

Bootsy Collins

Entertainer Bootsy Collins and his rubber band will perform in Portland.



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Quarterback Cousins

One is the quarterback at Wilson High, the other leads the Jefferson Democrats.



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Northwest Artist Featured

West Coast Black Publishers present Seattle's Mona Lake Jones.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

NAACP Sues Chavis

The NAACP has sued its former executive director, Benjamin Chavis, for the \$82,400 he used in an attempt to settle a sexual discrimination claim by Mary Stansel. In a counter lawsuit filed in Washington, D.C. Superior Court, the NAACP said Chavis "had no authority" to make the deal with the former aide without prior approval of the 64-member board of directors.

Clinton Praised On Haiti

Walter Fauntroy, former Congressman from the District of Columbia and ex-chairman of a House task force on Haiti has praised President Clinton for his leadership and accord on Haiti. He said an invasion would have made the job of reconciliation and recovery enormously more difficult. "We must support and protect those Haitians who are committed to abiding by the Haitian Constitution while punishing those who by their actions demonstrate that they are not," he said.

U.S. Has Rental Shortage

The U.S. Census Bureau says there are not enough vacant housing units available in the nation with rents low enough to effectively alleviate cost burdens for low-income renters. African Americans and other minorities are two to three times more likely than white residents to live in low-income households. Almost two million affordable vacant units were for rent in 1991, but there were over five million low-income renters with heavy housing cost burdens.

Tyson's Claim Denied

A U.S. District Court has denied Mike Tyson's claim he is being wrongly held because of his conviction by a Marion County, Indiana court. The judge dismissed Tyson's writ claiming the selection of the initial trial judge was wrong; the exclusion of certain evidence; the application of Indiana's rape shield law; and the judge's denial of a jury instruction, was wrong. Judge Sarah Evans Barker ordered that these issues not be raised in that court again. Tyson is due to be released next May from the Indiana Youth Center.

Study Finds Higher Taxes

Black homeowners in many of the nation's suburbs pay higher property taxes than their counterparts, according to a New York Times report. The Times reported that the survey included 30 cities and 31 suburbs and found that black homeowners are taxed more than whites on comparable homes in 58 percent of the suburbs and 30 percent of the cities. The report said one probable reason is the flight of business owners from some suburbs as blacks move in and white leave, saddling those who stay behind with a higher tax burden.

Central Library Moves

Portland's historic Multnomah County Central Library will close its doors in late fall for a major renovation.

