### **Popular** North/Northeast **Teacher Dies**

'Bea' Anderson leaves behind a legacy.



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#### **Basketball On The** Bluff

Pilot Basketball is off to a winning start at the University of Portland.



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#### Sax

Saxophonist Richard Elliot finds interaction with people to inspire the music in his new album.



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#### **Californians Try To End Affirmative Action**

Encouraged by the success of Proposition 187 and a Republican-controlled Congress, conservatives in California have launched a drive to ban all affirmative action programs. Such programs normally give preferential treatment to blacks, minorities and women in hiring, school admissions and business contracts. Affirmative action programs were originally designed in part to compensate affected groups for past discriminatory practices.

#### **President Talks Tax Cut**

President Clinton, plunging into a possible tax-cutting contest with the new Republican leaders in Congress, said Sunday that he plans to propose a middle-class tax cut and thinks he can do it without increasing the federal budget deficit.

#### **Rwanda Soldiers** Continue Killings

Soldiers and militiamen of the defeated government are suspected of increased killings and beatings of refugees in southwestern Rwanda. According to the United Nations, U.N. soldiers and observers have increased patrols to discourage the vio-

#### **Committee May Have Packwood Tapes**

The Senate ethics committee appears to have received the unaltered originals of Sen. Bob Packwood's diary tapes. That could prove an important breakthrough in the 2-year-old case. The panel has accused the Oregon Republican of altering his diaries to obstruct its probe of the sexual misconduct and other alleged impropri-

#### **Republicans Want Programs Abolished**

House Republicans are preparing to abolish more than a hundred social programs and replace them with grants to state governments. This would give the states a virtual free hand in redesigning aid to the poor, although with substantially less money. The move would sweep away more than \$60 billion in programs that provide, cash, food, job training, child care, foster care and other services.

#### **Young Blacks Remain Target Of Violence**

African American men younger than 25 continue to be victimized by violent crime more than other racial or age groupings, the Justice Department said. New statistics show the violence trend has intensified for black men aged 16 to 24. The easy availability of guns was cited as a factor.

#### **Brown May Head Clinton Re-Election** Campaign

Ron Brown, the nation's first black Secretary of Commerce, appears ready to resign in order the head up President Clinton's 1996 re-elect bid. Administration sources were quoted as labeling Brown the 'leading candidate."

## Store Opens Walnut Park Center



Customer John Petke browses through the selection at Videoland in the new Walnut Park shopping center. The store's grand opening marks an economic resurgence to the inner northeast neighborhood and returns shoppers to what at one time was one of the busiest retail corners in the city.

orkers were adding the finishing touches to the Walnut Park Retail Center this week as the shopping center's anchor store started serving customers.

Videoland opened Friday in the remodeled Fred Meyer store at northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Killingsworth Street. The shopping center is adjacent to the Northeast Community Policing facility.

Videoland is one of the largest outlets for home video rental and sales in the north-

Shoppers were browsing the aisles in a very spacious store with large neon lights and

television monitors stacked from floor to

"Customers have been very appreciative we're here," said Videoland assistant manager Deborah Gibson.

The shopping center marks a renewal for the inner northeast business community.

A few exterior sidewalk bricks, outdoor

minute items still being put into place to make the renovation complete.

Stores planning to open this weekend are Mother Dear's Tasty Pastries, a homemade pastries and lunch eatery; and It's My Kind of Face, a photography store. Woods and Reid Bridal Fashions is expected to open

"This will be a very exciting time for the King neighborhood, residents of north and northeast and the city as a whole," said Fred Steward, chair of the King Neighborhood Association. "We urge everyone to support these retailers because their success will be our success. A successful project will result in a stronger, more vital community for all

The construction was financed with the help of government dollars.

Mayor Vera Katz was satisfied the contracting achieved a goal of 30 percent minority participation.

"I know the opening has been much anticipated by the citizens of north/northeast Portland," Katz said.

Other tenant spaces are in different stages of completion with openings expected in the spring.

They include Reflections and Associates, J.P. Custom Framing and Gallery, Super Wok Chinese Food and Key Bank Community services.

One of the goals of the Walnut Park project is to build business ownership by residents of the community. So far, six of the eight businesses are owned by residents of north and northeast Portland.

All of the stores have agreed to use the Job Net program with the Portland Development Commission to hire area residents.



ShaRee Rhone, reelected Portland Branch President of the NAACP.

### **NAACP Portland Branch Elects New Officers** Rhone Re-Elected President

Members of board were installed for the Portland Branch of the NAACP Saturday following elections on Nov. 12.

The 1994-1996 NAACP Officers and Executive Board are President ShaRee Phone, Vice President Jerome Polk, Secretary Rose D. Nacoste', Treasurer Delores Gardner, Executive Board Members, Mary Ayala, Johnnie Bell, Keith Edwards, Carl Flipper Alene Grice, Lusious Hicks IV, Jerry Lawrence, Shirley Minor Kristina Noell, Bobbie Nunn, and Phillip Schuster,

Appointed to the Executive Board to head the Religious Affairs Committee was Rev. Dorsey W. McCullough of Bethel A.M.E. Church.

The NAACP, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which is the oldest, largest, strongest and most effective Civil Rights organization in America. Founded in 1909 in New York City by a group of black and white citizens, committed to helping to right social injustices. The Portland Branch is the oldest continuously chartered branch west of the Mississippi; celebrating 80 years of service.

The principle objective of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social and economical equality of minority group citizens and to achieve equality of rights and eliminate race prejudice among the citizens.

The NAACP is committed to achievement through non-violence and relies upon

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## **Habitat For Humanity Home Dedicated**

here's a new home in northeast Portland for a family that needs shelter thanks to the city's first church-sponsored Habitat for Humanity construction project. The home at 1302 N.E. Liberty was dedicated Sunday.

Ministers blessed the home and a treeplanting ceremony was held in the front yard.

Habitat for Humanity is the non-profit organization led by former President Jimmy Carter that builds homes in partnership with low-income families.

First Unitarian Church of Portland along with other Portland area Unitarian Fellowships sponsored the home on Liberty Street.

The church's involvement began last January. It committed to raise \$15,000 and supply volunteers and materials for the project. The funds were raised and beginning in July over 200 volunteers from the congregation began work at the construction site.

Rev. Marilyn Sewell of First Unitarian Church expressed her enthusiasm for the

"The habitat project is one way we have

of making our faith active in the world. Not only did it result in shelter for a family, but it increased consciousness in our church regarding housing shortages and give us a way to give of our bounty.'

Leo Jacinto is the new owner of the home.

"This is my first experience having a home," Jacinto said. "I'm very happy for my family. It is nice to have a place to live; a place to call home."

Habitat homes are built with volunteer labor and donated materials. The homes are

sold to families at cost with a zero interest mortgage. Each habitat family must invest 400 hours of sweat equity to help build their own home.

Since its founding in 1981, Portland Habitat for Humanity has built 15 homes, 13 of which have been built since 1991. The Habitat for Humanity Adopt-a-Home program enables churches, clubs and businesses to sponsor the construc-

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