

**Urban League Anniversary**

West Pontiac's Clarence Larkins offers incentive program in honor of Urban League's 50th year.



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**To Remember The Past**

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**THE WEEK IN REVIEW**

**Kids, Families Campaign Opens**

"Building Strong Kids, Families, and Communities" is the theme for a campaign for donations now underway with the YMCA, Columbia-Willamette chapter. Over 400 volunteers have kicked-off the drive to raise \$445,000. A victory and thank you celebration is set for March 14 at Montgomery Park. Donations go toward new and existing YMCA programs that support youth, family and adults in the Portland area.

**Yellow Bikes Need Storage**

The Community Cycling Center, 2407 N.E. Alberta, urgently needs temporary space in north and northeast Portland for its yellow share-a-bike program which provides free bicycle transportation to the public. Individuals and small businesses who have secure, dry space are urged to call Brian Lacy at 288-8864.

**Parks Recruit Summer Staff**

Portland Parks and Recreation is hiring qualified staff to fill 350 positions as swimming pool managers, lifeguards and swim instructors. The dates of employment are mid-June through Sept. 1. Wages are from \$5.60 to \$9.50, depending upon the position and experience. Training to become a lifeguard or swim instructor is available now and through April. Call the parks department at 823-5130 for more information.

**Farrakhan Tops Among Readers**

To the dismay of many, a Black Press of America survey reveals that Minister Louis Farrakhan is the most effective African American leader. Farrakhan captured 13 percent of the poll beating out Jesse Jackson, who placed second among the responses from over 2,000 readers.

**White Executed In Killing**

It has been extremely rare that a white person has been sentenced to death for killing a black person. But one of those events has now happened in North Carolina. A 55-year-old white man - Kermit Smith Jr. - was executed last month for the 1981 kidnapping, rape and murder of a black cheerleader - Whelette Collins.

**Support For Shabazz Grows**

The daughters of some of the nation's most prominent civil rights leaders have announced a campaign to aide the legal defense of the daughter of assassinated black nationalist leader Malcolm X. Qubilah Shabazz, 34, was charged last month with plotting to kill Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan. Members of Malcolm X's family have long maintained that Farrakhan played a role in the assassination.

**City Digs Out From Record Snow**



Kids having fun in the snow at Martin Luther King Elementary in northeast Portland after a record 10 inches of snow falls Sunday, canceling school. It was the worst snowstorm to hit the city since 1968-69. (Photo By Charles Washington)

**Garden Construction On Schedule**

The Rose Garden, the \$262 million future home for the Portland Trail Blazers, is 65 percent complete, according to officials of the Oregon Arena Project and Drake/Turner, joint contractors.

Completion is scheduled for October. About half of the arena's roof is now complete. Heavy roof steel has been installed and crews are finishing up the catwalks, rigging and metal decking.

Installation of architectural battens and roof membrane continues. Metal panels that make up the roof edge are complete at the north end of the building.

The aisle steps in the arena bowl have been substantially completed.

Officials say mounting holes for installation of seats is done. The seats will be delivered in April. Final concrete work for the team locker rooms is underway.

Installation of drywall, paint, millwork, lights and other finishes is also being completed on levels 1 through 4. Concrete work continues for the arena's television studio and truck dock.



Crews are closing in on the roof of the new Rose Garden in north and northeast Portland, the future home of the Portland Trail Blazers.

**Police Encouraged To Move To Inner City**

A new program designed to encourage police officers to buy homes in some of Portland's inner city neighborhoods was launched last week by Mayor Vera Katz, Police Chief Charles Moose and executives from five major banks.

The plan, called "police at home" will offer incentives to officers who buy and occupy homes in eight designated Portland neighborhoods. The communities include Belmont, Cully-Killingsworth, Hamey Park, Humboldt-Jefferson, Kenton, Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Opportunity Area, Unthank Park/Boise and Lents.

The program was initiated by Katz and Moose, who then met with Oregon represen-

tatives from Bank of America, First Interstate Bank, Washington Mutual, Key Bank and U.S. Bank.

Moose, a resident of the Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. area, also found support for the proposal as he talked to community groups, including the Albina Rotary Club, about his own experiences after moving to the neighborhood in 1993.

The program provides incentives to lower initial home purchase costs such as down payment, closing costs, inspections and other related fees. Most costs may be financed, allowing police officers to purchase eligible homes with no out of pocket expense. Participating officers will commit to residing in the home for a minimum of five years.



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**Surgeon General Nominee**

Henry W. Foster Jr. is fighting to become the next U.S. Surgeon General.

Foster, 61, was nominated for the position last week by President Bill Clinton. But opponents, mainly Republicans and anti-abortion activists, are trying to block the nomination because Foster performed abortions over his four decades as a gynecologist and obstetrician.

Foster is widely recognized as one of the nation's leading authorities on reducing infant mortality and preventing teen pregnancy and drug abuse. He is currently on sabbatical from Meharry Medical College where he served as dean of the school of medicine and acting president.

Foster earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Morehouse College in 1954 and was awarded his Doctor of Medicine by the University of Arkansas in 1958.

He conducted an internship at the Detroit Receiving Hospital, served two years as a medical officer in the U.S. Air Force and conducted one year of residency training in general surgery at Malden Hospital, Malden, Mass. He completed a three-year residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn.

Among his awards and honors, Foster has been a scholar-in-residence at the Association of Academic Health Centers in Washington, D.C.; induction into the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences; awarded the Appreciation Award for Research and Teaching in Sickle Cell Anemia from Tuskegee University; and the Faculty Award for Excellence in Science and Technology.

**Food Bank Worker Earns Praise**

Percy Winters Jr. of northeast Portland has been honored as the first Employee of the Year for the Oregon Food Bank, a statewide provider of emergency food supplies.

Winters has worked as a truck driver for the agency for four years. He recently was promoted to warehouse manager at the food bank's 3808 N. Williams Ave. location, where he coordinates warehouse operations and food distribution to over 170 member programs in the greater Portland area.

He was selected for the honor by a vote of his peers. Winters was cited for an ability



Percy Winters Jr.

to build relationships among staff, volunteers and corporate food donors. He also won praise for his power of persuasion, ability to rally the troops and inspire the public at special events and food drives.

"Percy is extremely articulate and inspires his listeners when communicating Oregon Food Bank's story and the story of hungry people," said Rachel Bristol Little, food bank executive director.