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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### Immigration vs African Americans III

Shall we wonder then that Latin America furnishes the millions of exploited souls that assail our borders each year? Does it matter whether they are called asylum seekers, political refugees, wet backs or "pardoner"? And those of us registering apprehension should remember, too, the observation of Mr. Innis! "The legalization needs of a million undocumented black aliens are not being met"

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### Stress Management, Chronic Pain, And Recovery

As "Victims" of these modern stresses and strains of our time, most people are willing to accept their role, and sometimes spend thousands of dollars on physical and/or psychological care that often unnecessary or ineffective.

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### National Rainbow Coalition

#### Violence In America: "More American Than Apple Pie"

Since 1900 an estimated 850,000 civilians have been killed by bullets. Between 1938-88, more Americans died from gunshot wounds (1,209,199) than from all our country's wars (1,177,956). Corporate violence from cigarettes, alcohol and drugs kills more than 500,000 people annually. There are 20 million jail admissions and releases annually. One-third of all pregnant women are battered, and 2.5 million children are abused annually. A woman is nine times more at risk in her home than on the streets.

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### Nation of Islam

I was born under the teachings of the most Honored Elijah Muhammad, and at the age of 14 I began to read his books, namely, Fall of America, Message To The Black Man, Our Saviour Has Arrived, and How To Eat To Live (books 1 and 2). Then I learned of Brother Farrakhan in 1985; by studying this brother I am better able to explore the teachings of his teacher. This is similar to Jesus in the Bible for he needed disciples. "Wisdom is known of its children." Were it not for Paul, Jesus would not have been known in the world. Study it for yourself in the New Testament

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### How To Be A Safe Holiday Host

Consider an alcohol-free party - you'll find people socialize in more meaningful ways and have just as much or more fun. If you do serve alcohol, then also provide attractive non-alcoholic beverages such as juices, sodas and sparkling waters.

Serve high-protein foods that slow down the effects of alcohol. Meats, cheeses, eggs and seafood are much better than salty or sweet snacks.

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## Pioneer Square Lights Up For Christmas



Pioneer Square Celebrated the lighting of their seventy foot Christmas tree

photo by Joael Davis

Willamina Presented The City's Holiday Centerpiece

A Sure sign that Christmas is upon us A seventy-five foot Douglas fir tree was lumbering into Pioneer Courthouse Square at noon on November 15. The tree that will serve as this year's holiday centerpiece is a gift from

Hampton Affiliates. The City of Willamina will act as host city and provide the support for getting the tree cut and into the Square.

This is the tenth year that the Smart Park garages and The Association for Portland Progress is sponsoring the city's Christmas tree. Representatives from Willamina, Hamp-

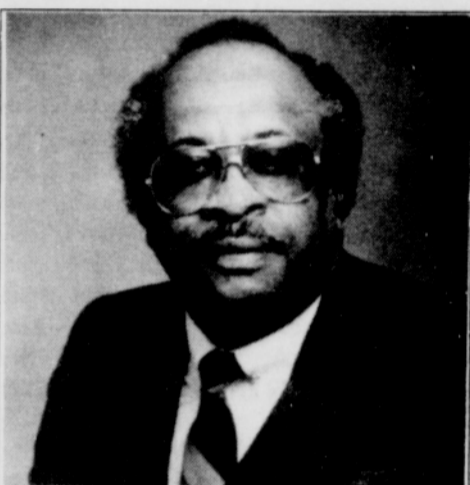
ton Affiliates; and APP were on hand to formally present the tree to Mayor Vera Katz on behalf of the citizens of Portland. KINK fm 102's Les Sarnoff will handle the introductions.

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## Garlington Elects New Officers



Ernest Estes, Board Secretary



James C.E. Faulkner, Board President

New officers were elected to the Garlington Center Community Mental HealthCare Board of Directors.

Former officers handed over the reins to the new officers at the Annual Board Meeting held at Shenanigans on Swan Island.

New Garlington officers include: President, James C.E. Faulkner who is operations manager at Safeco and pastor at St. Paul Baptist Church; vice president, Emmett Wheatfall, is a sales representative at Portland General Electric; secretary, Ernest Estes, former board president is an attorney for Bonneville Power Administration; and treasurer, Mogy Vanderkin Rollings, former board secretary is the President and CEO at American Messenger Service. Past officer, vice president, Teresa Williams-Stoudamire remains on the board.

Five and Ten year employees were also honored at the annual meeting. An "Outstanding Service" award was presented to Roy Stewart, resident manager, at the Cascadian apartments for "going the extra mile" for mentally ill consumers who live at the complex.

