

Cintas Corp. Builds Plant

A state-of-the-art industrial laundry opens in north Portland providing needed jobs.



See Metro, inside.

Museum Preserves History

Leon the owl is a favorite exhibits of the many sights at the High Desert Museum near Bend.



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Vikings Win Classic

The Portland State University Lady Vikings win three straight to win the Raindrop Classic in high fashion.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Fourth Bullet Found

Secret Service agents confirm that a fourth bullet was found inside the State Dining Room, one floor below Clinton's residence at the White House. Other bullets found from the drive-by shooting early Saturday were on a balcony landing, in a driveway outside the back door and beneath a nearby Christmas tree.

OCA To Try Again

The Oregon Citizens Alliance has launched its third campaign to eliminate gay rights from the Oregon legal system. The new initiative comes on the tails of a narrow defeat of the OCA-sponsored Measure 13 in the November General Election. "It's writing into the Constitution that it's all right to discriminate against homosexual people," said Cliff Carlson, chairman of the No on 13 campaign.

Complex Replaces Hanoi Hilton

The infamous Vietnamese prison dubbed the "Hanoi Hilton" by U.S. pilots imprisoned and tortured there during the Vietnam War is being razed and replaced by a real hotel and convention center. The \$55 million project known as the Hanoi Tower Center is a sign that the Southwest Asia nation of 70 million continues to move away from the devastation of the war years and the communist economic system.

Clerics Set Up Courts

Muslim clerics in Bangladesh, acting on their own, increasingly are setting up "courts" that mete out punishment under the Sharia, or Islamic law. Women's rights groups say that at least 48 women have died in recent years after being convicted of violating the Sharia. Most killed themselves because they could not bear the humiliation.

Debt Weighs Down ANC

Growing debts and organizational disarray have damaged the African National Congress' ability to govern South Africa, the secretary-general said this week at the organization's first national conference since taking power.

Britain's Lord Pitt Dies

Lord Pitt, a Grenadan immigrant who became one of the first blacks to be admitted to the House of Lords, died Sunday of cancer, relatives said. He was 81. "He was one of the first prominent blacks in British political life and a man of great ability and exceptional dignity," said Lord Healey, former treasury chief.

