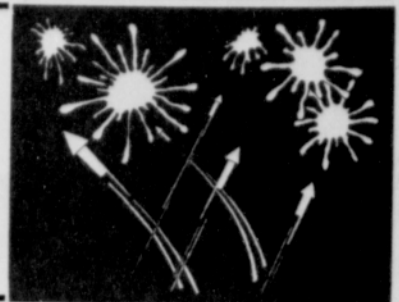


Happy New Year



Jefferson's Mashia Shines

Jefferson High School Senior Erika Mashia is one of the premier basketball players in the state.



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Spearhead Debuts New Sounds

The latest works by Spearhead puts forth music based in social consciousness and influences from African ancestors.



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Writer, Civic Leader Dies

Services are scheduled for Mattie Ann Callier-Spears, a civic leader and religion editor for the Portland Observer.



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Flesh-Ripping Bullet To Hit Market

Two new hyper-destructive handgun bullets are about to go on sale despite the objections of police and gun-control advocates. One is designed to do maximum damage to human tissue, the other can penetrate body armor. The inventor defends the flesh-ripping bullets as "defensive" for protecting citizens against attackers and intruders.

Simpson Favoritism Charged

O.J. Simpson's treatment in the Los Angeles County Men's Central Jail is drawing complaints. Some lawyers are grumbling their clients can't get the benefits Simpson's receiving, such as unlimited visits, more frequent showers, longer sleeping times and more time to exercise, talk on the phone and watch TV. Simpson was allowed to see outsiders on Christmas, when jail-house visiting was suspended for all other inmates. Jail officials say any apparent favoritism is geared to the smooth operation of the jail.

NAACP Demands For Change Heard

Some African American leaders are calling for nine-year NAACP Chairman William Gibson to step down for the benefit of the organization. Dr. C. Delores Tucker and other current and former members of the NAACP board cite a laundry list of charges against Gibson and former executive director Ben Chavis. Gibson has denied any wrongdoing and says he has the support of the majority of the 64-member board.

Police Shooting Ruled Justified

A recent fatal shooting of a robbery suspect in Milwaukie was justified, a Clackamas County grand jury has determined. The jury reached its decision last week after testimony from 15 witnesses. Charles Ray Burke, 20, was shot and killed by police Dec. 12 during a foot chase after allegedly stealing \$80 at a gunpoint from the owner of a southeast Portland grocery.

Farrakhan Plans March On Washington

Minister Louis Farrakhan is planning a million-man march on Washington slated for Oct. 1995. The 61-year-old leader of the Nation of Islam plans to ask all African American females, children and non-black supporters to boycott white businesses and stay home from school and work on the day of the march. Farrakhan says he wants to address the wrongs done to black people and urge them toward self-sufficiency and self-reliance.

'Meth' Lab Busted, Four Arrested



Wearing protective clothing, a hazardous material team from the Portland Fire Bureau, sorts through chemicals suspected of being used to produce methamphetamine, seized from a house at 4329 N.E. Garfield Ave.

Portland police said chemicals were cooking on the stove when they carried out a search warrant on a suspected methamphetamine lab in a northeast Portland home.

Officers stormed the home at 4329 N.E. Garfield Ave. at 5:30 a.m. last week to confirm what they believed to be an operational methamphetamine lab.

Members of the police bureau's drug and vice division, Oregon State Police Crime Lab and the Portland Fire Bureau's Hazardous Material Team responded to the home to remove the drug lab equipment and chemicals and carry out decontamination needs.

Officers said they also seized a quantity of suspected methamphetamine at the address.

Arrested at the home was Edith Leslie Dean, 59; Billy S. Stroud, 45; David B. Starkey, 45; and Robert Louis Dale, 36.

All were lodged in the Multnomah County Justice Center Jail on charges of manufacture and possession of a controlled substance. Dean was also arrested on an outstanding warrant for parole violation. Stroud faces an additional charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Groups Recycle Christmas Trees



LaMar Franklin, 16, of the House of Umoja, spreads chipped Christmas trees at a northeast Portland residence as a public service to a low-income family.

The Sabin Community Development Corp. and the House of Umoja are among non-profit groups participating in a citywide effort to recycle Christmas trees.

Metro regional government is promoting the recycling as a way to do something good for the environment while supporting community organizations and projects.

In the Sabin neighborhood of inner-northeast Portland, tree chipping was being donated by the lawn care business Pro-grass. Overall there are 160 dropoff sites and pick-up services in the tri-county area participating in the effort.

Most groups will be collecting trees this weekend and on the weekend of Jan. 7-8. A small fee or donation will support the activity of groups such as the House of Umoja, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, churches and school organizations.

Last year more than 63,000 trees were recycled by non-profit groups becoming compost, mulch, walking paths and decorative landscape materials instead of landfill material.

"Residents of our region are great recyclers and Christmas tree recycling is a double win," said Judy Wyers, Metro Council presiding officer. "Citizens give their trees back to nature and support many worthwhile projects at the same time."

Residents can call Metro Recycling Information at 234-300 for specific information on tree recycling options.

The House of Umoja provides residential treatment for adolescent men with gang affiliation issues. Treatment includes anger management, violence prevention, interpersonal communication and problem solving skills.



Salvation Army Provides For Christmas

Jack Ernest loads the back of his truck with gift baskets from The Salvation Army. The food and gifts were delivered to Portland area families who were less fortunate this holiday season.

Shakur's Partner Jailed

Charles Fuller, Tupac Shakur's manager and co-defendant, has been sent to jail to await sentencing. A state supreme court justice said he planned to do the same for Shakur and issued a warrant for the rapper who was convicted with Fuller on a sex abuse charge.