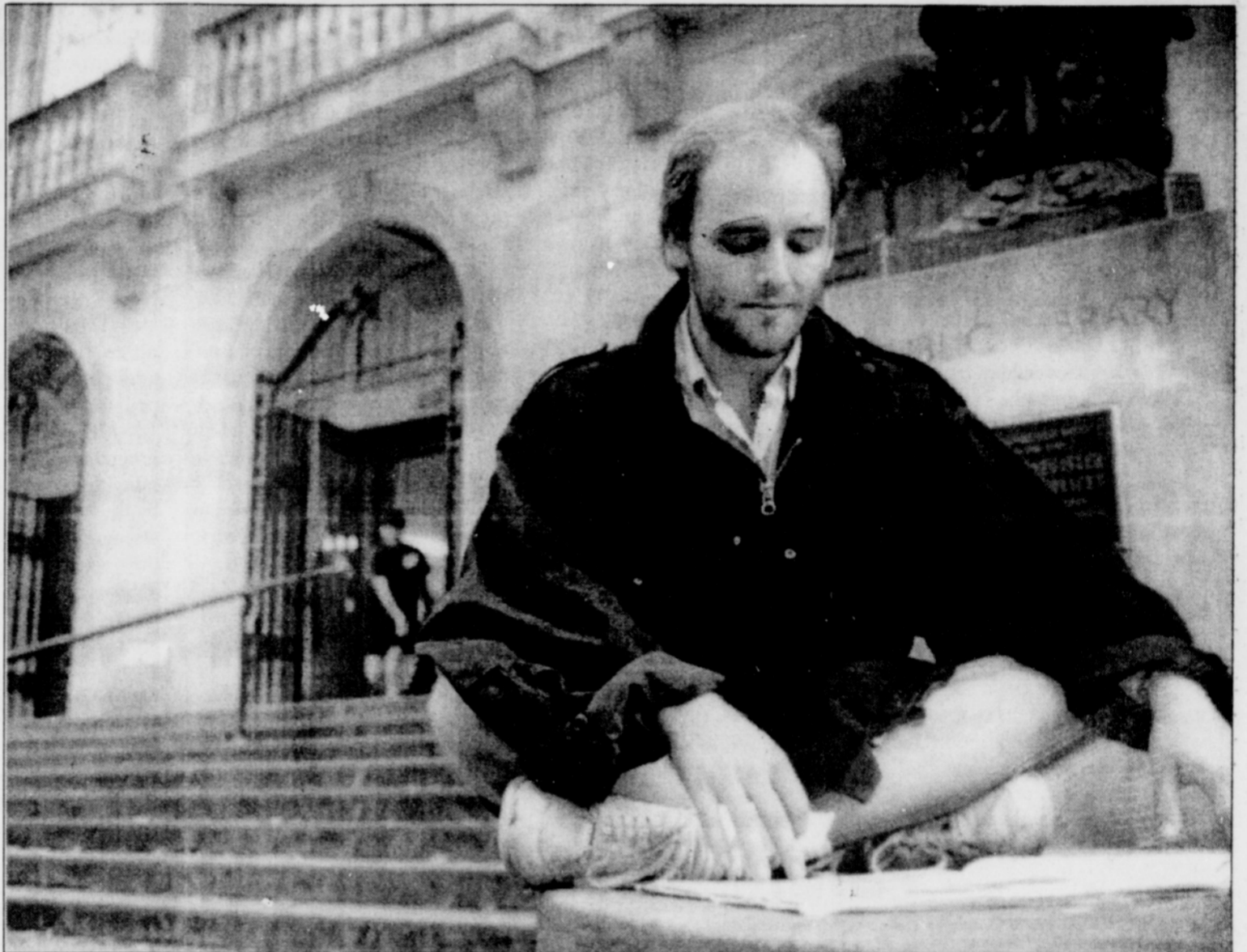
The 81-year-old library at 801 S.W. 10th is undergoing a face lift that will take two-and-a-half years to complete.

Closure begins Nov. 26 as work crews begin moving the library's 1.25 million books and other materials to temporary quarters.

The library will then reopen as "TransCentral Library" Dec. 19 at 1400 S.W. Fourth Ave., with much of its collection available.

Because of the size and complexity of the move, many of the books and materials will not be accessible until the move is completed in mid-January.

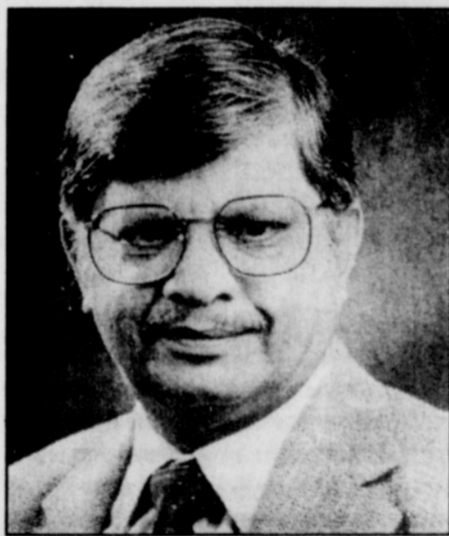
"Moving will help ensure the safety of library patrons, staff and library resources," said Ginnie Cooper, the county's director of libraries. "We know that no time is a good time to close a library, but construction at Central begins in February and we've chosen December to close for the move because we know it is traditionally the slowest time of the year for library users. We apologize for the inconvenience this will cause our patrons."



Prometheus Jones sits outside the landmark Central Library as workers inside prepare to move to temporary quarters. The library will soon undergo a major remodeling that will take almost three years to complete.

Gandhi To Discuss Nonviolence

Arun Gandhi, the grandson of India's legendary "Mahatma" Gandhi, will be at Portland State University Monday, Oct. 17 to discuss "Nonviolence or Nonexistence: Options for the 21st Century." This free public lecture will begin at noon in the PSU Smith Ballroom.



