

Helping Special Kids

Soccer Coach George Scott is recognized for his work with Special Olympics.



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Hospital Hosts Clinic

Area children will get medical checkups at no cost at Portland Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Hate Mongers Not Welcome

Multnomah County Sheriff Dan Noelle, Portland Police Charles Moose, Republican and Democratic party representatives and others, signed a statement last week in support of the Northwest Coalition Against Malicious Harassment. The officials want to reiterate the fact that people like David Irving, the notorious Holocaust denier and hate monger, is not welcome in Oregon.

Freedom Project Targets Vote

A neighbor-to-neighbor campaign for jobs and justice is targeting north and northeast Portland for signatures in a ballot initiative to raise the minimum wage. The effort is sponsored by the Portland Rainbow Coalition and other groups and also intends to inform the public about bigoted initiatives which scapegoat people of color, women, gays, immigrants and union members.

Hill Meets With Officials

Oregon State Treasurer Jim Hill was in Portland this week to hold a two-day conference on government financing. Hill said the management of public dollars has received a great deal of attention since the loss of billions in Orange County, Calif.

School Enrollment Leaps

Portland school officials say increase in enrollment is partly due to students returning to school after dropping out. Alternative programs and special high school offerings clearly have attracted new students, according to school district. New dropout retrieval programs are trying to bring back to the classroom students who had not attended school for one year.

Powell Linked To Monarchy

Colin Powell can claim kinship with the British monarchy as well as several U.S. presidents, the publication Burke's Peerage reported Sunday. The retired general is a descendant of a lieutenant governor of Jamaica who had a child by a slave in the early 1800s, said the publisher. That links home to ancient noble families in Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Spain. He also reportedly has lineage to presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and George Bush.

Two Simpson Jurors Write Book

Two of the jurors who acquitted O.J. Simpson are working day and night on a book they hope will set the public straight about what went on during months of sequestration and the short deliberations. Juror Gina Rosborough said the media and commentators are saying ridiculous things. "There was no race issue in the decision," she said.

Man Burned Climbing Substation

A man was critically-burned last week after he climbed a fence to enter a substation on Northeast Killingsworth and then tried to climb an electrical transformer. He was shocked by 115,000 volts of electricity.

The Mother Of All Marches

BY PROF. MCKINLEY BURT

Monday I sat before my television set, watching and listening as the nation's media, still reeling and struggling from the O.J. Simpson verdict, struggled to get a fix or spin on the precedent-shattering "Million Man March".

The panoramic sweeps of the Capitol Mall soon made it a reasonable assumption that, indeed, the projections of a million black men were within the ball park. At 11 a.m., the enthusiastic but orderly throngs

were visibly expectant, swirling about in an intense interaction. Early on, various African American celebrities made cameo appearances on the tube. L.C. Hammer, the rap artist, was thoughtful and subdued as he reiterated the purpose of the March.

Of course, the "background radiation" here is as intense as any in the universe and on this exciting morning of the actual event, as in the preceding weeks of controversy, network commentators and pundits were busy pumping and prompting whoever might have an opinion -- and was willing to voice it.

Supporters and participants in the giant rally have had no trouble in articulating the reasons and "need" for a coming-together of African American males to "reconnect, to regain lost values, to restore a sense of self and inner spirituality that has been eroded by racism, poverty and disdain." And always with the thoughtful overview that "we, first, must heal ourselves before we can engage in an effective dialogue with whites."

