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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Marchers Protest Farrakhan

NAACP's historic summit in Baltimore, Md. was momentarily disturbed when marchers protested the inclusion of Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan. Farrakhan is being attacked for alleged homophobia, anti-semitism and racial separatism. The conference drew about 80 African-American leaders. Some civil rights leaders condemned Farrakhan as an exponent of racial hatred and anti-Jewish remarks.

Help For Student Loan Debts

The U.S. Department of Education has a program to cancel student loan obligations or defer them in some cases, however quite a few restrictions apply. The program is offered to those with Perkins loans, also called National Direct Student loans, who work in certain professions that include teachers, nurses and some social workers. Those having trouble with their payments, while still a student, in bankruptcy, unemployed or suffering from some economic hardship, may get their payments deferred. For more information, ask for a copy of the Student Aide Guide by calling 1-800-433-3243.

Doctors Name Black President

The prestigious American Medical Association has selected Dr. Lonnie Bristow, 64, at its first black president in its 147-year history. Bristow is the current chairman of the AMA board and is the only black member. He was unopposed for the position, and his selection was greeted with a standing ovation at the AMA annual meeting. Under Bristow's leadership, the board has refined its national health care reform proposal to call for a blend of insurance coverage.

Black Teens Lag In Jobs

The number of Black teenagers among the unemployed is growing, despite employment gains by other populations. Labor Department figures show the nation's unemployment rate has fallen to its lowest level in nearly four years. The overall 6 percent jobless rate means more people are finding work. The exception was black teenagers which has an unemployment rate of 40 percent, up from 32 percent in January. By contrast, jobless among white teens stands at 15 percent. Experts fear the failure of black youth to find jobs will force more of them into crime and other anti-social activities. The unemployment figures show whites with a jobless rate of 5.2 percent; Hispanics, 9.5 percent and blacks, 11.5 percent.

Muhammad Leaves Hospital

Controversial Nation of Islam spokesman Khalid Abdul Mohammed was released from the hospital after suffering bullet wounds to the legs in an apparent assassination attempt. Mohammed, who has angered whites, especially Jews with his speeches, was reported to be doing fine. A disgruntled former Muslim minister James Bess of Seattle, has been charged with attempted murder as a result of the shooting at the University of California at Riverside.

Reno Walks King Neighborhood

Police Chief Charles Moose took U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, the nation's top law enforcement official, on a tour of inner-Northeast Portland Monday.

Reno took a half-hour walk in the area of King Elementary School, 4906 N.E. Sixth.

Earlier, Moose and his wife, Sandy, held a reception at his home in the King Neighborhood, attended by Portland Mayor Vera Katz.

Reno was in Portland to address the Conference of U.S. Mayors.

The walk occurred during an unseasonably cool evening, and Reno encountered little vehicle traffic or pedestrians other than 15 press representatives who surrounded her.

She talked with Katz and Moose about President Clinton's crime bill and what it offers, programs such as job training and after-school activities.

The crime bill being considered by Congress would authorize the spending of more than \$20 billion over the next five years. The bill would include money to help police live in the cities where they work, rather than in the suburbs where many law enforcement officers now live.

In Portland for example, over half of the police officers employed by the city, live outside its boundaries. But not Chief Moose.

The visit was to show Reno what it's like for a police chief to live in the heart of the city he oversees.

Many residents find Moose's decision to live in the neighborhood as symbolically important. They also see it as a good step in the on-going efforts to fight drugs and crime.

The conference of mayors is urging its members to press for measures in the final anti-crime bill which include funding for 100,000 new community-policing officers and a ban on assault weapons.



U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno (right) tours inner-Northeast Portland's King Neighborhood with Portland Police Chief Charles Moose, a resident of the community, and Mayor Vera Katz. Reno said President Clinton's crime bill provides incentive to police officers to live in the neighborhoods they serve. Reno was in Portland to address the annual Conference of U.S. Mayors.

