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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Portland Takes Initial Steps To Improve Minority Contracting

The City Council will be taking formal action on Mayor Katz's Fair Contracting and Employment Initiative today (Wednesday, June 30th). The council should be applauded for their actions thus far. Mayor Katz is in leadership but it is obvious that every council member is anxious to contribute to the solution.

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Collection Changes Keep Late Payers In The Tax System

People who are having trouble paying their taxes are coming forward to work with the IRS because of recent collection changes. For most debts under \$10,000 the IRS no longer requires taxpayers to give financial statements and does not file tax liens which means the taxpayers credit rating is not affected. Filers who receive tax bills can use form 9465 to ask for installment plans.

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City Of Vancouver Leads Multi-Agency Effort To Assure Safe July Fourth Celebration

An effort by city, state and federal agencies is being made to manage traffic and help, with public safety during Vancouver's July 4th celebration. The Vancouver Fourth of July Celebration, now in its 31st year, is expecting close to 100,000 people. As an added convenience to event goers, all city parking facilities in the downtown area within walking distance of the event site will be open and free on July 4th. Tow away signs will be posted in restricted areas. And cars will be towed.

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Homeless To Get Fewer Services In Multnomah County

The Community Action Program Office, major funder of the emergency basic needs system of services in Multnomah County, has experienced a total loss of over \$1 million in funding. Cuts begin July 1st.

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Espy Says Childhood Study Stresses Need For Aggressive Anti Hunger Strategy

Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy said a study shows that 12 million American children are going hungry. The 12 million children under eighteen experience hunger. "If you look at these childhood poverty statistics, there can be no doubt that we can do and must do better."

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Mayor Vera Katz Selects Charles Moose To Be Portland's Chief Of Police



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STATEMENT BY MAYOR VERA KATZ

"I have made the decision to appoint Deputy Chief Charles A. Moose to be Tom Potter's successor as Portland's Chief of Police.

"I made this choice after an extensive community-based process in which some of the best and brightest law enforcement officials in the country offered themselves as candidates.

"After this thorough and painstaking review, Deputy Chief Moose emerged, in my view, is the best person to lead the Portland Police Bureau at this stage in its history.

"I selected Charles Moose because of his proven record in developing and implementing community policing concepts, because of his demonstrated ability to fight neighborhood crime and because of his leadership experience.

"I chose him, also, because of his passionate dedication to his profession and to the idea of community empowerment and teamwork as pathways to improving public safety.

"He has demonstrated a unique ability to bring together, to motivate and to work with widely diverse groups in the community, a talent that will serve him well as Chief.

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"Currently, he has been serving as Deputy Chief in charge of the Operations Branch. A native of North Carolina, he joined the Police Bureau in 1975 after graduating from the University of North Carolina, where he majored in U.S. History. He rose steadily through the ranks, earned a master's degree in public administration at Portland State University in 1984 and attended the FBI's National Academy in 1986.

"He has a long list of accomplishments in the Police Bureau. Among the most notable is his work in designing and implementing the neighborhood police officer liaison program

and developing and managing the Iris Court Community Policing Demonstration Project, which he has described as his 'most rewarding leadership experience.'

"Despite Charles Moose's obvious strengths, this was not an easy choice to make. We were fortunate to have ended up with four very strong, very capable, and very qualified finalists. Each offered different strengths. We started with an embarrassment of riches in a highly qualified field of candidates brought forward by the broad-based community advisory process we put in place.

"The International Association of Chiefs of Police conducted a nationwide recruitment following extensive interviews with community leaders here to establish the initial screening standards, which yielded 62 candidates and was then pared to 14 semifinalist.

"I impaneled a 12-member Citizens Selection Committee in March shortly after Chief Tom Potter announced his retirement, which established professional criteria for the initial screening, formulated written questionnaires

for the semifinalist, and then provided input on the strengths and weaknesses of each in setting on the selection of the four finalists.

