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Area residents have fun aboard the Spirit of Portland.



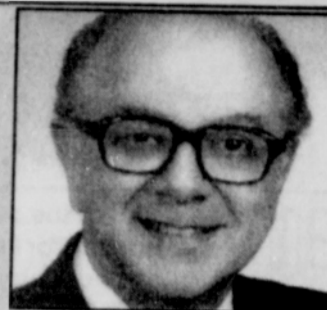
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Hilton Upgrade Draws Party

Hilton Hotel Manager Serge D'Rovencourt hosts a benefit gala for the remodeled Portland landmark.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Simpson Marriage Reported, Denied

A newspaper reported Sunday that O.J. Simpson headed to the Dominican Republic to marry model Paula Barbieri. But his top attorney, Johnnie Cochran Jr. denied the report. The Listin Diario newspaper quoted unidentified sources saying Simpson, 48 and Barbieri, 26 or 27, left Los Angeles Saturday for Miami and then Santo Domingo. Last year, the newspaper broke the marriage news of Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley.

Simpson Faces Civil Suits

Wrongful death civil lawsuits have been filed against O.J. Simpson by the families of murder victims Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. The lawsuits can proceed despite last week's verdict, and Simpson, who did not testify in the criminal trial, could be forced to take the stand.

Custody Fight Over Kids Expected

O.J. Simpson's acquittal means he likely will ask a court to give him guardianship of his younger children, Sydney, 9, and Justin, 7. The change must be approved in Orange County probate court, where Nicole Simpson's parents, Lou and Juditha Brown were given guardianship of the children last year.

Homecoming Mirrors Chase

The O.J. Simpson saga ended much as it had begun, with Simpson being transported in a white van to his estate while news helicopters tracked him overhead. On June 17, 1994, Simpson in a white Bronco with his friend Al "A.C." Cowlings driving, led police on a surreal slow-speed chase viewed by millions.

Verdict Were Watched By Nation

The verdicts in the O.J. Simpson trial were the most watched events in history. Over 90 percent of the TV viewing public were tuned in when the not guilty verdicts were read. Tens of millions of Americans dropped what they were doing and gathered around television sets in homes and workplaces.

Garcetti Deems OJ Case Closed

Decrying an acquittal that he said was based on emotion rather than reason, Los Angeles District Attorney Gil Garcetti said that O.J. Simpson's release would not prompt a new search for a killer. "I stand in front of you, we all stand in front of you, with the belief the evidence was there," Garcetti said.

Trial Cost Put At \$9 million

A breakdown of money that Los Angeles County spent prosecuting O.J. Simpson is estimated at more than \$9 million. The expenses for the prosecution was put at \$3.6 million. About \$2.7 million was spent for sheriff's department expenses, which included \$1.8 million for round-the-clock jury protection. Superior and municipal court costs were \$1.9 million, autopsies were \$100,000 and accounting costs were \$21,000.



James Tims (above) was one of the many participants in the annual United Negro College fund walk.

Portland alumni of historically black colleges and universities join together to support the scholarship fund (left).

All Ages Walk For College Fund

The sixth annual "Walk-a-Mile to Save a Mind" fundraising event for the United Negro College Fund was held Saturday at Peninsula Park in North Portland.

Registration began at 7 a.m. with celebrity Ronald McDonald leading the walk at 9 a.m. Rambling Rod of KPTV Channel 12

broadcast his show live from the park at noon.

Walkers participated in groups, teams and individually. Trophies were awarded to the corporation, organization and church raising the most money in their category.

The event was co-sponsored by McDonald's Restaurants of Oregon and South-

west Washington, Nike, Inc., Washington Mutual, Northwest Natural Gas and KPTV. Nearly \$35,000 was expected to be raised during the event

The college fund helps historically black colleges to provide scholarships and financial aid to deserving students. The UNCF has been providing students with needed money

to help with tuition, textbook and laboratory expenses for over 50 years.

Funds contributed also help maintain daily operating expenses at UNCF colleges and universities. Oregon is home to scores of students and alumni of UNCF schools.