Polk Graduates As Medical Doctor

Marcus Q. Polk, son of Jerome and Lajoynce Polk of Portland, graduated Friday from the Oregon Health Sciences University School of Medicine with a doctor of medicine degree. He was the recipient of the school's Special Recognition award for a graduating student.

The Portland Observer, saluted Polk as a role model in 1989, citing his dedication, ambition and desire to succeed in his chosen field.

Polk was born and raised in Portland. He graduated from Benson High School in 1986. He attended Harriett Tubman Middle School and was a co-op student at Jefferson High School.

He begins a one-year residency at Emanuel and Good Samaritan hospitals in Portland on June 20, and will continue a residency for three more years in Atlanta, Ga., specializing in the medical field of anesthesiology.

Polk's undergraduate work was at Jackson State University, Jackson, Miss., where he attended college on a golf scholarship. He played collegiate golf for two years before deciding to concentrate on a pre-medicine curriculum. He graduated for JSU in 1990 with high honors.

At OHSU, he received various awards and scholarships, including the Oregon Minority Achievement Scholarship, Jackie Robinson Foundation - Ralf E. Ward Award, and CIBA - GEIGY Community Service Award. He was the first student to ever hold a seat on the Oregon Medical Association Board of Trustees.



Marcus Q. Polk

His commitment at community service includes work with the Portland Sickle Cell Anemia foundation, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Par Excellence Junior Golf Program, Urban League of Portland, Housing Authority of Portland and Oregon Medical Association.

Extracurricular activities included memberships in the American Medical Association, Multnomah County Medical Society, Oregon Medical Association and Student National Medical Association.

His hobbies are golf, basketball and tennis.

O.J. Simpson Questioned In Deaths

Los Angeles Police questioned football Hall of Famer O.J. Simpson Monday in the death of his former wife and a 25-year-old man.

The National Football League star and Heisman Trophy winner was not arrested in the deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson, 35 and Ronald Lyle Goldman.

His attorney, Howard Weitzman, insisted that his client is innocent.

Police questioned Simpson for two hours, saying they were not ruling out anyone's possible involvement in the Sunday night slayings.

Sources said a bloodsoaked glove believed used during the killings was found at Simpson's house.

Police officers said little about the crime, but indicated there were signs of a struggle, and that there was no evidence of a robbery or a burglary.

Shortly after a passerby found the bodies, police began looking for the football star, learning a few hours later that he was in Chicago.

Weitzman said his client had taken a "red-eye" flight sometime in the "late evening" on Sunday.

Pete Phillips, general manager of the O'Hare Plaza Hotel near O'Hare Airport, said the football star checked into the hotel at 6:15 a.m. Monday and checked out a few hours later, after police called him.

Phillips said Simpson told him that Hertz, the auto rental company for which Simpson has long been a spokesman, was holding "a function" in Chicago.

Yellow police tape marked the driveway of Simpson's estate, which is about two miles from the townhouse where the killings took place. Cardboard marked small reddish-brown stains leading to a point about 50 feet from the garage.

Police emerged from the Simpson mansion carrying two white Reebok gym shoes in a clear plastic bag. A police source said investigators were going to compare them with footprints found at the scene of the slaying.

Police sources said they had been called to the townhouse several times in the past to deal with domestic disputes between Simpson and his ex-wife.

Simpson, 46, and his former wife were divorced in 1992, three years after he pleaded no contest to a spousal battery charge filed after he allegedly hit her, kicked her and told her, "I'll kill you."

Friends said the couple had been attempting to get back together in recent months, but the reconciliation attempt had ended several weeks ago.

Detectives said the Simpson's two children, Sidney Brooke, 9, and Justin, 6, were asleep in the home when the slayings took place.

During his two years at the University of Southern California, Orenthal James Simpson equaled or bettered dozens of records and won the Heisman Trophy in 1968.

He was drafted in the first round by Buffalo in 1969 and went on to establish a NFL single-season rushing record of 2,003 yards in 1973. In 1985, he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

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