

His Legacy Will Live On

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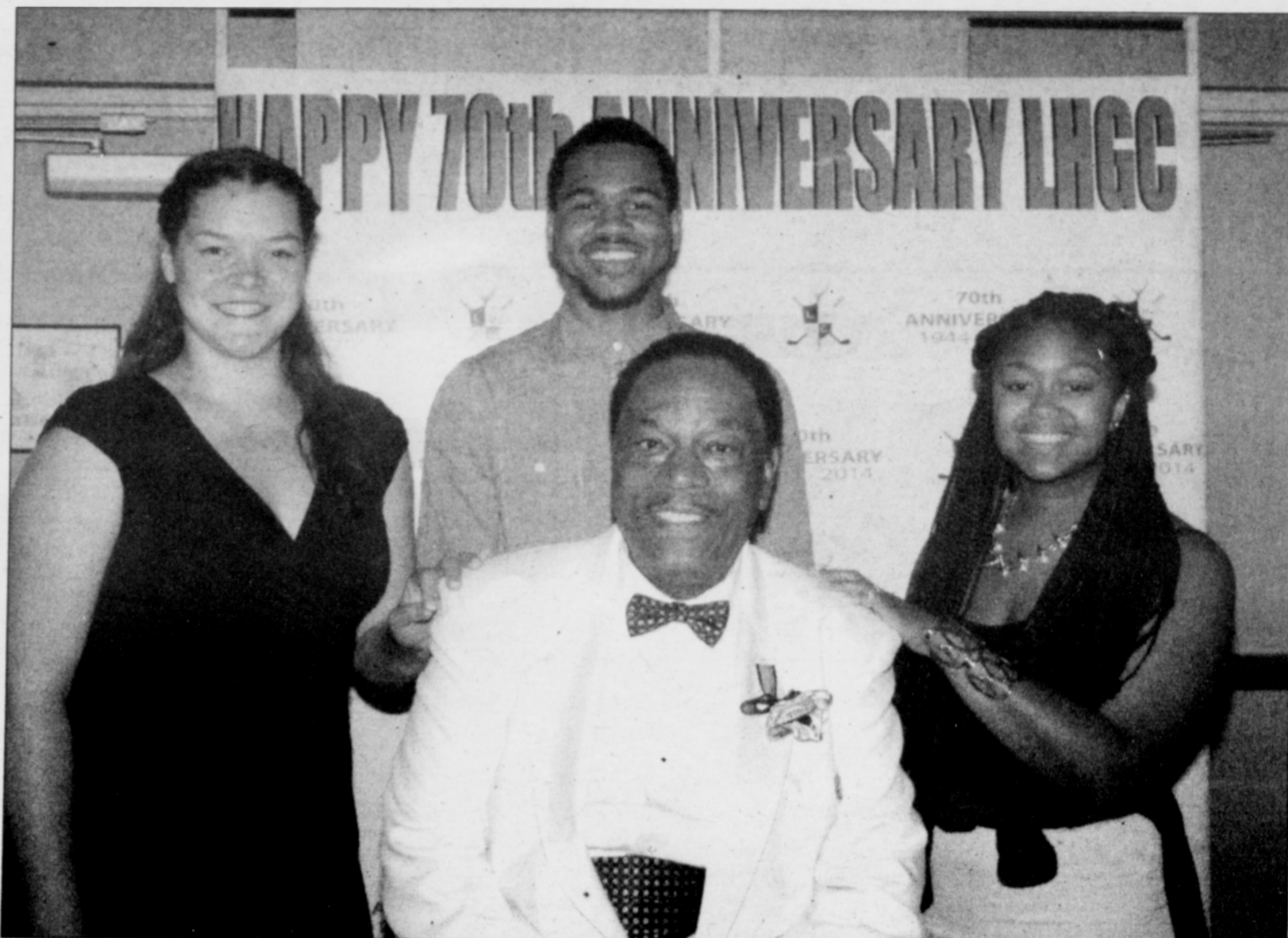


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Roy Jay of the African American Chamber of Commerce, master of ceremonies for the 79th anniversary of the Portland Leisure Hour Golf Club, poses with the student club members who won scholarships during the recent celebration, Briget Lang (from left), Silas Melson and Kenya Spears.

Diversity in Golf for 70 Years

Portland Leisure Hour Golf Club, a non-profit organization that has brought diversity to the game of golf since the 1940s held their 70th anniversary this month. It was a special event not just for the celebration but for all that attended.

Roy Jay, president of the African

American Chamber of Commerce, served as master of ceremonies. He received warm thanks and a standing ovation for helping raise \$30,000 in donations for the organization.

Leisure Hour Golf Club Chairman Bob Williams presented three lucky students of the club \$3,000 scholar-

ships to attend the college of their choice. Jay then called the students on stage and presented them additional gifts of \$500 each from him and his wife. Wow! did those kids' eyes light up! Then everyone gave Jay another standing ovation and he received hugs from all three students.

Housing Options Open Up

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action against their landlords.

Hendler said that the path to opening up more housing options for low-income residents is longer than we might expect.

"People can still do credit checks and discriminate against tenants, but this law will prevent landlords from simply denying Section 8 vouchers altogether," she said. "This is still a massive gain for com-

munities of color. Basically it's saying that you cannot discriminate against someone just because they have a Section 8 voucher. It's a step in the right direction and that's the important part."

It remains unclear how many apartment complexes and homes have opened up to Section 8 renters since the July 1 onset of the new law. While obviously it will take more time to see what kind of long-term results are created by its implemen-

tation, housing advocates predict that at least some Section 8 recipients will move towards the city center in reverse of past trends that saw disadvantaged residents pushed further out.

Hendler expressed concern that it might be too late to reverse the effects of gentrification. "It is never too late to diversify a community, but it's hard to say what kind of results to expect. We can plant the seeds of change in these areas but it will take time for our efforts to show. This isn't just about what people can afford but about where they feel comfortable and where they can find the resources they need. It will be years before things like black churches or Asian grocery stores can move, and they are the biggest indicators of where a community grows," she said.

Jill Smith, who works for the housing agency Home Forward and was involved in the formation of the bill said that she expects to see the effects of this new legislation in about six months. "Right now it's hard to tell," she said.

Smith has helped provide landlord training on Section 8 housing, training that will hopefully provide new residents and landlords with the tools they need to adjust to the new anti-discrimination bill.

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