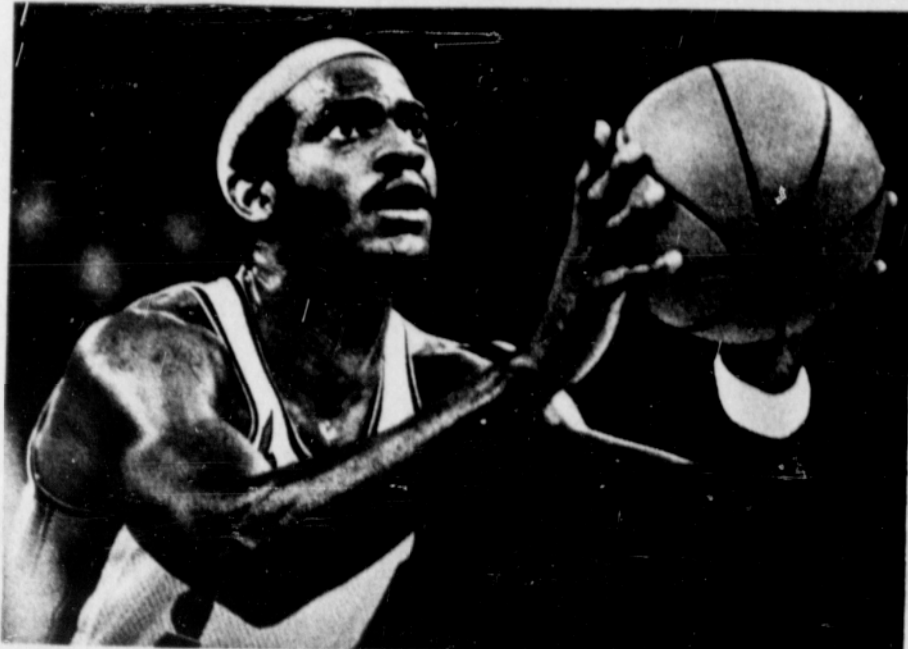


Wicks leads Trailblazers to victory



Super Sid showing the form that led to one of his game high 34 points.

by Ron Sykes

Sidney Wicks, often criticized by some Portland fans, let it all hang out Tuesday night against the hapless Kansas City Kings.

Kansas City never gave up and battled the Blazers to the very end before bowing 114-113, due mainly to the inspired play of one "Super Sid". Those of us that are Wicks fans had better enjoy the fine play of Sid's while we can, because it's this writers belief that after this year it will be off to Los Angeles for Sid and better things to come.

Wicks plays the most steady game of any of the Blazers, yet his performance seems completely ignored by the press and often Coach Wilkens. After Tuesday nights victory, one in which Sid was completely in charge for the Blazers, Coach Wilkens had this to say, "Lloyd kept us in there in the early part of the game by hitting his jumpers." The coach must have had his eyes closed in the early part of the game, while Wicks was continually beating his man, and driving for easy lay-ups. Wilkens went on to say, "Gross played very well down the stretch. He made us move quicker." In reality it was again Super Sid, the fastest big forward in the NBA, leading the Blazer fast break. "It helped to have Walton in there, you want to be a running club but when Walton's not 100 percent, it makes it hard to do."

Sure we all know Walton is a great ball player, when he's healthy - but when is he not ailing? It irks me to see the fans boo a player like Wicks, who plays every game, who is very consistent, who is relatively free of injuries year in and year out. One has to wonder what would have happened to Sid if he had had the kind of year, and said the things Bill Walton said last year. And I'm not knocking Walton, just trying to show how biased the Portland fans are.

Surely we wouldn't want to knock big Walton because no matter what's been said he's truly a champion of the minorities. What I'm trying to show is the disparity shown between the two super stars. Sid can play 48 minutes, score 48 points, yet the bad birds will be out as soon as he makes one bad pass. Big Walton can miss 48 straight games, but as soon as he takes the floor and laces his shoes there's a standing ovation. Well, anyway, after this year they (the fans) won't have Super Sid to kick around any longer. Wicks is now and always has been a leader. The same is true of Lionel Hollins - yet instead of being adored he too is the constant victim of the boo birds. It leads one to believe if you're Black and the leader type, you're in trouble, at least in Portland. I hope Lionel will take a lesson from Wicks and always hold his head high despite the bias.

Super Sid has been booed by the Lake Oswego people, but don't despair Sid - we love you in the Ghetto.

Community Calendar

Oregon Minority Educators Organization will meet Wednesday, April 7th at 128 N.E. Russell, 7:30 p.m. A short film will follow. All educators are asked to attend.

A series of talks for the parents of children with Down's Syndrome will be held, beginning April 6th, at the Portland Child Development and Rehabilitation Center. The program is co-sponsored by the Crippled Children's Division of the University of Oregon Health Science Center and the Multnomah/Clackamas/Washington County Association for Retarded Citizens.

The five meetings will be held Tuesdays, 7:30-10:00 p.m. at 707 S.W. Gaines Road, room 3204 and run through May 4th.