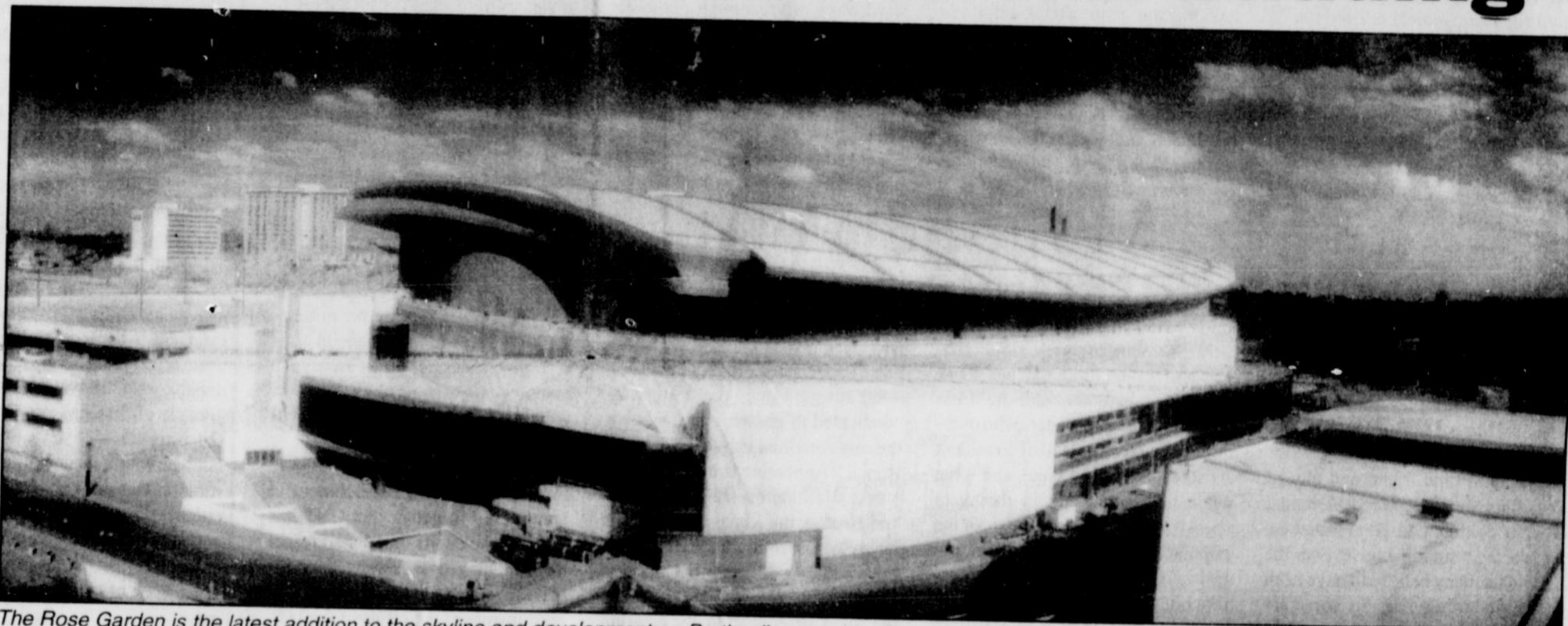
On the other side of the coin there are those, both black and white, who claim "you cannot separate the message from the mes-

senger -- so, therefore, the whole exercise is suspect." Others say, simply, "The March sends the wrong message", but do not clarify their own message. As expected, a number of women's groups voiced vehement opposition as did some individuals of the sex. But we find Maya Angelou and other notables in support.

Spokesmen for two important Jewish organizations, B'nai Brith and the Jewish

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New Rose Garden Arena Budding



The Rose Garden is the latest addition to the skyline and development on Portland's east side. The new home to the Portland Trail Blazers seats over 21,300. A grand opening attracted thousands of spectators over the weekend. See additional stories and photographs, inside.

BY ERIC NOON

One of the best things about being a multi-billionaire is the ability to afford the very best of anything, right now.

Well it wasn't quite that easy and Paul Allen didn't pay for it all himself, but 27 months and \$262 million later, Allen has given Portland another Rose Garden.

And the Portland Trail Blazer owner is like a proud father to be part of such a state-of-the-art facility. It's really nice to see a structure of such magnitude built with such quality.

"I believe it's the best in the world, said the Mercer Island resident Allen on his newest venture.

"The overall quality of experience the fan or concert-goer is going to enjoy far

exceeds my expectations," Allen said.

Folks, this place is truly spectacular. Like our rose garden in Washington Park, it will take your breath away. While the garden with real roses can leave you calm and collected, Paul's place will leave you awestruck over the size and quality compared to the Blazers former home, the Memorial Coliseum.

With much wider concourses, double the restrooms, 600 televisions, and quality of food that is second to none, Allen's Oregon Arena Corp. and the Portland Trail Blazers, Inc. have brought the city an arena that will be the best for quite some time to come.

Whether enjoying the expensive malt scotch and fine Cuban cigars on the top level outdoor terrace or grabbing a hotdog and heading to the \$5 cheap seats at the top of the third level, there's something for everyone in

this playhouse.

One of the best things for fans is the fact that those on the very top row in the new garden will be sitting in the same plush seat as Allen is at courtside.

If you think the Rose Garden is impressive from the outside, it just doesn't do this amazing structure enough justice until you get close.

"I'm especially pleased for a market this size, that perhaps might not have expected something as grand as this," said NBA Commissioner David Stern.

