

Winter Sports League Opens

Trail Blazer Jim Paxton kicks-off opening of area youth basketball league.



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New Gallery Welcomed

Northeast Portland's newest art gallery, "Our Dream" draws artists from around the area to celebrate.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Furse Helps Diabetes Awareness

U.S. Rep. Elizabeth Furse, D-Ore., and her daughter Amanda Briggs, grace the cover of Diabetes Forecast magazine's December issue. Furse has introduced legislation to help diabetics with Medicare. Her daughter was diagnosed with diabetes 10 years ago at the age of 27.

City Water Works Rated No. 1

The Portland Water Bureau was given the highest possible grade for revenue bonds last week by Moody's Investor Service of Wall Street. The AA1 rating will draw investors as the city issues \$20 million in revenue bonds to support planned system improvements.

Free Tri-Met Shuttles To Airport

Travelers were able to avoid the Thanksgiving holiday traffic and parking crunch at Portland International Airport last week with a free Tri-Met shuttle. The shuttle runs between the airport and Gateway Transit Center. Tri-Met says the free rides will be offered again during the Christmas holiday, Dec. 20 through Jan. 2.

Northeast Senator To Step Down

Sen. Ron Cease, who represents northeast and southeast Portland, announced last week that he will not seek re-election. The Democrat has served in the Legislature for 12 years and has one year remaining on his current term. His announcement gives potential candidates time to organize a campaign. Cease said he plans to continue teaching at Portland State University.

Rescue Mission Needs Help

The Portland Rescue Mission put out a call for help last week. The relief mission is being inundated with requests for warm clothing, blankets and hot meals. Donations are encouraged. For information call 227-0421.

Student Aid Cuts Opposed

Attempts to cut federal financial aid and education loans for students was opposed by City Commissioner Earl Blumenauer last week in a resolution before the city council. "As a society we encourage students to continue their education, yet make it virtually impossible to pay for it," Blumenauer said. "We may reduce the federal deficit, but we will create an educational deficit in this county that will be more difficult to overcome."

Court Dedicated On Grand

New housing in northeast Portland was dedicated last week in honor of City Commissioner Gretchen Miller-Kafoury. Kafoury was thanked for her commitment and continued support of issues related to affordable housing in a ceremony at Kafoury Court, a new five-unit complex at 4066 N.E. Grand. The project is managed by Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, a non-profit, community based organization.



Renovation of the historic downtown Multnomah County Central Library has included work by Dave Schwab (from left) Joe Squires, Steve Johnston, Barry Woods, Bill Bader and Steve Gourde, members of National Electrical Contractors Association and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 48.

Distinguished Nurse Shares Her History

By MICHAEL LEIGHTON

A retired nurse who has followed the path of one of America's greatest African American public health pioneers was introduced in Portland last week.

Mary L. Mills, 81, spoke to health professionals at the Kaiser Health Research Center in north Portland.

Mills is recognized for her many contributions to public nursing, but also for her promotion of the achievements of blacks in the history of the country.

Much like her predecessor Mary Eliza Mahoney (1845-1926), the first black professional nurse in America, Mills is dedicated to improving public health, the cause of freedom and the advancement of blacks in all walks of life.

In retirement, she is an avid historian, successfully working to keep Mahoney's achievements alive and other African Americans by promoting Black History Month and by honoring outstanding black Americans on postage stamps.

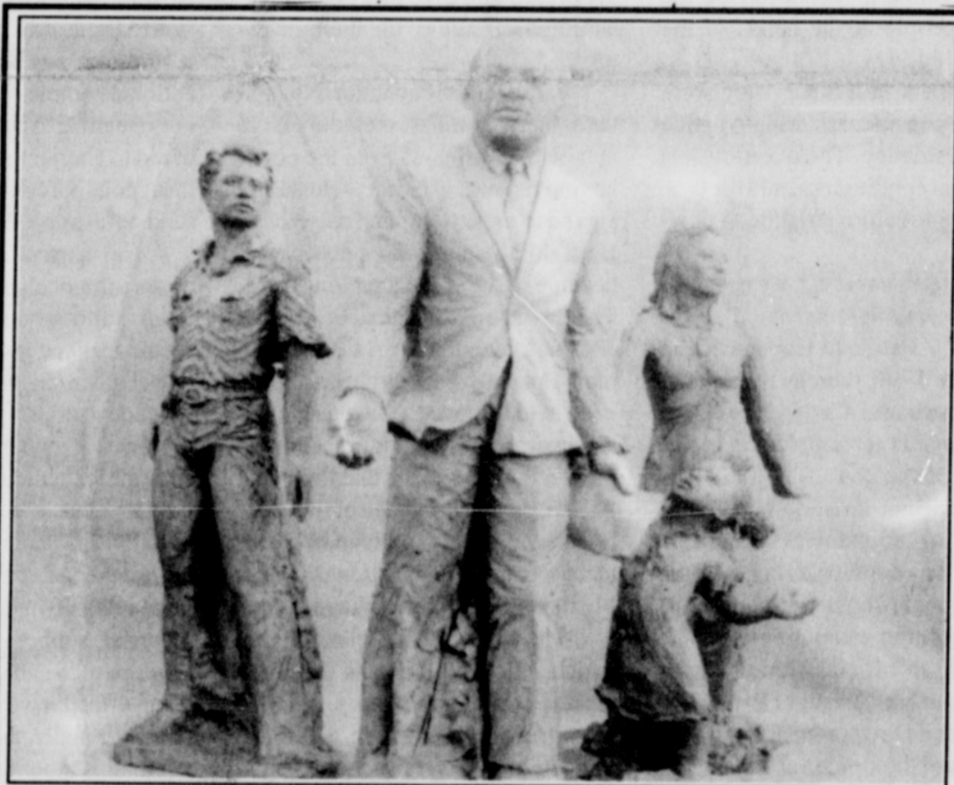
In all, she said, more than 50 African Americans have been now honored on U.S. stamps.