"The finalists, in addition to Charles Moose, were David J. Williams, Assistant Chief of the Portland Police Bureau, Joseph E. Brann, Chief of Police in Hayward, Calif.; and Terence J. Mangan, Chief of Police in Spokane, Wash. A fifth finalist, Norman H. Stamper, Executive Assistant Chief of Police in San Diego, withdrew before the final screening.

"Each of the four were interviewed by representatives of the Chief's Forum, the Chief's Advisory Committees, the Portland Police Association, the Portland Police Command Officers Association, Police Bureau division and department managers, and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

"I would like to thank all those involved in advising me on this process for helping to

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Black Issue....Big Concern Metro Tells Visitors Association To Wait

BY STEPHEN MOORE, Independent Columnist

The saga of the Portland Oregon Visitors Association, better known to many as POVA, continues as the fate of their financial funding is up on the air as of last Thursday evening. METRO councilors voted unanimously, for a second time, not to approve the multi-million dollar three year contract renewal based upon unresolved issues concerning a Black owned business participation in Portland's Convention marketing and visitor industry.

METRO council heard a desperate plea from a POVA representative seeking immediate approval to renew their contract which officially ends on June 30. Instead, councilor, Ed Washington introduced a motion which will allow extended funding under their current contract on a month to month basis for up to 60 days, or until a special committee con-

venes to review the scope of a separate minority vendor contract and budget.

Roy Jay, a well known Black business entrepreneur, has continually led the way for increased involvement of Blacks in the lucrative multi-million dollar convention and tourism service industry. His Oregon Convention and Visitor Services Network working in tandem with Oregon Business Network has become a recognized force promoting opportunities for both large and small businesses in the convention and business arena since 1988.

Although the MERC committee that originally recommended approval of renewing POVA's contract did not officially endorse METRO'S recent action, MERC Chairman, Sam Brooks sent his personal recommendation only to extend the POVA contract for two additional months. A statement delivered for Brooks by a MERC representative to

the council indicated that he (Brooks) had made this decision based upon further review of the situation and other factors that had been further review of the situation and other factors that had been recently brought to his attention.

Blacks and a growing number of white businesses have rapidly started to investigate POVA's 10 year track record of exclusion and have come to the realization that the only way to get the city back on track is to provide substantial funding to the Black owned operation that already demonstrated a willingness and ability to increase the participation and economic opportunities.

"POVA has no credibility in the Black community as far as many of us are concerned" said one Black female business owner. The nearly all white organization has made recent last minute attempts to attract Black participation by asking for local assistance

and involvement on a voluntary or minimal pay basis.

One former POVA member involved in hospitality and tourism said "I'm glad to see that these funding sources are finally getting wise to what has been going on for years. They (POVA) have attempted to build a close knit power base that thinks that they can dictate and control as they see fit. You can particularly see it in some of their board members, officers and staff over the past several years. They fail to remember that they are funded through tax fancy brochures, impressive statistics and public relations moves that have absolutely no significance when one discovers all of the "in house clicks" that goes on not only excludes Blacks, but many of their own small business members".

While POVA has led METRO and others

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"Watch Ice Melt And Win Two Tickets On United Airlines"

When will it drop? Who will give the exact day, hour, minute and second? Where in the continental United States will the winner go? Find out!

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"Journey West On The Oregon Trail"

Journey West is a charming children's story about two families and how they adapted to events on the Oregon Trail.

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Religion

"The Steeles: A Musical Family Fusing Gospel Tinged Melodies With R&B and Jazz Flavor"

"Our father would get us on every gospel show that came to Gary, from the time we were just tots. Having a career in music was like a national evolution for us."

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Food & Nutrition

"Portland Resident Wins Grand Prize In Bays English Muffins 'High Tea On The High Seas' Recipe Contest"

Karen Durrett of Portland says, "Coming from a big family we all had to pitch in with preparing diner."

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