Stern was present for the opening gala Friday night along with many of the city's best musicians and comedian Dana Carvey, the former Saturday Night Live star. The \$125 a ticket charity event was truly spectacular with the festivities closing with the intro-

duction of a \$2 million fountain of fire and water "Essential Forces" out in front of the Garden.

The fountain is truly amazing and even if you don't get to a game this year, check out this fountain during one of the events - you won't be disappointed.

The Trail Blazers begin play Wednesday against the Minnesota Timberwolves and former Blazer great Terry Porter, released this summer, will be in a Timberwolf uniform - a new look with new surroundings in his former home.

You can do many things with a garden - depending on how much work you put into keeping it growing, and with the NHL looking to expand and the Trail Blazers having room to grow with 8,000 more seats, the Rose Garden arena should have plenty of room to bloom.

Habitat Opens In Arena

Portland Habitat for Humanity will celebrate the grand opening of its new building center on Saturday.

The event will include special performances by northeast Portland musicians, food, games for kids and much more. The celebration takes place from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

"The Home Building Center will allow us to build more efficiently," said Cynthia Winter, acting director of the non-profit ecumenical Christian group. "This will enable us to increase the number home homes we build through the years."

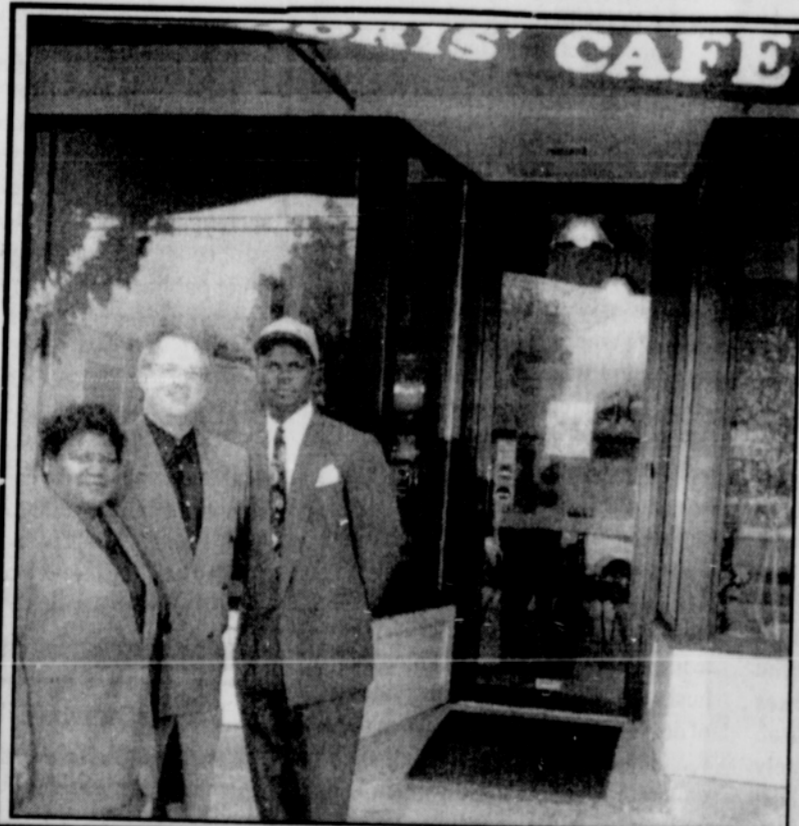
The Home Building Center structure, originally built in 1928, is located on the corner of Northeast 15th Avenue and Killingsworth. The landmark was a hub in the King,

Vernon and Woodlawn neighborhoods, once housing retail shops, grocery stands, pharmacies and most recently, Shag's Arena - a tavern, and restaurant owned by former Portland wrestler Shag Thomas.

Over the last several years, the building has remained abandoned. Habitat will use the building to house Habitat's office, a carpentry shop, a community meeting room and space for visiting work camps.

"The Home Building Center has made the corner of Northeast 15th and Killingsworth a visual and economic asset to the community," said Roslyn Hill, owner of the Garden Coffee House, two blocks south of the center.

Habitat families must invest 400 hours of "sweat equity" to help build their homes. Portland Habitat for Humanity, founded in 1981, is the oldest Habitat affiliate on the west coast.



Doris Thomas (left), in front of her popular restaurant, Doris' Cafe, on Northeast Russell and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Thomas has expanded her business to the new Rose Garden arena. She is joined by her son and restaurant manager Keith Dean (right) and Jim Wilson vice-president of Cutting Edge Concepts, a division of Trail Blazer owner Paul Allen's Oregon Arena Corp.

(Photo by Michael G. Halle)