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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### Portland School District Will Cut 400 Positions

Budget cuts will cost the Portland School district at least 400 positions for the next year. Pink slips will be issued in the next few weeks.

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### Gambling Report Upsets Jordan

Michael Jordan (Chicago Bulls) was very angry about the rumors that he was out late gambling in Atlantic City the night before the second game of the playoff series.

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### Tri-Mets Tunneling Causes Controversy

Tri-Met and Finelys and Finelys patrons met in court over a very touchy situation. Tri-Met needs to tunnel under Finelys Sunset Hills Memorial Park, and this has caused some real anxiety and personal concern from Finelys and families who have loved ones buried there.

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### Garbage Decrease Turns Into Increase

The City has egg on their faces as the fee for garbage pick up goes from a five cent decrease to a thirty cent increase. The city made a mistake in the financial planning of their services Portlanders.

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### Longview Teacher Suspended

Longview teacher, Larry Wagle, was given a two week suspension for offering his students extra credit for buying condoms. Wagle is a history teacher at Mark Morris High School. Parents, students and staff are divided in their opinion over the issue.

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### Repeal Measure 5

Lawmakers are a little nervous that Oregonians will reject a sales tax, so they are looking at some other alternatives. Bottom line some are discussing the repealing of Measure 5.

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### Whatever Happened To Black Love:

The play written by Houston, Texas playwright Thomas Melancon is returning to Portland for a second performance. It will be on the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Halls stage again. See article on Page

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### Clinton Potpourri

Contradictory statements involving travel workers; Tax plan barely makes it; Visits war memorial.

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## New County Chair Hooked Big One When He Moved to Multnomah County

BY TOM STIMMEL

Hank Miggins, the new head of Multnomah County government, moved here a dozen years ago because this is where he wanted to be. Portland topped his personal "liveability list" of cities around the country—cities of medium-size with both cultural and outdoor activities at hand.

"Portland was number one," he said. "Number two was Portland, Maine; and Bellingham, Washington was third."

Henry C. Miggins applied here first and was hired on his third job application, although it wasn't the job he applied for. He was interviewed at City Hall and was told that County Auditor Jewel Lansing, just down the street, needed a certified internal auditor. That's what Miggins was, and he's been with the county since.

For the last seven years he had been executive assistant to Gladys McCoy, who as chair of the board of commissioners, was the county's chief executive officer. After McCoy's death last month, Miggins became acting chair. Now he seeks to retain that office in a special election June 29.

Being a government auditor followed naturally from experience. Miggins, now 58, spent 22 years as an Air Force finance specialist, progressing from accounting to budgeting to internal auditing. He made the requisite transfers (including duty in Duluth, Minn., and Youngstown, Ohio), served in England, and vol-

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Henry C. Miggins

## City Extends Permit Center Hours

City Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury announced today that the City of Portland will begin an experiment in opening the Permit Application Center one hour earlier every day. Starting on Tuesday, June 1, 1993 the Permit application Center will begin opening each day at 7:30 a.m. instead of the current opening of 8:30. The Center will stay open each day until 4:30 p.m. and will continue to be open each Thursday evening from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Kafoury, who oversees the Bureau of Buildings, has asked Buildings staff to develop an experimental schedule of earlier hours to see whether the extended hours are more convenient and provide better accessibility for permit applications. This experiment will be tried for six weeks. During the experimental period staff in the Permit Application Center will also be conducting a survey of center customers to get user feedback on the center's operation.

The idea of the extended hours was brought up in a recent review of the City's subdivision application process. "We're trying to test some of the suggestions we've gotten from contractors and homeowners who use the Permit Center on a regular basis. Being open before regular working hours will not only provide for better parking for center users, but will also allow homeowners to visit the center before their own working day begins. We're trying this experiment within the existing staff level. After the trial period, we'll adjust center hours based on the usage and the input we get. I'm committed to finding ways to continue the extended hours."

According to Margaret Mahoney, Director of the Bureau of Buildings about 60% of the 6,500 building permits issued by the City each year are issued "over the counter" in the Permit Application Center. About 200 persons visit the Center daily to meet with City staff from the bureaus of Buildings, Planning, Fire, Water, and Transportation to review land use and building permit applications. As there has been more development and remodeling within the City over the past several years, waiting times in the Permit Application Center have gotten longer. The experimental hours should also assist in reducing waiting times for applicants.

