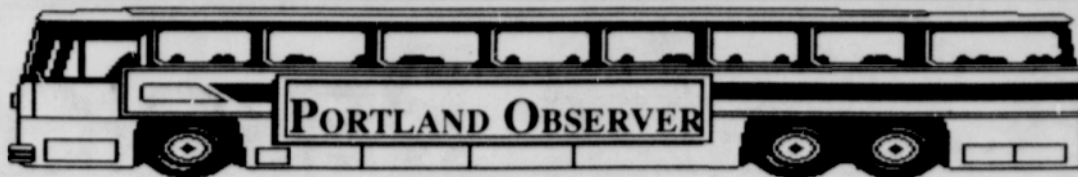


# NEWS AROUND TOWN



## This Week In History

By Angellique Sanders



On this anniversary of D-day (June 6, 1944) and due to the untimely death of Ronald Gene Washington, Jr., this column will focus on wars and hate-crimes, and the senselessness of such.

Many claim that people are violent by their very nature, and therefore, they claim, wars are inevitable. I don't believe this to be true. War is an archaic, juvenile way of dealing with a conflict (or conflicts) that should be dealt with on an intellectual basis. What happens, though, is that people become impatient and frustrated; when they can't make people accept their opinion via intellectual means, they try to "force" it using their fists.

Any solution that a fight on any scale (fist fight, murder, war, whatever) achieves is only a temporary solution, a Band-aid on a major wound. The loser--the repressed party--is not satisfied, and they suppress anger and ir-resolution until an opportunity for revolt arises.

Discord seems to turn to a power struggle. Everyone wants his/her opinion "enforced"; often they will result to extremely violent means to do so. War is a power trip, an euphoric "rush"

for involved parties. It boosts the self-esteem of the warring persons or countries.

The problem with conflicts and ensuing power struggles is that it doesn't just affect those involved. It does not affect anyone in a positive way, either: though the "winner" feels boosted, it costs them, whether it be cuts and scratches, blood, or death on a mass scale. How can anyone call a war that causes hundreds of thousands or even millions of deaths of innocent victims a "success"?

Part of the problem is that people whom are unrelated to the conflict become involved. Picture how it is at a concert or some other massed people environment. Two people start a fight, and the group mentality envelopes everyone--everyone is so attuned to crowd environ and emotion, they do not fully facilitate their own capacity for thinking; they get "lost in the mind of the crowd"--soon everyone is swinging punches for reasons they can't recall later, probably because the reasons were so trivial, and they were so caught up in the atmosphere ("well, some guy shoved me, and next thing I know we're all fighting"). Similarly, in wars, two

warring countries suck the rest of the world into the mentality: one by one, countries enter the war until the whole world is fighting.

Additionally, in correlation with the Soviet-American Arms talks, I have a question for our men of power. Some years ago, I read that we had enough bombs, submarines, and missiles to blow up the entire world twelve times over. As that was before the Reagan era, one can reasonably presume that since that time, that figure has at least doubled. Regardless of the question as to whether we should completely disarm, shouldn't we at least stop building the bombs, and start feeding our people? One need only bomb the world once--not 12 or 24 times--if at all. And I read a while back that we spent two billion dollars on a missile that, in a test run, NEVER EVEN LIFTED OFF THE GROUND. Two billion dollars is a lot of food for a lot of people.

What I'm saying is, "duke it out" intellectually rather than with fists and knives. Let's call an end to senseless hatred and violence. Black brothers and sisters, join hands...as Lenny Kravitz tells us, let love rule.

## Teen Sex Abuse Conference Held

PORTLAND--About 115 youngsters in foster care gathered Wednesday, May 30, at a teen conference. Many of these kids have been victims of sexual abuse.

Sessions included the trauma of sex abuse and steps to deal with it, and the further abuse of youths in gangs. Ex-Traiblazer Michael Harper lead a session on rebuilding one's self-esteem after suffering abuse.

