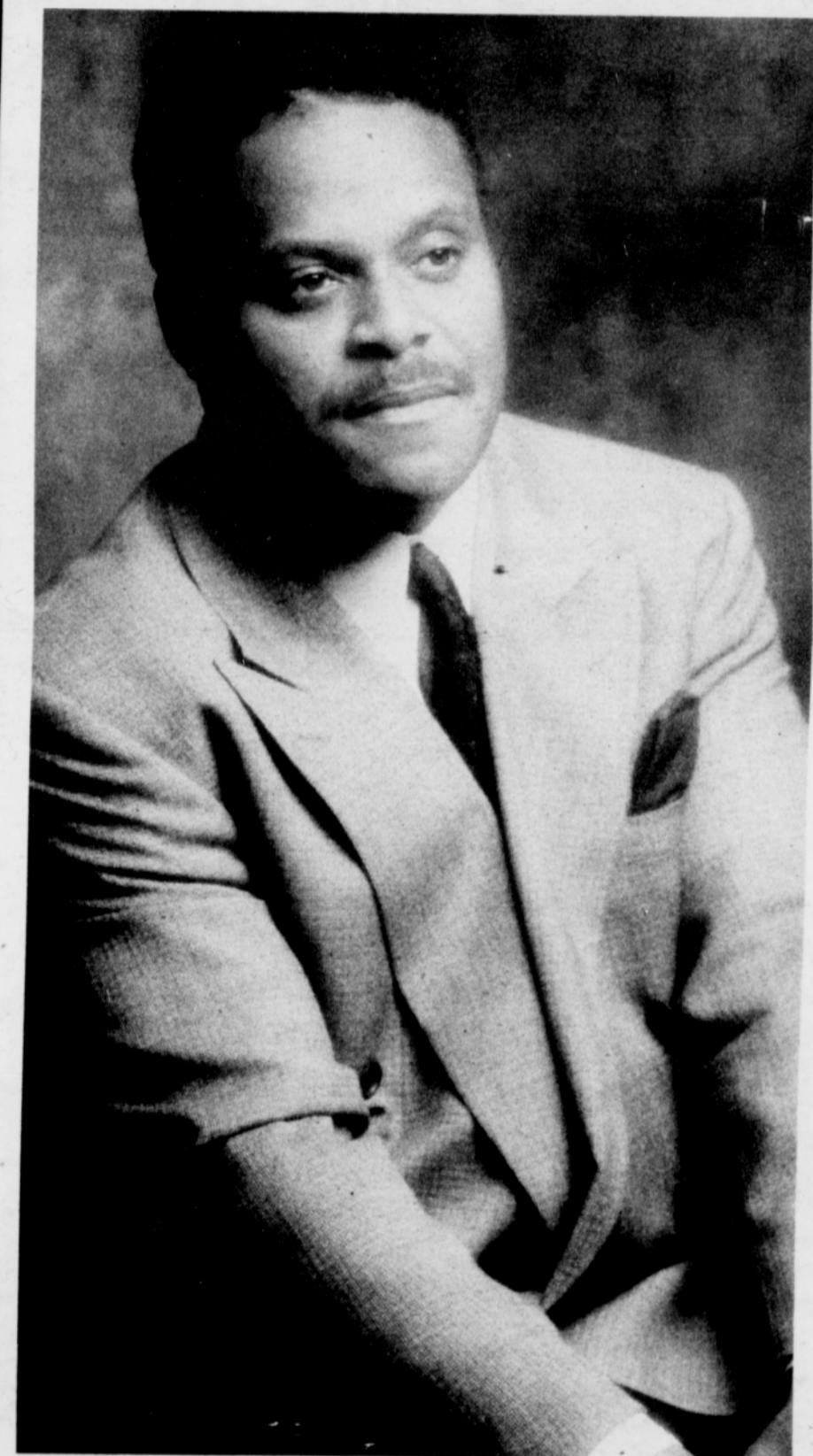


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