Babysitting will be provided for a nominal fee. For further information on the sessions contact Diane Plumridge, 225-8344.

The City-County Commission on Aging will meet on Thursday, April 8th, at 12:30 p.m. in the Water Bureau Building. Mr. O.J. Gates, Director, states that the meeting will be in the Basement Auditorium, entrance on S.W. 5th and Montgomery. The room will be available at 12:00 noon for those who wish to bring a sack lunch.

The YMCA's Southeast Project Move Center, 4241 S.E. Hawthorne Boulevard, is holding a rummage sale April 24th and 25th and needs second hand items to be donated.

All funds will go toward Project Move, a teenage activity center for junior high and high school. For further information or pick-up of your re-usable items, call the Center, 238-0419.

The International Y's Men's Club of Vancouver is sponsoring an evening of family entertainment with Bruce Kelly's New Oregon Singers, Saturday, April 3rd at Shunway Junior High School in Vancouver at 8:00 p.m.

Funds raised from ticket sales will help support the Vancouver YMCA's Summer Day Camp Program at Battleground State Park, and YMCA World Service, which assists the Columbia, South America YMCA Camping Program and the YMCA's Hong Kong Institute.

Tickets are on sale at all three Justins Studios in Vancouver and at the Vancouver Y and Downtown Portland Y. Reserved seats are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children. For additional information, call the Vancouver Y, 695-3414 or the Portland Y, 223-6161.

Book Sale - Jewish Community Center, 6651 S.W. Capitol Highway. Recycled hardbacks, paperbacks, fact, fiction, foreign language - adult and children's books. Doors open 9:00 a.m. April 4th - sale will continue as books last through the week.

Public Affairs Forum - Jewish Community Center, 6651 S.W. Capitol Highway. "The Arab Boycott and its Implications" on April 7th. Speaker will be David Stahl, Regional Director Anti-Defamation League. No charge.

Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham will sponsor SPIRA, a company of dancers in concert Thursday, April 8th, 8:00 p.m., in the Mt. Hood Community College Theater.

This concert will be the company's first performance in the Portland area. The five dancers, composer, and designer perform a repertoire of original works created through the collaboration of modern dance, music, and light.

Tickets are available through the theater ticket office and are \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students, and 50c for children under twelve.

"In Celebration", another double award winner for David Storey, is opening at "The New Theatre", 215 S.E. 9th at Pine, on April 9th at 8:30 p.m. and will continue Fridays and Saturdays through May 8th. A rich and deeply satisfying story of three sons who come home to help their old fashioned and poor parents celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. This play was one of last season's Film Theatre Festival choices, and has been acclaimed by both London and New York critics. Peter Fornara, former director of "The Portland Shakespeare Company" directs.

During the month of April, the City Council will be holding hearings on the City's proposed budget for 1976-1977. Hearings will be held in Room 106 at City Hall. For additional information call the Office of Neighborhood Associations 248-4505 between 10:00 and 2:00.

Monday, April 5th - 9:30-12:00, Office of Public Works Administrator Bureau of CE Services/Lighting Division, Bureau of Streets and Structural Engineering, 2:00-4:00, Bureau of Maintenance and Bureau of Waste Water Treatment; Tuesday, April 6th - 9:30-12:00, Bureau of Sanitary Engineering, Bureau of Refuse Disposal and Bureau of Water Works; Thursday, April 8th - 2:00-4:30, Bureau of Water Works and Bureau of Parks, Golf; Monday, April 12th - 9:30-12:00, Office of Planning and Development, Housing and Community Development and Portland Development Commission - 2:00-4:30, Bureau of Human Resources, CETA, Office of General Services, Bureau of Facilities Management and Parking Facilities; Tuesday, April 13th - 9:30-12:00, Central Services, Electronic Services, Public Safety Commission Project and DPA.

CRAG Citizens Advisory Committee meeting recriteria for reviewing local citizen participation programs as related to regional program for community involvement. At 527 S.W. Hall on April 7th at 7:30 p.m.

Residential Care Facility Licensing Board initial review of license applications of Youth Advocates, Tucker Boys Program, and Rita Owens Group Home in Room 321, City Hall on April 13th at 12:30 p.m.

CRAG Public Workshops on Housing Issues. Peninsula Park Recreation Center, 6400 N. Albina on April 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Humboldt Neighborhood Program Organization, Humboldt School, 4915 N. Gantenbein Avenue, 7:30 p.m. Woodlawn Improvement Association, Woodlawn School, 7200 N.E. 11th, on April 13th, at 7:30 p.m. Elliot Neighborhood Program Association, Williams Avenue Community Development Office, 2416 N. Williams Avenue, on April 14th, at 7:30 p.m. Sahin Community Association, Meeting place to be announced at later date, on April 19th, at 7:30 p.m. Boise Citizen Improvement Association, Boise School, 620 N. Fremont, on April 27th, at 7:30 p.m.

