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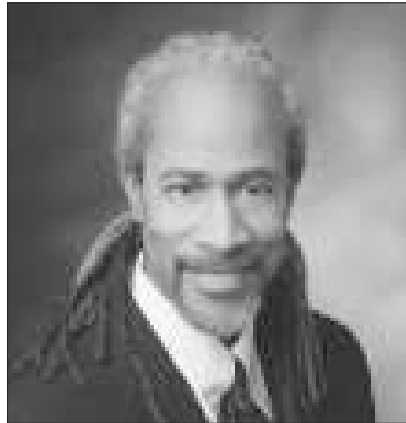


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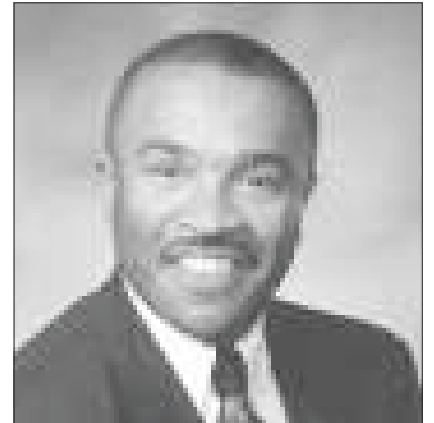
Fred Meyer

What's on your list today?

LOCAL NEWS



Michael Alexander



Lolenzo Poe

Leaving Black Youth Out

Local leaders criticize Governor's budget

A group of leaders from Portland's black community say they are deeply frustrated and disappointed in the lack of specific support for African American youth in the governor's new budget for state government services.

Just as the city of Portland has joined a new Black Male Achievement initiative born of the Obama White House to improve the outcomes for black men and young black males, the Urban League of Portland says Gov. John Kitzhaber's Opportu-

nity agenda fails to mirror the national conversation.

"If ever there were a group of students who needed the support of a governor with a strong vision for education it would be our black young men specifically and all black children in general, but we have not seen your words turn to action," the civil rights organization wrote in a Jan. 23 letter to the governor.

Signed by Michael Alexander, Urban League of Portland president; Lolenzo Poe, chair of the African American Alliance, Charles McGee of the Black

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Fire at Allen Temple Church

An electric fire erupted at the Allen Temple CME Church Saturday evening, sending plumes of smoke into the King Neighborhood.

Firefighters managed to extinguish most of the fire before it could spread and further destroy the historic building, but then a second electric fire was spotted later that night near the roof.

An investigator with Portland Fire and Rescue determined that this was an electrical fire in the wall. The Fire Bureau will release estimates on the damages when they are available.

Sunday services will be held at the Maranatha Church at 4222 N.E. 12th Ave. until the church is repaired.

Final Push for Healthcare Signups



Uninsured Portlanders are invited to take care of their hearts and health this Valentine's Day by signing up for the Affordable Care Act.

The Saturday, Feb. 14 event sponsored by Planned Parenthood and the Coalition of Community Health Clinics will be held at Emanuel Hospital's Lorenzen Center at 2801 N. Gantenbein Ave., between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the last day before the enrolment period for 2015 ends.

Officials said it is very important that anyone who is still uninsured take advantage of this public event. To learn more, call 503-260-0682.