

Preparing For Science Bowl

A team of pregnant and parenting students prepare to compete in high school academic tournament.



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Black History Saluted

Rev. John Garlington Jr. was a pioneering leader in Portland's African American community.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Ron Brown Investigation Pushed

The nation's first black Secretary of Commerce last week came under increased Congressional scrutiny because of his complex business dealings. Republicans are pushing a probe of how Brown was able to earn more than \$400,000 from the sale of a company in which he says he invested no money.

Schools Plan For Earthquake

Concerns about earthquake preparedness in Portland public schools has been heightened following last month's earthquake near Seattle. School district personnel are evaluating more than 100 school buildings and facilities to determine where upgrading is necessary.

Stevie Wonder Will Not Run

Music legend Stevie Wonder says he is giving up on plans to run for mayor of Detroit. The 44-year-old icon, said last week, "I thought about the whole political thing, but thought, realistically, that music is the best platform to express how I feel." Wonder's next album "Convention Peace" is due out in March.

Jay Praised For Efforts

For the second consecutive year, Portland entrepreneur Roy Jay has been presented an economic development award from the Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs. Assembly president Calvin Henry said Jay has been outstanding in developing economic opportunities for blacks in Oregon. In particular, Jay was cited for elevating Portland's national visibility as being a future destination for minority conventions, conferences and meetings.

Number On Assistance Grows

With the talk of welfare reform abounding in the Congress and Clinton administration, the Census Bureau says that more Americans are now on public assistance. But the poverty rate has not changed. In 1993, 15 percent of all Americans were poor, a rate that is not statistically different from the previous year.

College Fund Supported

The United Negro College Fund is the nation's leading black non-profit organization in total fund raising and at number 69 ranks among the top 100 of all U.S. charities. During fiscal year 1994, UNCF raised \$91 million. The organization raises funds to support students and programs at 41 private, historically black colleges and universities.

Probe Now Targets Ministers

The Whitewater investigation into President Clinton's business dealings while he was Governor of Arkansas last week expanded its probe into monies the Clinton campaign allegedly gave to ministers to get out the black vote during the 1980s. The White House immediately denounced the probe as a "Republican inspired fishing expedition."

Blazer Player Pledges For Vernon Kids



Portland Trail Blazer Chris Dudley addresses the students at Vernon Elementary after his \$300,000 contribution to "I Have A Dream" foundation. Program founder Eugene Lang of New York is seated at right. (Photo by Donn Thomas)

An entire class of students from Portland's inner city has again been adopted into a program that can guarantee them a college education.

Portland Trail Blazer Chris Dudley made the effort possible by making a \$300,000 contribution, the largest individual donation in the history of the Oregon "I Have A Dream" program. It is also the largest gift from any professional athlete in the 14-year history of the national "I Have A Dream" foundation.

Dudley's support will enable 76 fourth grade students from Vernon Elementary School at 2044 N.E. Killingsworth, to participate in the program. Other sponsors are Lynn and W. Page Mesher and Diane and Terrence Pancoast.

As "dreamers" they are promised \$4,000 in college scholarships if they successfully complete high school and stay away from drugs and crime.

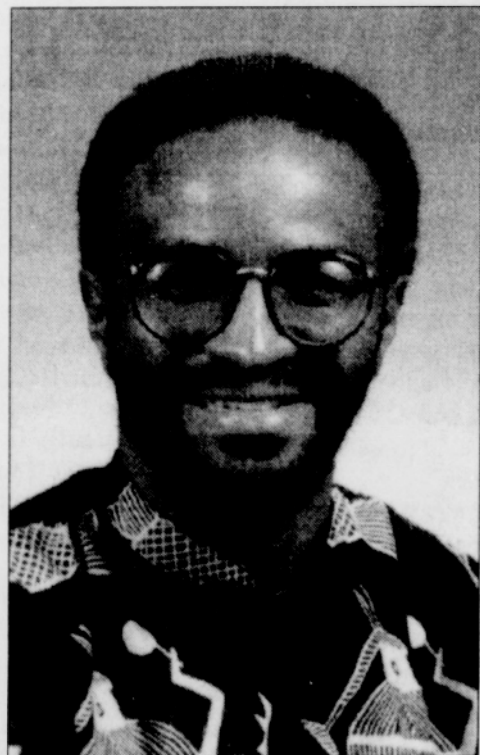
In the meantime, the students benefit from special programs of educational enrichment during school.

Dudley and Eugene Lang, the foundation's national founder, attended the announcement of the sponsorship at the school during an assembly on Tuesday.

This is the second class from the north and northeast Portland community to go into

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Portlander Honored



Kamau Sadiki

Portland man has been named a 1995 Black Engineer of the Year.

Kamau Sadiki, a hydraulic engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will be one of 15 special honorees at a Feb. 18 awards convention in Baltimore, Md.

Sadiki is responsible for computer modeling of the hydro-electric system of dams in the Pacific Northeast and southeastern United States.

A native of South Carolina, Sadiki earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Howard University and has been employed with the Corps since 1980. He served as the first black employment program manager at the corp's division office.

Sadiki is actively involved in community service, including work as a science advisor to the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry's Alberta Science For Kids, an after school program for African American elementary school children and as an advisor to OMSI's Youth Alive! science internship program.

He is also chairman of the board of directors of the Black Education Center, an independent African American education institution.