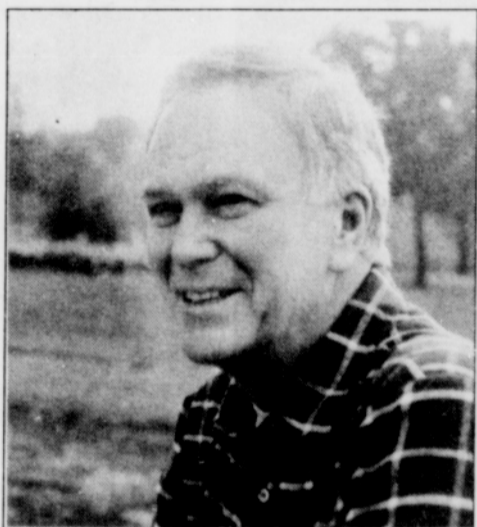
## Senators Packwood And Hatfield Deliver For North/Northeast Portland

Help Save Program Supporting Inner-City Development Across the Country

In a little known but crucial issue for minority communities across the country, Senators Bob Packwood and Mark Hatfield played lead roles in preserving for inner-city communities access to almost \$200 million in loanable funds the Department of Energy deposits in minority-owned banks throughout the nation.

Venerable F. Booker, Chairman and CEO of Northeast Portland's American State Bank, said "Though many Senators and Congressmen deserve our sincere gratitude for working to preserve for minority communities these stable and loanable funds, the Department of Energy deposit program would surely have died had it not been for the hard work, perseverance, and alliance-building of our own two Senators. They and their staffs tirelessly represented the interests of North/Northeast Portland and exhibited keen sensitivity to the needs of all inner-city communities."

Begun in 1980, the Department of Energy Bank Deposit Financial Assistance Program (BDFAP) aims to provide minority-owned financial institutions with a stable deposit base to assist in economic develop-



Senator Bob Packwood

ment in minority communities. Non-government monies the Department of Energy maintains from the Petroleum Pricing Violation Escrow Fund are placed in six-month certificates of deposit in minority-owned financial institutions. DOE deposits the funds under "revocable trust" arrangements through intermediary banks. Each deposit amounts to

\$95,000.

under the revocable trust arrangement using intermediaries, FDIC insurance coverage applies to each \$95,000 BDFAP deposit. That enables all deposits to be fully insured.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 eliminated separate insurance coverage on multiple deposits placed by intermediaries under revocable trusts. The termination of the BDFAP deposits was scheduled to begin on December 20, 1993, ending over a six-month period access to almost \$200 million in loanable funds by about 100 minority communities across the United States.

American State Bank's Mr. Booker became aware in early September of the possible loss of the BDFAP funds. His contacts with Senators Packwood and Hatfield and their staffs proved very fruitful. "The Senators and their staffs responded so positively," said Mr. Booker. "Karen Belding, Pam Pifher and Scott Corwin worked with the Senators to develop the best strategy. They helped us circulate the amendment that needed to be passed before December 20. The Senators

sought for allies in the Senate and on the Senate Banking Committee, where legislation would have to pass."

Throughout the Fall, Senators Packwood and Hatfield and their staffs built support for preserving the BDFAP funds. On November 18 Senators Packwood, Carol Moseley-Braun (D, IL) and Pete Domenici (R, NM) introduced a bill to save this program for minority communities. In an address to the Senate that day, Senator Packwood said, "This program has provided deposit to more than 100 minority and women-owned banks serving inner-city communities. In Oregon, American State Bank, located in Northeast Portland, has used these important funds to assist the development of minority entrepreneurship. This fund constitutes almost 15 percent of American State Bank's loan capability."

Senator Packwood went on to state, "However, if this bill does not pass, many communities, already facing capital shortages, will lose a major source of funds to stimulate competitive development in their neighbor-

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### Editorial

#### This Way For Black Empowerment

The topic of Dr. Newman's talk was "Creating Our Lives."

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### Metro Life

#### Largest Choral Festival In The Pacific Northwest

Presenting 110 holiday music concerts, the sixth annual "Festival Of Lights" at The Grotto.

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### Sports

#### Prep Basketball Starts For P.I.L. Boys And Girls

Football and Volleyball are over for the Portland Interscholastic League for this season....

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### Entertainment

#### Wicked City

Wicked City is a stylish, graphic, psychosexual thriller from Youshiaki Kawajiri.

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