Additional donations can be made by contacting Adrienne Caver at 223-8990.



Senior citizens and others take to the street on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in front of the Northeast Multicultural Senior Center Thursday to send a message protesting the cuts to medicare proposed by Congress.

March Protests Medicare Cuts

About 70 people participated in a protest and march in northeast Portland Thursday to protect Medicare and Medicaid from federal budget cuts.

The group paraded down Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd with police escort to demonstrate the effects that cuts in basic health care will have on real people.

Jim Davis and State Rep. Margaret Carter, D-Portland, spoke on the need to protect present Medicare benefits. Both speakers

encouraged seniors to voice their opinions and vote.

Some seniors came dressed as ghosts, signifying Medicare of the future if the cuts go through Congress. Seniors passed out M & M candies to remind people not to let Medicare melt away in their hands.

At the end of the walk, the group sang together and rallied to encourage others to contact their politicians. The event was sponsored by Save America's Families Coalition and the Medicare and Medicaid Coalition.

Doris' Cafe To Serve Southern-Style Barbecue In The Rose Garden Arena

Doris' Cafe teams up with Cutting Edge Concepts (CEC) and Oregon Arena Corporation to serve succulent, southern-style barbecue during all public events at the Rose Garden Arena. "Doris' at the Garden" will operate from a custom designed food service kiosk on the main concourse in the arena. Some of the popular menu items being showcased are barbecue beef and chicken sandwiches, rib sandwiches, plus barbecue hot links and smoked sausages. Red beans and rice, potato salad and corn muffins are just a few of the side dishes being offered.

This partnership is another way for the Trail Blazers and OAC to reiterate it's long-standing commitment to support community activities and functions that benefit the north and northeast neighborhoods.

"We were looking for a way to

bring part of the community into the arena and we felt concessions would be the perfect avenue," said Jim Wilson, vice president, Cutting Edge Concepts. "After researching our options, we chose Doris' Cafe because we knew we couldn't make southern-style barbecue as good as they do. It was a natural tie and an easy choice to make because they're such great people to work with."

CEC is responsible for all food and beverage concessions at the Rose Garden, Rose Garden Commons and Memorial Coliseum.

"This is not only a great opportunity for myself, but also for the community at large because it creates more jobs," said Rosie Dean, owner, Doris' Cafe. "I'm just honored I was chosen to be their partner and part of the arena."

Sheriff's Dinner Supports Snow-Cap

Multnomah County Sheriff Dan Noelle encourages area residents to attend the annual Sheriff's Office Spaghetti Dinner.

Noelle and his staff prepare and serve the feast as a benefit for SNOW-CAP, a charity that serves people in need in east Multnomah County.

As the winter months approaches, the need for emergency food boxes, cloth-

ing, prescriptions, transportation and utility support rises. The revenues from the spaghetti dinner go directly to support these charitable services.

All food and supply items used to prepare the dinner have been made available through a generous donation from Cub Foods. The dinner is on Saturday from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Rivercrest Community Church Hall in Gresham.

Rap Group To Benefit Gang Outreach

The Yaun Youth Care Centers is unleashing the Gospel Gangstas as its newest weapon in youth gang abatement. The anti-gang rap group will be live and on stage Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Jefferson High School auditorium.

"We hope that by the time the show's

over, the youth attending will look at youth gangs and life on the streets in a new light," said Rod Cook, Yaun executive director.

The Gospel Gangstas formed four years ago in Los Angeles when three gang-bangers "saw the light or "errors of their ways."

Promoters say the group has performed

before audiences of 10,000 people and have been courted by many record labels.

Yaun Youth Care Centers Outreach officials say the Portland performance is "perhaps the easiest way to reach a large number of gang affected and affiliated youth and to do so with a positive image that works.

Further, given their past gang-affiliated background, the Gospel Gangstas are able to relate a message of peace and love in ways that today's youth should understand, Yaun officials said.

Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. For more information call the Yaun Youth Center at 281-7564.

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