## Metro Calls For Review Of Recommendation Excluding Blacks

BY STEPHEN MOORE

Commentary & Independent Columnist

The popular slogan used throughout the state in the convention and tourism industry... "Oregon... Things Look Different Here" has taken on a different meaning when it comes to the inclusion of African American involvement in marketing Portland, the convention center or anywhere else in the state.

Most recently the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission, chaired by Black business owner, Sam Brooks voted unanimously to recommend a lucrative 3 year multi-million dollar contract to be renewed in favor of the Portland Oregon Visitors Association.

The recommendation, which still has to meet final approval by METRO regional government commissioners, excluded any contractual participation from the only other applicant, Oregon Convention and Visitor Services Network, which is headed by Black business entrepreneur, Roy Jay. Jay, a native of Portland has been active in Portland and Oregon's growing convention and visitor industry for the past 10 years and his organization has been instrumental in assisting and referring not just Black conventions, but many others to help boost economic and employment opportunities throughout the city and region.

The recommendation by Sam Brooks and the MERC board has outraged many Black residents that have experienced POVA's past performance and lack of sincere commitment and involvement as it relates to African American convention marketing, delegate servicing and especially hiring practices for marketing and top management positions. POVA insiders remember that it was just last year that Brooks was on a POVA awards committee with former Mayor Bud Clark and others that selected Roy Jay as the recipient of POVA's prestigious "President's Award" for his ef-

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## Les Femmes Debs and Cavs... Growing To Be Men And Women... Phenomenally



Monique Means



Tynae Triplett



Adriel Person

Les Femmes has trained 29 high school seniors for adulthood and is prepared to present them in their 42nd Annual Debutante and Cavalier Ball in June.

Les Femmes exists to improve the lives of African-American youth, while preparing them for life after high school. Students are encouraged to join the organization as young as the sixth grade, although most join while freshmen or sophomores in high school. All

students in the program are required to maintain good grades, perform community service and adhere to a strict code of ethics.

As a reward for successfully completing these tasks each participant is challenged at a private "Rites of Passage" then presented at the formal ball after graduating from high school.

Each week through June, Les Femmes and the Portland Observer will feature three

young people who were chosen as 1993 debutantes and cavaliers. This week meet Monique Means (Jefferson high School), Adriel Person (Benson High School), and Tynae Triplett (Benson High School) who will share with you why they are "chosen".

Means - What is a Debutante? A Debutante is a young woman who has respect for herself. A Debutante is a young woman who carries herself in a lady-like manner and is not

ashamed of what she sees in the mirror. I am a person with high self esteem, and because of that some people may perceive me as being stuck up, or too good, but I won't allow that or anyone to bring me down. I have respect for myself, just as well as others, and I know I carry myself like a young lady. With a good head on my shoulders I know where I'm going in life, and what I have to do to get there. As a Les Femmes Organization.

Person -- I am the true sense of the phrase, a "Phenomenal woman" in the making. A young woman lacking only fine pointing and sharpening of her many skills to perfect her already fine qualities. I am a leader who is not ashamed or afraid to be the "Square" because I know that in the end it will make me a stronger person, and my morals and dignity, self pride and respect will last through the storm.

I feel that I'm unusual in many ways, one of which is because my goals and dreams are set so high. To me this is assurance that even if my reaching for those high aspirations I do fall, I won't fall to the ground, but I will, for reaching so high, remain at the top.

Triplett - A Debutante should be an example of one willing to accept criticism for use in a constructive manner as she grows further into adulthood. A Deb must not forget her past, whether good or bad and use her experiences as stepping stones to succeed.

While growing up has been a challenge, it has made me want to be a legend in time. I want to leave my mark as the person who shared understanding and happiness. Friends, family, and Les Femmes have shown me how to be the best I can be, to hold my head up no matter what the circumstance and press forward.

### MetroLife

#### "Portland 'Dreamers' To Attend Whitman College In July"

Fifty students from six Portland schools will spend from one week to three weeks on the Whitman campus... Whitman faculty members and teachers from Portland will teach the classes.

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### Health

#### "What Every Parent Should Know About Childrens Teeth"

Although it may be difficult to do try to prevent your baby from sucking his or her fingers or using a pacifier. These habits can cause problems in the way teeth grow.

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### Arts & Entertainment

#### "Portland Opera Performing Arts Scholarships To Be Awarded To Minority"

Michael Grice of Portland Public schools... We believe that this investment in the lives of these young people will generate a substantial return for our greater community.

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### Careers

#### "Fire! Fire! Fire! Page"

Ironically, Lowry's father is a fireman, but it just never crossed his mind to even become a fireman. He only became interested in being a fireman after attending college.

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