The conference concluded with youth offering their own ideas for improving CSD services to children and families. Kevin Concannon, director of the Department of Human Resources, Bill Carey, administrator of Children's

Services Division, and Lee Cornforth, coordinator of the state Independent Living Program, will be on hand to answer questions and respond to suggestions.

Last year's conference brought many creative ideas from teens: a handbook for kids in foster care is being printed; peer support groups are now offered statewide; a newsletter specifically for teens is being published; money is now available to help transition kids to living on their own.

This year's conference was held at the Airport Way Shilo Inn in Portland.

## Pacific Wants Dry Eye Study Volunteers

Pacific University, Forest Grove--The Pacific University College of Optometry is in need of community members to participate in a research study. Evaluations will be made of those who suffer from dry eyes, a condition common to many which can be helped.

Studies reveal that approximately 45% of all visual appointments are made because of reasons related to the dry eye condition.

Persons taking part in the study will receive a no-cost evaluation of their dry eye condition. These evaluations will include measurements of tear film quality and assessment of dry eye symptoms which include dryness, soreness, burning, and grittiness.

Study participants will be required to visit Pacific's Family Vision Centers in Portland of Forest Grove for three evaluations which will last approximately 30 minutes each. The entire study will be completed within a 10-day period.

For scheduling and more information about this research study, call Hersel Lewis at 288-3063 or Jeff Johnson at 357-0207.

## "Spotlight on Words"

The week of May 7 was book week at Portland Public Schools' Sabin elementary. As part of the "Spotlight on Words" celebration students and volunteers from Pacific Power read at the Albina Branch of the Multnomah Public Library Tuesday through Wednesday.

Commissioner Earl Blumenauer joined Pacific Power in presenting a \$250 check from Pacific to the school. The funds will go toward the purchase of library books. The contribution is made to Sabin through the School Partnership Program. Sabin is one of six Port-

land public schools selected for the \$2,000 grants. In each case, a \$1,000 donation by a company or community organization receives a matching grant from The Oregon Community Foundation.

Commissioner Blumenauer, with assistance from The Oregon Community Foundation and the Portland Chamber of Commerce, successfully spearheaded the creation of the School Partnership Program last year.

The purpose of the program is to bring businesses and other organizations together with the schools to provide additional learning opportunities for elementary school children. Grants are based on need.

*A false friend and a shadow attend only while the sun shines.*

## THANKS.

To all who supported my candidacy for Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge. Your trust is gratifying and appreciated.

Ancer L. Haggerty

Paid for and authorized by the Committee to Retain Circuit Court Judge Ancer L. Haggerty, P.O. Box 5184, Portland, Oregon 97208. Michael Schrunck, Treasurer.



### Commission Meeting

Date: June 13, 1990  
Place: Portland Building  
1120 SW Fifth Ave., 11th Fl.  
Portland, OR  
Time: 9:30 a.m.

Commission meetings are open to the public. A complete agenda is available at PDC. Call 796-5300.

PDC is the City of Portland's urban renewal and economic development agency.

<input type="checkbox"/> New Subscription
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
<input type="checkbox"/> Gift Subscription
Name _____
Company _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year - \$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Years - \$35.00
(Allow 2 to 3 weeks for Delivery)

## Cash Burial Life Insurance Plan

- Cash benefits from \$1,000 to \$10,000.
- Pay your beneficiary or the funeral home of your choice

- 5 and 10% growth plan options
  - Underwritten and administered by Homesteaders Life Company, Des Moines, Iowa
- Watch for our mailer for further details or call today for your free Personal Arrangement Guide

**Caldwell's Colonial Chapel**  
N.E. 14th & Sandy • 232-4111

## Traiblazer Kevin Duckworth Honorary Top Duck of De Paul Ducky Derby

Kevin Duckworth of the Portland Trailblazers has joined the De Paul Ducky Derby as the Honorary Top Duck. With Kevin's support, De Paul anticipates this year's race to be even more of a smashing success than last year's race.

