



Congradulated by court, Robin Luryne Marks begins reign as Portland's 1980 Rose Festival Queen.

(Photo by: Richard J. Brown)



1980 Junior Rose Festival Queen Ruth Elaine Bade plants a rose bush in ceremony at Peninsula Park.

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Boise Elementary graduates students

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On June 6, 1980, over three hundred parents, relatives, friends, students, teachers, and media, packed the Boise School gymnasium, to witness the graduation of sixty-seven happy, smiling, and nonored students.

Guest speaker for the graduation was Mrs. Freddie Pettet, Director of the Urban League, Portland Branch. She stressed the importance of education, responsibility, and the ability of the students to learn from

their mistakes.

Mrs. Pettet's tempo was smooth and inspirational. "You are now moving from boys and girls, to men and women, therefore, you must begin to realize the importance of taking responsibility for your actions, treat people right, including your brothers, sisters, parents, teachers, community and yourselves."

Graduates presented by principal Dave McCrea are: Linda Andrews, Tony Lasley, Diane Beck, Curtis Crawford, Sai Mua, Tabetha San-

ders, Stephanie Harden, Vicki Channel, Galen Harden, Bruce Harris, Chris Pennington, Lenard Taylor, Nina Taylor, Robert Harris, Robert Nelson.

Rosetta Forbes, Anthony Freeman, John Henry, Robert Henry, Ma Her, Demetria Herron, Ericka Hill, Theresa Holcey, Terrol Jackson, Stacy Long, Sandra Mayes, Ray Mitchell, Ronald Pollard, Artangia Presley, Lugene Scott, Janice Staples, Brenda Taylor, Louis Waller, Sebastian Williams, Thay Xiong, Song Yang,

Edward Abrams, T. J. Johnson, Pamela Behurst, David Lewis, Tony Menefee, Paul Miles, Sua Mua, Clarence Ratcliff, Ronald Richardson, Billy Sly, Dorothy Staples, Mario Wysingle, Willie Smith, Carlos Barfield, Tanda Barfield, Lisa Bowen, Cheng Cha.

Eddie Taylor, Troyce Crowder, Stephen Davis, Rosie Ann Lewis, Souen Loun, Selwyn Myers, Meuychio Saechao, Gary Snowden, Lisa Staples, Vue Thao, Bee Vang, Her Vang, Sao VAng, Va Vang, Lorenzo Watson.

Robin crowned

Robin Luryne Marks was chosen Queen of Rosaria Friday evening -- Portland's first Black Rose Queen. The 18 year old Lincoln High School senior will reign over the Rose Festival and all festival association events until a new queen is chosen next June.

The favorite of all of the spectators interviewed by the *Observer*, Queen Robin's selection completed two hours of ceremony and expectation -- and all were pleased.

Queen Robin is well known for her athletic accomplishments. She competed in the AAA State Track Meet during pre-festival activities,

bringing home the state record in the 200 meter dash; and she was a member of the all-city second basketball team.

She is also recognized for her academic achievements, having received an Elk's Club Most Valuable Student Scholarship.

Although she will continue in track at the University of Arizona, Queen Robin's sights are set on a career as an aeronautical engineer.

She is the daughter of Maggie and Richard Marks.

Queen Robin's message to her peers: "This is 1980 and we're seeing the start of a new decade."

Patrick heads social services

The Human Resources Bureau, City of Portland, has appointed Ms. Barbara Patrick to the position of Social Services Division Manager, effective June 16, 1980. She will be assuming the position previously held by Mrs. Erma Hepburn who was recently appointed to the position of Executive Director. Mrs. Patrick will be leaving her present position as a member of the Executive Director's staff to manage the Area Agency on Aging

and the Youth Services Unit.

She has been employed with the Bureau for over five years and was formerly with Model Cities for four years. Her many years of experience evaluating social service programs, working with citizens advisory groups and governmental agencies, and her long-standing concerns for senior citizens and youth makes her appointment of significant importance to the residents of Portland and Multnomah County.

Manning wins rights award

Oregon Labor and Industries Commissioner Mary Wendy Roberts has issued a final order requiring Sierra Tile Manufacturing, Inc. of Portland to pay nearly \$1,000 in back wages to a job applicant who was discriminated against on the basis of race.

Eddie Manning filed a civil rights complaint with the bureau in December, 1977 after a telephone conversation with the company's president, Dick Williams. Manning's call was in response to a help wanted advertisement for a laborer.

Although Manning did not mention his race or color during the conversation, he alleges that Williams made reference to having hired several of "Y'all" in the past

and further stated that several of "Y'all" didn't show up for work.

After the phone conversation, Manning called the bureau and spoke with Civil Rights Division Investigator Reina Smith who immediately called Williams. Smith took notes during the conversation during which Williams made several references to "those Blacks" and at least once stated that he had hired too many of "those Blacks" already.

The damages awarded represent the amount Manning would have earned before he found other employment minus legal deductions and the unemployment compensation benefits he earned during that time.

Agency monitors hazzards

Preliminary information from the Federal Emergency Management Agency indicates high proportions of silica in the volcanic ash makes it dangerous to the health of certain "high risk" groups, and over a period of several months it could become dangerous to the general population.

Factors that are considered in assessing respiratory health risks are: airborn concentration of particles; size of particles; weight of particles

containing free crystalline silica; host facts such as smoking, respiratory disease or occupation; use of protective devices; frequency and duration of exposure.

It is estimated that four to six percent of workers in fields with high exposure to ash will develop silicosis and use of respiratory equipment for these groups should continue. Unless exposure continues for a period of months, exposure of the general public is considered less dangerous.



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