He has studied African arts and history in the Nile Valley, is founder of the Sirius Study Group, a Portland association for the study of classical African civilizations and recently returned from Brazil where he studied capoeira, an African-Brazilian martial art form.

He and his wife, Amina, have two children, Kumasi and Zaire.

Minister Group To Hear Police Complaints

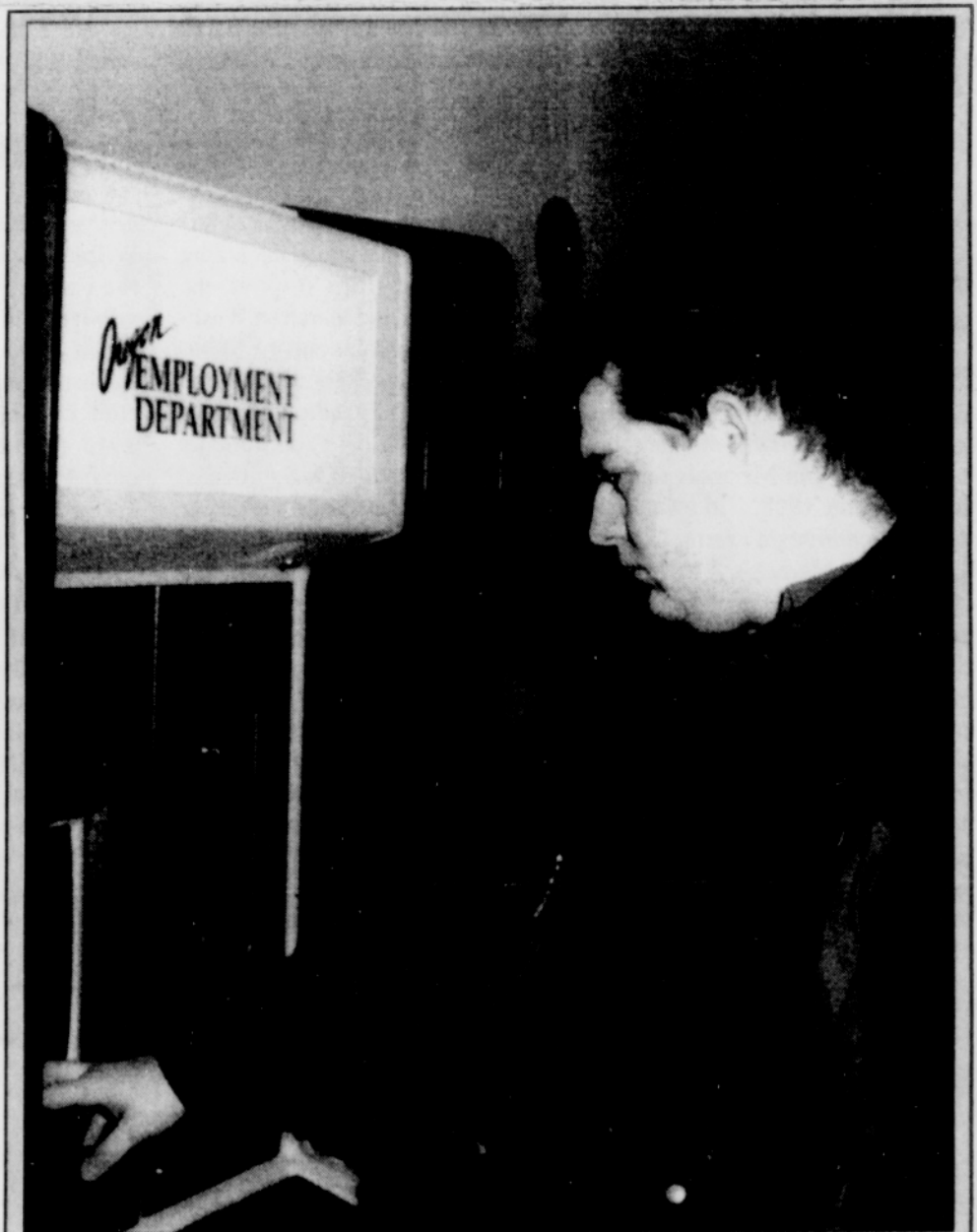
Area residents who may have a complaint against Portland police can now get assistance from the Albina Ministerial Alliance of north and northeast Portland.

The alliance and the Portland Police Bureau's Internal Investigation Auditing Committee is working to create an atmosphere where individuals won't feel intimidated to file a complaint against the police.

Alliance officials said there will be no interrogations, no badgering or any form of harassment.

Alliance staff members are not investigators, but will assist in the completion of proper forms and forward them to the police bureau's internal affairs division. It will be the responsibility of the person with the complaint to follow-up the action.

The alliance office is located at 1425 N.E. Dekum.



Tad McDowell pushes the commands to operate a new multimedia jobs network computer at Lloyd Center, the first of the Oregon Employment Department machines installed in the Portland area.

Job Help At The Mall

An innovative multimedia system that puts information about job services and community programs at the fingertips of Oregonians has been inaugurated at Lloyd Center in northeast Portland.

The new network uses computers, housed in a kiosk and equipped with touch

screen technology, to provide information about job openings, unemployment, insurance and community programs.

The state Employment Department recently unveiled the machine at Lloyd Center as one of the first of 169 of the units to be placed in public buildings across the state.

The Lloyd Center kiosk is located on the shopping mall's third floor food court.

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