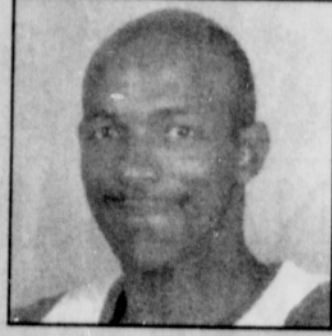


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Drexler, Rockets Battle Magic

Clyde Drexler has another chance at an NBA title as Houston squares off against the Orlando Magic.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Oregon Bond Market Improves

Oregon's financial picture has improved as the state nears its final round of implementing the 1990 property tax limitation created by ballot measure 5.

McCoy Declares Drug Free Zone

Students and staff at Gladys McCoy Academy, 3802 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., have made a commitment to help make their block a better place to live and work.

Brew Pub For Kennedy School

The historic Kennedy School at 5736 N.E. 33rd Ave. will soon become an establishment for entertainment.

Urban Environment Improved

Vernon elementary students are getting a first hand experience in learning how to improve the environment.

Plans For Big Pipe Laid

Portland plans to build a huge new pipeline, 10 feet in diameter, through portions of north and northeast Portland.

Chain Gang Draws Inmate Suit

An inmate has filed a \$100,000 suit against the state of Alabama alleging violation of civil rights for forcing him to work on a chain gang.

New Commissioner Named

An African American, Thomas Hill Moore, has been sworn in as commissioner of the U.S. Consumer Produce Safety Commission.



Woodlawn Elementary kids rollick in the sand of time. The first graders went on a field trip to the seaside last Friday to learn more about nature and the sea.

Kaiser, Union In Labor Duel

BY PROMISE KING

A wild cloud of a labor crisis is looming over Bess Kaiser Medical Center as aggrieved workers charge the hospital management with unfair labor practices.

The medical center announced last month that it was phasing out its inpatient hospital in north Portland. At the same time, it announced agreements with Sisters of Providence on the reemployment of displaced workers.

Now a coalition of unions representing the workers say the agreements are unacceptable.

The coalition charges Kaiser with refusing to negotiate with its employees over the re-hiring and selection agreements even after three heated bargaining sessions.

"Kaiser's initial proposals with Providence fall far short of protecting our members' rights and retirement and also fall short

of providing continuing comparable employment, wages and benefits with other employers," coalition coordinator Shelley Herochik argued.

Herochik said in some cases, the proposals "violate current union contract provisions at Kaiser and Sisters of Providence."

The coalition is angry that these proposals set criteria and conditions that the union members won't be able to meet.

Herochik said the workers were not represented when the agreements were being reached.

"Their policy sounds very good on paper, yet when you analyze them, instead of including as many

of our members as possible they are really excluding these members," she said.

According to Providence, displaced Kaiser employees must meet the minimum qualifications of its job descriptions and have a clean employment record within a 12 month



Planned closure of Bess Kaiser leads to labor dispute.

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Contest Inspires Creativity

The Portland Rose Festival holds a more literary meaning for some area children.

Elementary and middle school students participated in a new event which challenged their creativity and writing skills.

Pacific Power sponsored the Rose Scholar essay contest, which was open to students in grades 4 through 6 who attended public schools in the company's north and northeast Portland service area.

They were asked to answer the question: "If you could invent something that runs on electricity and make life better for people, what would it be?"

A total of 320 youngsters responded. Their ideas ranged from helping others

to improving the life of a so-called couch potato.

In one essay, the writer suggested a virtual reality helmet to treat trauma and stress. Another suggested a "gun recycler" that would be used to melt guns into the shapes of tools to build more homes and shelter for the poor.

One writer suggested a robotic maid and even priced it. And still another thought an "automatic garbage retriever" would be nice for people in a hurry.

Some inventions were humorous, others showed the concerns of young people regarding the future of the planet. In one instance, an inventor designed a "reclining toilet" designed to make the bathroom "experience"

nicer for everyone.

And then there was the student who wanted to invent a machine to help stop crime and create a peaceful place for everyone. Another created the "pollution killer," a giant vacuum cleaner that runs on solar power or electricity, sucks the pollution from the air, filters it -- then releases back into the atmosphere.

Prizes for the winners included gift certificates to Tower Records, \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds, T-shirts, hats, a special Rose Scholar Reception and an invitation to march in the Pacific Power Junior Rose Festival Parade.

In addition, teachers received a \$50 gift

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Brown Brings Goodwill To His Community

Richard Brown makes a conscious and forceful effort to make positive contributions to his neighborhood and to his heritage.

The community activist and photographer has been a resident of northeast Portland for over 20 years.

Last week Brown was awarded the George A. Russell Community Service Award by the Oregon Community Foundation. Earlier this year he was named an outstanding individual by the North-Northeast Business Association.

Brown is a member of the Black United Front, The Police Chief's Forum, Rainbow Coalition, the Black Leadership Conference and the Citizen Crime Commission. He serves on the board of the House of Umoja and Albina Head Start.

Brown helped organize the community patrol on Northeast Beech between Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Borthwick. Then as neighbors began to walk the streets in groups during the evenings, criminal activity in the neighborhood dropped.

The patrolers have included Mayor Vera Katz, other city officials police officers and



Richard Brown (right) receives an award for community service from Tony Barker of the Oregon Community Foundation.

folks form all walks of life.

Brown says he is concerned about negative images of African Americans, especially males, and of his community as seen in the

media.

"My work is an attempt to change the way we view ourselves and the way we are viewed by others," he said.

Climb To Help Big Brothers, Sisters

Portland resident Dan Blue will make his way to the top of Mt. Rainier this weekend.

Blue will be one of 20 Big Brother/Big Sister staff members and volunteers from across the country making the hike on behalf of area youth.

In north and northeast Portland, Big Brother/Big Sister is sponsored by the Urban League of Portland.

The organization matches children from single parent homes with a caring adult role model for a long lasting one-to-one relationship.

The weekend "Big Climb" will kick off the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America national conference next week in Seattle.

Each climber hopes to raise \$2,000 for their local Big Brother/Big Sister agency. Jantzen of Portland and McDonald's Restaurants are corporate sponsors.

Additional local sponsors are still being sought.

At 14,411 feet, Washington's Mt. Rainier is one of the highest peaks in the continental United States.

While this will be Blue's first attempt at scaling Mt. Rainier, he has climbed Mt. Hood and has rafted and hiked in the Himalayas.

The climb is being led by Rainier Mountaineering Inc., a guide service headed by Lou Whitaker, the first American to scale Mt. Everest in Alaska.

Anyone wishing to support the Big Brother/Big Sister program can send a donation to in care of the Urban League of Portland, 10 N. Russell St., Portland, OR 97227.

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