In anticipation of the June 16 race, the De Paul Ducky Derby float made it's premier appearance in the Starlight parade, Saturday June 2.

The float was an 11' tall glowing duck made of balloons. Riding along with the float was 1990 Duck Chairman, John Brockamp, and Honorary

Duck Chairman, Jim Robinson, president of Thriftway Stores. The De Paul Ducky Derby Duck Mascot marched along the Parade route by the float.

The De Paul Ducky Derby is a unique fundraising raffle in which up to 50,000 rubber ducks will race down the Willamette River from the Hawthorne Bridge to a containment area near the Morrison Bridge. Prizes will be awarded to the sponsors of the first nine ducks to cross the finish line.

Sponsorship papers cost \$5, and are available at all Thriftway Stores, the

Rose Festival Booth in Pioneer Courthouse Square (June 1 10), as well as other sales booths at various shopping locations, and by credit card at 224-DUCK.

The De Paul Ducky Derby is a fundraiser for De Paul Treatment Centers, Inc., a non-profit organization which provides long-term, residential treatment for alcohol and drug addiction. Treatment at De Paul is offered exclusively to those who lack the financial resources to receive treatment elsewhere.

**BLOOD DONOR**  
**PORTLAND PLASMA DONOR CENTER**  
IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR  
**GRAND RE-OPENING**  
**JUNE 14**

Donate your life saving blood - plasma - receive cash for your time! Enjoy movies while you donate! Clean, safe, healthy & medically supervised. Efficient, sophisticated automated computers keep your time spent donating to a minimum.

**DURING OUR 1st WEEK OF RE-OPENING...**

- ★ Receive an extra \$5 for your visit
- ★ A \$50 gift certificate will be raffled off each day
- ★ Refreshments will be available

**PORTLAND DONOR CENTER: 249-1433**  
3726 NE Union Ave., Portland 97212  
**HOURS: MON-THURS: 8:00-7:00**  
**FRI: 8:00-4:00 SAT: 8:00-6:00**  
Call for more information about fees and bonuses

**DONATE PLASMA - GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE!!**

## Delta Air Lines Marks 10th Anniversary at PDX

On June 1, 1990, Delta Air Lines will mark its 10th anniversary at Portland International Airport (PDX).

When Delta began service on June 1, 1980, it had four daily departures from Portland to destinations in the southern United States, including Dallas/Ft. Worth and Atlanta.

Today, Delta has 19 departures daily from PDX, including flights to Tokyo, Seoul, Taipei, and Bangkok. In 1989, Delta was ranked second at PDX for passengers carried. With 950 employ-

ees, Delta is the largest employer at PDX.

Delta's growth at PDX, particularly for international service, was the driving force behind the \$22 million, 100,000-square-foot expansion of Concourse D, which opened in March 1989, with enlarged Customs and Immigration service areas and five wide-body aircraft gates.

Delta also contributes much to Oregon through its support of trade and tourism activities, including sponsorship of the 1990 Rose Festival Parade.

Community Events  
National News & Opinions  
Entertainment Information  
Interesting Cultural Columns  
N/NE Portland Merchants  
Community Calendar

## The Portland Observer

Oregon's Oldest African-American Newspaper  
Appearing Weekly In Your Neighborhood

Catch the Neighborhood News Angle In The Portland Observer

## ARKANSAS CLUB OF OREGON

Presents

"All Male Fashion Show"

SPORTS BUSINESS



EVENING

D.J. MASTER "T"



FORMAL

Sunday - June 10, 1990  
6:00 p.m. - 10: p.m.

Royal Esquire Community Center  
1625 N.E. Alberta

\$5.00/Advance

Tickets

\$7.00/Door

Members and Guests Only

**Ruthie's Rib-it BBQ Sauce**

1744 NE Morgan / Portland, Oregon 97211

**RUTHIE SAYS:**  
"Please Say No to Drugs"

Call 289-1479