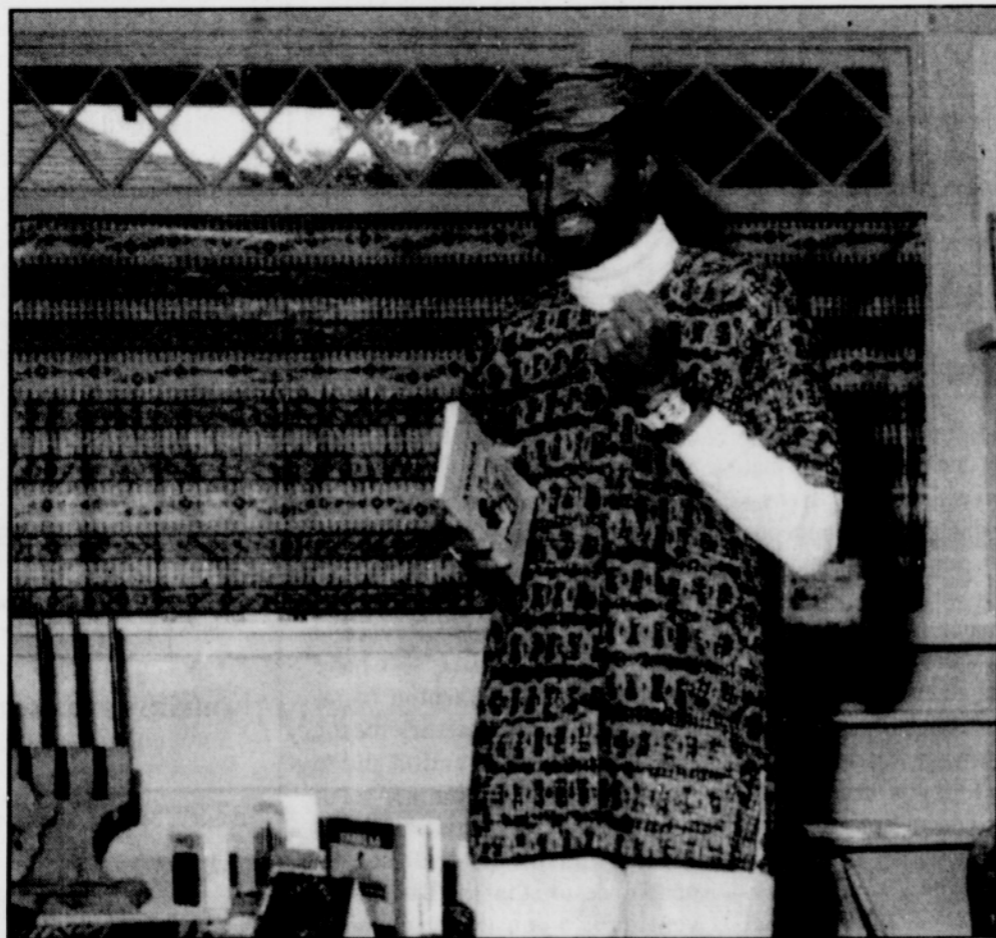
Rashad Entertains For Diabetes

The American Diabetes Association has named actress and entertainer Phylicia Rashad honorary spokesperson for its African American Program. Rashad is well known for her role as Clair Huxtable on "The Cosby Show" series. The association's program is an outreach initiative aimed at providing awareness of diabetes and is risk factors.

Showing Christmas Spirit



Area school children line-up with their teacher outside Emanuel Hospital where a Christmas Party was held last week for kids.



SPREADING THE KWANZAA MESSAGE

Kamau Sadiki of the Black Education Center explains the meaning of the African-American cultural holiday called Kwanzaa during a free workshop at the center. For more information about Kwanzaa activities you can call the BEC at 284-9552. See Related Stories on Holiday Entertainment, page B4.

Killingsworth Spruced Up For Holidays

Volunteers workers met Friday at the Northeast Community Policing Facility to kickoff the 2nd annual Killingsworth Street Holiday Clean Up.

The volunteers picked up litter and debris by food along Northeast Killingsworth Street to the Interstate 5 overpass. Employees from the Bureau of Maintenance placed decorative

wreaths and candy canes on utility poles. Employees from Bureau of Traffic Management removed all remaining refuse.

This was the second consecutive year for the clean up, which was coordinated through the Northeast Precinct's Neighborhood Response Team.

Participants included the Northeast Coalition of Neighbors, and Northeast Precinct.

Neighborhood Nuisances Targeted

A committee of the Kenton Action Plan has met with David Sweet of the City's Bureau of Buildings to eliminate properties that have been eyesores for years.

A residence in the 2900 block of Arlington Place between Burrage and Peninsular was presented as an example of a nuisance property.

Sweet suggested a focused task force. He agreed to assemble a team of inspectors from different departments, including zoning, housing, and parking patrol. The north Portland crime prevention coordinator, a police officer from the North Precinct and the Kenton Action Plan Code Enforcement Committee Chair will also join the group.

Team members will be asked to bring the full force of their respective departments to bear on problem properties. The intent is to make it too expensive to allow a nuisance to affect the quality of life of surrounding residents.

According to Kenton Action Plan Coordinator Dave Myers-Eatwell, this problem of nuisance property has been highlighted by recently rising property values in North Portland.

Housing that sold two years ago for \$35,000 are now selling for \$70,000.

"Higher prices bring higher expectations. Many buyers who pay \$70,000 for a house also want to live on a street with properties that are neat, in good repair, and free of derelict autos," Myers-Eatwell said.

The level of frustration for many residents is rising. What may have been common in some sections of north Portland 10 years ago is no longer acceptable to a major-

ity of neighbors, a task force member said. Sweet said city codes governing parking and maintenance of vehicles on residential property has just gotten tougher.

"For instance, residents will not be allowed to work on a car on their property unless the vehicle is registered to them at that address."

He went on to say that no major repairs may be carried out in the driveway or in the parking lane of the street. Major repairs must be performed in the garage. And the use of air tools outside is now taboo.

Sweet pointed out that the code has also grown teeth, providing for code enforcement fees of \$55 per month, which become a lien against the property if they are not paid.

While the task force takes on long-time problem properties, the committee will implement a program to deal with less flagrant code violations.

Street parking is legal only for passenger vehicles. Travel trailers, trucks, vans, RV's and boats cannot be parked on the street, as they present safety hazards and restrict visibility of vehicular traffic and pedestrians.

To report illegally parked or derelict vehicles on private property, call 823-7306. Call 823-7309 to report derelict vehicles parked on the street. Anyone interested in volunteering with the Code Enforcement Committee should call the Kenton Action Plan at 289-6693. The Kenton Action Plan is a non-profit community revitalization group funded by the Portland Bureau of Housing and Community Development.