Consumer concerns explored

The Cosmopolitan Motor Hotel will be site of a "Consumer Workshop" Monday, April 5, 1976, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Presenting the event will be the Portland Chapter of the National Association for Community Development.

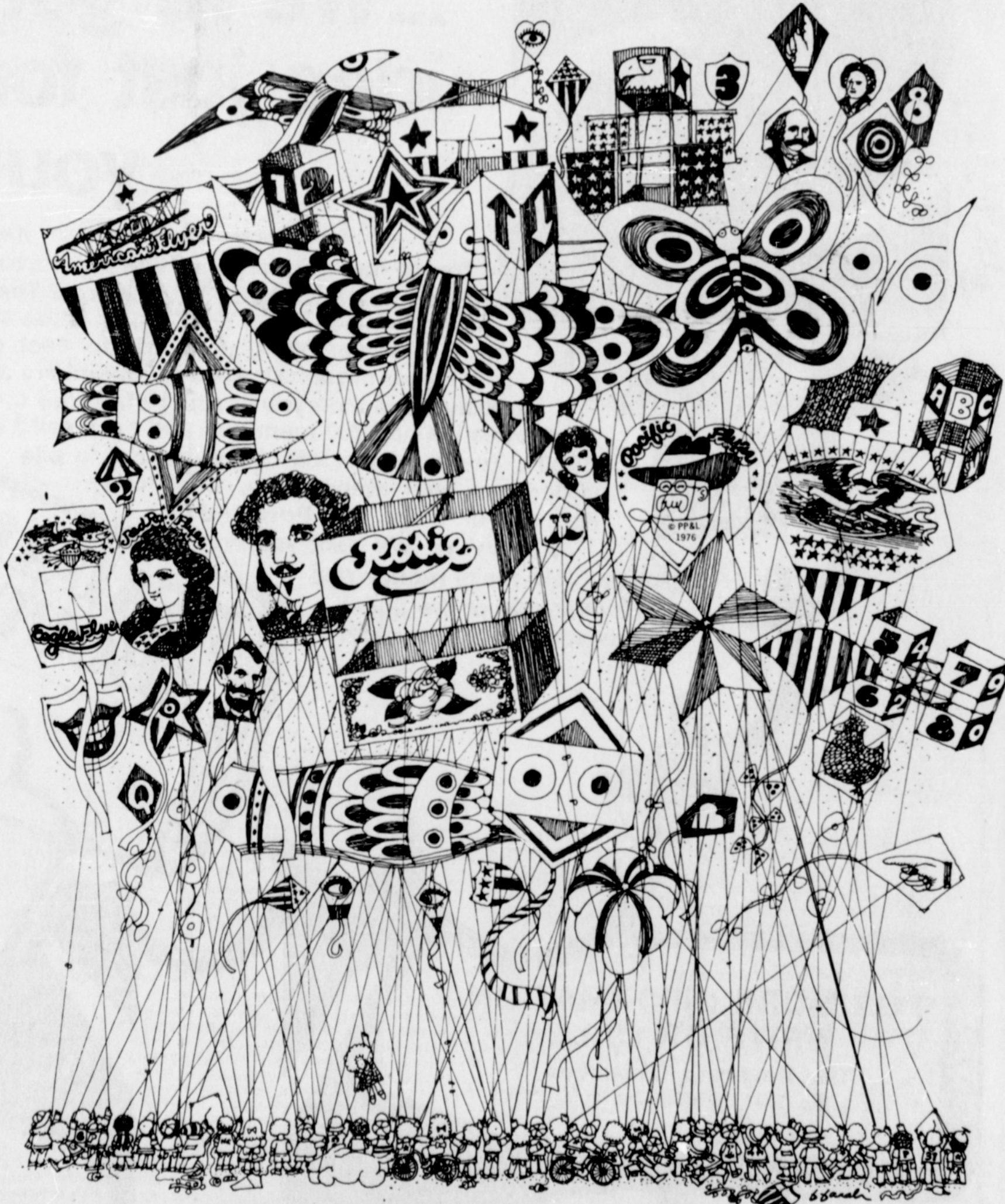
The Workshops will address such issues as "Automobile Rip-Offs", which will be discussed by Rich Cornthwaite, Investigator, Consumer Protection Division, State Attorney General's Office; "Senior Dollar Power" will be discussed by Ms. Carol Herron, Consumer Education Instructor, Portland Community College; the topic of "Bankruptcy" will be discussed by Portland Attorney Charles Erwin; "Your Food Dollar" will be discussed by

Ms. Edean Matsumoto, Nutrition Consultant, and Ms. Eugenie Adair, Nutrition Aide for the Oregon State Health Department.

The special luncheon speaker will be Thomas H. McLachlen, Regional Counsel, Comptroller of the Currency, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Workshops will be repeated, and will be held in the morning and afternoon to allow participants to attend and participate in at least two areas of concern.

Registration fee for the event, which includes lunch, coffee breaks and materials is \$20.00. Persons interested in attending may obtain registration information by calling Art Dilworth at 288-8391.



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