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Like his grandfather, whose non-violent civil disobedience led to India's eventual emancipation from Great Britain, Arun Gandhi had dedicated his life to the achievement of peace through nonviolence.

"Hundreds of institutions teach combat," he said. "I believe in providing people the means to discuss and learn about the power of non-violent philosophies."

Cities must address the causes of violence rather than its results, he maintains.

And we must begin early, teaching our children to resolve conflict in ways other than with violence. Offering conflict resolution and peer mediation in schools in one thing he advocates. Another is for young-

sters to keep a diary of anger, an "angry book" to chronicle, understand and perhaps purge their anger. Anger, of itself, is not a bad thing, he said, but it should be used effectively and positively, to solve an issue or conflict. He also promotes his grandfather's principle of "trusteeship," the belief that we are trustees for one another, so what we have and are should benefit not only ourselves but society as a whole.

In keeping with his philosophies, Gandhi presented workshops on nonviolent conflict resolution and management to rival youth gangs in South Africa this past

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Minority Contracting To Get Examined

Portland has called for a study of minority hiring by contractors who receive public contracts.

Mayor Vera Katz said the study would focus on the opportunities and barriers faced by people of color and women.

"Without economic equality we cannot have true equality in our community for all of our citizens. This study will enable us to make sure those opportunities exist for people who have previously been shut out of the mainstream in the construction industry," said Katz.

Similar studies have been done around the county as a result of a Supreme Court decision invalidating state and local government affirmative action programs relating to construction bids.

The studies explore whether there is a need for employment oriented programs for people who are traditionally discriminated against, primarily people of color and women.

Subsequent programs attempt to remedy past discrimination proven by the disparity studies.

The study is expected to help fend off legal challenges to programs local governments institute in the future and assist minority and women owned businesses in the metropolitan area.

The Portland effort has been designed to provide information regarding apprenticeship and employment systems which have historically operated in the construction trades.

"Workforce data and other evidence we have reviewed indicated that there have been significant barriers to equal opportunity," said Madelyn Wessel, a city attorney who is heading up the study.

Wessel said many local governments have seen their minority and women-owned business participation drop off considerably since they lost the legal basis for establishing enforceable contracting goals in 1989.

Some indirect obstacles to minority and women-owned businesses and workers have been identified as lack of credit, bonding and technical education.

Officials expect the study will examine such barriers in detail, providing valuable insights into problem-solving strategies.

"The city's public works projects must be a vehicle of opportunity for all the citizens of this community," said Katz. "I am committed to doing everything possible to ensure that they are."

Katz said a fair, rigorous and detailed study has been a high priority. She welcomed the participation in the study which includes Multnomah and Washington counties, Tri-Met, Gresham, Metro and the state of Oregon.

Leary Resigns From Self Enhancement

A Portland organization providing inner-city youth with constructive alternatives to drugs, gangs and violence is losing one of its managers.

Ray Leary, the executive vice president of Self Enhancement, Inc., has resigned to join Adidas America, the international manufacturer of sports footwear and apparel. He will oversee the company's national urban business efforts from their headquarters in Portland.

Tony Hopson, SEI's president and founder, will assume Leary's duties to complete a capital campaign for a proposed Center for Self Enhancement, scheduled for groundbreaking at Unthank Park in Northeast Portland in mid-1995.

"It is with a full heart and warm wishes that I leave SEI after working with a very special group of people, in a very special city," Leary said. "I look forward to continuing to serve young people and families in North/Northeast Portland and in communities across the country."

Hopson said while Leary was leaving his official capacity at SEI, the organization was counting on his continued support because of his dedication to children and the community.

Over the last 13 years, SEI has grown from a week-long summer basketball camp to a year-round, in-school program that serves over 12,000 students in seven elementary, middle and high schools in North and Northeast Portland.

SEI has raised \$5 million of the \$8.5 million needed to build the proposed center.

Completion of the building will allow SEI to triple the number of young people currently served.

The center will be a 60,000 square-foot facility containing classrooms, computer and music laboratories, a multi-cultural library, athletic facilities, a dance studio, auditorium and administrative offices.

Programs would include self esteem and social development, career and special talent development, academic enhancement, cultural development, health and athletic development and community and family involvement.