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# Meadowlark Lemon Dies

## 'Clown Prince' of basketball was 83

(AP) — Meadowlark Lemon, the "clown prince" of basketball's barnstorming Harlem Globetrotters, whose blend of hook shots and humor brought joy to millions of fans around the world, died Sunday, Dec. 27 in Scottsdale, Ariz. He was 83.

Though skilled enough to play professionally, Lemon instead wanted to entertain, his dream of playing for the Globetrotters hatched after watching a newsreel of the all-black team at a cinema house when he was 11.

Lemon ended up becoming arguably the team's most popular player, a showman known as much for his confetti-in-the-water-bucket routine and slapstick comedy as his half-court hook shots and no-look, behind-the-back passes.

A sign of his crossover appeal, Lemon was inducted into both the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and the International Clown Hall of Fame.

"My destiny was to make people happy," Lemon said as he was inducted into the basketball hall as a contributor to the game in 2003.

Lemon played for the Globetrotters during the team's heyday from the mid-1950s to the late-1970s, delighting fans with his skills with a ball and a joke. Traveling by car,



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bus, train or plane nearly every night, Lemon covered nearly 4 million miles to play in over 100 countries and in front of popes and presidents, kings and queens. Known as the "Clown Prince of Basketball," he averaged 325 games per year during his prime, that luminous smile never dimming.

"Meadowlark was the most sensational, awesome, incredible basketball player I've ever seen," NBA great and former Globetrotter Wilt Chamberlain said shortly before his death in 1999. "People would say it would be Dr. J or even (Michael) Jordan. For me it would be Meadowlark Lemon."

## The Week in Review

### No Indictment in Tamir Rice Case

The police officer who killed 12-year-old Tamir Rice outside a Cleveland recreation center last year won't face criminal charges. Neither will the other officer who was with him. An Ohio grand jury failed to indict the officers on Monday, following the recommendation of the local prosecutor who said there was no criminal intent.

### Landslide Buckles Highway

A massive landslide caused a state highway to buckle at the border of Coos and Douglas counties over the Christmas holiday. The Oregon Department of Transportation says that it could take at least a month to fully clear debris and repair damages to Oregon Highway 42.

### Bakery Pays Up Fines

The defendants in a high-profile discrimination case in Gresham deposited \$135,000 to pay state fines this week, but say they will continue to appeal the verdict. The owners of Sweet Cakes by Melissa were charged for denying services to a lesbian couple.

### Man Falls to Death

A man died after falling nine stories from an apartment balcony shortly after 6 a.m. on Christmas Eve. Emergency responders found the man dead outside the Vue Apartments on Southwest Park near Portland State University. Traffic was closed and investigators are still trying to learn the circumstances surrounding the fatality.

### Champion for Refugees Dies

Jerome "Jerry" Stern, a Portland businessman who used his wealth and influence to help relocate hundreds of Jewish refugees from the Soviet Union, died this week at his home in Portland. He was 89 years old.

# Paying it Forward

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bers' homes, and the process continued that way for years. But as the chapter grew, it became necessary to locate larger and larger meeting space.

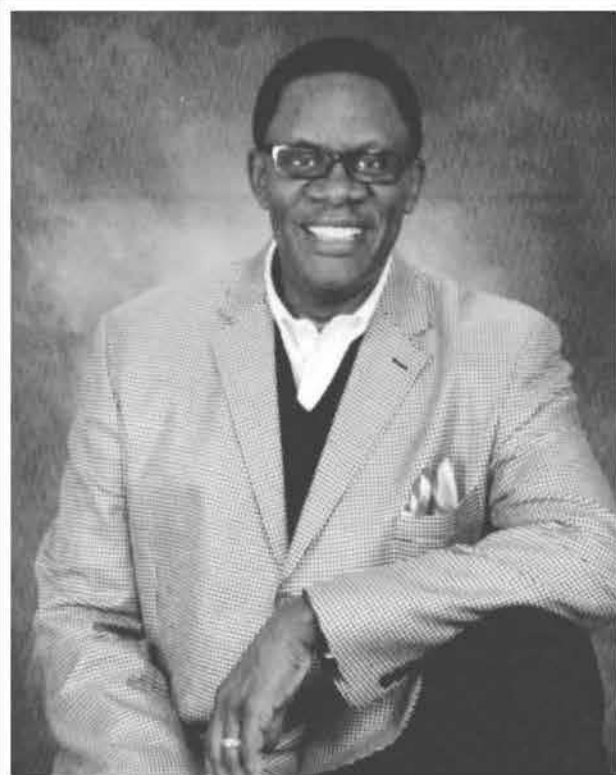
Key dreamt of having a permanent meeting site large enough to accommodate 40 to 60 people. Her search resulted in the discovery of a long abandoned Arco gas

station and convenience store on the corner of North Albina and Ainsworth Street, across from the glowing, rose-covered Peninsula Park.

The property itself was unsightly, trashed, boarded up, and piled high with rubbish. Arco wanted to dispose of the property and sold it to Key for a very modest price in 1992 so that it could be turned over to Delta Sigma Theta as a future community site.

Poole-Jones and others made the dream become a reality. They left a mark that reminded many Portlanders of what a community can do when it comes together. The sorority won a \$70,000 grant from Pacific Power's Blue Sky renewable energy program to install solar panels on the center and secured many other environmentally friendly contributions.

The sculpture commemorates Poole-Jones' efforts, but also the promise of a sustainable future for all women of color in the heart of a quickly gentrifying neighborhood.



Dr. Billy R. Flowers

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