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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Leadership And Multi-Cultural Advancement Conference A Consortium of People With A Vision For Oregon College Students Of Color

The office of the Diversity Coordinator at Oregon State University in conjunction with friends from throughout the minority community in Oregon is planning a one-day leadership and multi-cultural advancement conference on April 1, 1994.

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U.S. Bancorp Mortgage Launches New Homepartners Loan Product Line

"The Homepartners family of loans has been designed to address the most common obstacles facing first time or low to moderate income home buyers," said Richard Eichhorn, president of U.S. Bancorp Mortgage Company.

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The Independent Challenge

As such these leaders (he identifies, Minister Louis Farrahan, Reverend Al Sharpton and myself), are posing a frightening challenge to the Black political establishment, who are ignoring the rage of the Black masses according to Williams, "at their own peril."

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It's Time For A New Cop On The Block

But in order for law enforcement to contribute to the solution of the crisis of crime and violence it can no longer be business as usual in particular the manner in which the police conduct themselves in the Black community, poor communities and communities of color must radically change.

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Correction:

To "Portland Doctors Say No To Lollipop Drug"

Cindy Hill is the Manager of pediatrics and pediatric ICU for Legacy Emanuel Children's Hospital. She is not a medical doctor as she was referred to the article. We regret any misconception this information may have caused.

City, State, County, Metro Announce Joint Funding Of Regional "Croson" Disparity Study

STUDY CAPS YEARLONG EFFORTS BY KATZ FOR EQUITY IN MINORITY AND WOMEN CONTRACTING.

Mayor Vera Katz, Governor Barbara Roberts and officials from a number of regional governmental entities announced today the joint funding of a "Croson" Disparity Study to examine trends in the hiring of women and minorities by contractors receiving public construction contracts in the Portland-metropolitan area.

"We will not have true equality in our community without the opportunities for economic equality for all of our citizens," said Katz. "This study will enable us to make sure those opportunities exist for people who've previously been shut out of the mainstream in the construction industry," said Katz. "I am committed to doing everything possible to ensure that the City's public works projects are a vehicle of opportunity for all of the citizens in this community," Katz added.

The partners involved in the study include the city of Portland, metro, Multnomah County, the state of Oregon, the Housing Authority of Portland, and the Portland Development Commission.

"This study is important for the eco

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Mayor Vera Katz



Governor Barbara Roberts

Student Ambassador Seeks Funds

BY PROMISE KING

ADIA TAYLOR, A 7TH GRADER AT BEAUMONT SCHOOL IN PORTLAND MAY HAVE THE BRAIN TO GO THROUGH THE RIGOR OF HIGH STANDARD TESTS REQUIRED TO PASS THE PEOPLE TO PEOPLE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM, BUT NOT THE FUNDS TO TAKE HER OVER-SEAS.

Miss Taylor, was nominated last month to represent the Multnomah County delegation of People to People Student Ambassador to Australia and New Zealand this summer but, her hope may be dashed for lack of funds. The tuition for the program is \$3,990, which includes meals and transportation costs and she is asking for assistance in this regard. Her parents Nathaniel and Jamila Taylor have offered her \$1000 but little Adia still needs help from corporate, philanthropic organizations or individuals to fulfil her participation in this program that starts in April this year.

An account has been set-up at Portland



Adia Taylor

Teachers Credit Union on 1720 N. E. 9th in Portland, Oregon for those willing to help Adia Taylor.

People to People Student Ambassador Programs was started by President Eisenhower in 1956. Student Ambassadors are carefully interviewed before their selection and acceptance. They are expected to share their traveling experiences, with schools and civic clubs upon their return.

It is on the premise of educational activities involved that Miss Taylor is seeking funds from our community, she is expected to share her experiences with schools and inner-city kids. "I am a very conscientious African-American young lady who enjoys meeting new people and sharing in new experiences", she said.

The program tuition is due April 1st 1994 and Adia is asking thirty good - natured contributors for \$100.00 dollars each.

She is one of the few minority students chosen to represent Multnomah County and Oregon State and she deserves every support for the interest of our Community.

Growing Up Too Fast Black

BY ANTHONY J. WASHINGTON



When we grew fast, we followed sin to the end. When we crept low, slow we did dirt, had no remorse cause of hurt. When we slammed fordies, we made babies. Abused our rich youth. What happened? We grew fast now looking back into our dark past. When we default, we did time for crimes. More left fractious than the ones keen and self-made grasping fruit for living.

14-Panel "We Speak" Mural on Display in Salem

The Oregon Commission on Black Affairs is hosting an exhibit of a 14-panel portable mural in the Galleria of the State Capitol Building from March 3 to April 4, 1994. The mural, painted by community artists of color, was created to educate people about the arrival of Columbus in America from the perspective of people of color, project a positive vision for social change, and celebrate the 500-year anniversary of Columbus' discovery.

The mural project was made possible by ALANA, Asian, Latino, African, and Native Americans for Justice and Peace. The panels deal with many social issues affecting the lives of Oregonians every day. The artists, including Linda Sawaya, Laura Campos, Kyle Kajihiro, Carol Matsuyoshi, Don Bailey, Gail Carter, Jeff Patterson, Charlotte Lewis, Jose

Orantes, Carmen Rodriguez, and many others, show the blending of cultures, the walls of racism, and the silencing and diminishing of people of color by repression.

The exhibit can be seen from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is free and open to the public.

The Oregon Commission of Black Affairs is a liaison between Oregon's Black citizens and government. The statutory body is authorized to work for the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal and political equality for Oregon's African Americans. The eleven members, nine of whom are appointed by the Governor, are confirmed by the Senate and serve three-year terms. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House each appoint a member from their respective houses. For more information about the Commission, call (503) 378-2969.

Lincoln High Event Launches Second Wind Food Drive

It takes a lot to get kids excited about canned food. But during the Project Second Wind food drive March 7-11, Portland student scramble to collect as much food as they can in an effort to help the city's less fortunate families. Performances by the Franklin High dance team and Roosevelt High rally squad and a skit by Lincoln High students launch the 23rd annual Project Second Wind food drive Monday (March 7) from 9:59-10:44 a.m. at Lincoln High School (1600 SW Salmon).

The kickoff, coordinated by Lincoln student council members, also features a challenge from Wilson and Cleveland High students to rival high school students to see who can raise the most food for the drive. Nick Jones, community activities coordinator for the Portland Trail Blazers, is master of ceremonies for the event and other speakers include Marty Howard, Portland School Board member, and Rick Ukena, Oregon Food Bank.

Portland School District's 56,000 students during the week-long drive will raid

home pantries, conduct school contest and sponsor other activities to help restock bare social agency food shelves. Schools hope to exceed the 140,000 pounds of food that students collected last year.

Portland high school students started the drive 22 years ago to help needy children. Students hold the drive in March to generate a "second wind" of emergency food when holiday donations are depleted. Project Second Wind, the oldest and largest spring food drive to benefit Oregon Food Bank network agencies, also includes churches, synagogues and businesses throughout Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties. The Oregon Food Bank provides food for more than 600 agencies in Oregon and Clark County, Washington. For more information, please contact Jennifer Scheinder or Dave Clingan, Oregon Food Bank 282-0555, or Lew Frederick, director, Dept. of Public Information, 331-3304.

Housing

First-Time Buyers Can Use Small Down Payments To Enter Today's Housing Market.

Mortgage interest rates are at their lowest levels in years

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Sports

Orioles Hall of Famer Don Buford Returns To O's As Coach

Don Buford, Orioles Hall of Famer and son, Damon, Oriole of the future.

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Entertainment

Early Warning

Sweet Honey In The Rock Coming March 19th. Reserved seat tickets are available at Fred Meyer Fastixx.

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Religion

Peace, Peace, But There Is No Peace!

The great and final war is predicted in the Bible, prior to the last return of Jesus Christ to our planet.

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