Mills has written articles on Bessie Coleman, the world's first black female aviator who earned her international pilot's license in France in 1921 after being rejected by the established aviation schools in America because of racial and sex discrimination.

Mills has an outstanding record of public and professional service. She was awarded the Rockefeller Public Service Award in 1971 as a nurse consultant in the community health service for the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

At the time, President Richard Nixon said she provided "outstanding leadership and splendid contributions," to the nation.

A native of Watha, N.C., she served in the U.S. Public Health Service for more than 25 years.



Michael Florin Dente's model of "The Dream, The Monument," a statue planned for in front of the Oregon Convention Center. Dente was scheduled to appear Wednesday on the 7:30 p.m. cable access program Northwest Spectrum.

Human Rights Day Celebrated

Portland will celebrate International Human Rights Day with a special ceremony at the First Congregational Church.

The Sunday, Dec. 10 event is sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and the Metropolitan Human Rights Commission.

The Portland area commission will release its new poster entitled "Universal Declaration of Human Rights," the declaration first adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on Dec. 10, 1948.

The declaration was the first international document that set a standard for the

treatment of individuals, guaranteeing such rights as freedom of religion and opinion, security of person, freedom from slavery, trial by law, freedom to marry and raise a family and ownership of property.

Other rights in the document, include freedom of peaceful assembly, the ability to take part in the government, freedom to work and receive equal pay for equal work and the right to join trade unions.

The right to rest and a reasonable limitation of working hours, the right to education and the right to participate in the cultural life of the community are also found in the declaration.

The special observance will take place from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the church, located at 1126 S.W. Park.

PSU'S RAMALEY MAINE CHANCELLOR FINALIST

Dr. Judith Ramaley, President of Portland State University, is one of four finalists for the position of chancellor of the University of Maine System. Ramaley agreed Tuesday night to be a finalist. The announcement was made Wednesday morning from the sys-

tem office in Bangor, Maine.

Last week in Portland Maine, Ramaley met with a small group of trustees and student representatives from the Maine system for what the president described as a "get acquainted" session. "I did not apply for this

Urban League Charges Ahead In AIDS Fight

The Urban League of Portland is boosting its efforts at HIV and AIDS prevention.

The organization will observe World AIDS Day on Friday as it opens a new aggressive campaign to increase awareness of the disease in the African American community.

AIDS is a fatal disease that attacks the immune system for which there is no cure. It is transmitted by contact with blood and other body fluids, most often by sexual contact and sharing needles during drug use.

"There is a lot of discomfort and denial in our community about HIV/AIDS issues which hampers open discussion and access to care services," explained Lawrence J. Dark, Portland Urban League president.

Dark and several Urban League staff members will demonstrate their commitment to preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS in the Portland area, by joining a public walk across the Burnside Bridge on Friday meant to dramatize the impact of HIV/AIDS in the city.

"By targeting African Americans and other people of color, we plan to build a caring environment in which the African American community will feel more comfortable about discussing the issue and those who are HIV positive can be more open about their condition and use available services," Dark said.

He likened the challenge to the atonement theme of the recent Million Man March in Washington.

"I believe there should be a similar atonement, because of too many brothers' and sisters' attitudes about the health issue of HIV/AIDS. We must get past discomfort and denial to work to educate, prevent, heal and improve the wellness of our community.

The league will sponsor an HIV/AIDS awareness event in December called "A Christmas in My Soul," with music, readings, poetry and prayer, and will host other events during Black History Month in February.

The gatherings will allow the community to participate and learn more about sexual abstinence, education, HIV/AIDS prevention and health services available, league officials said.

Urban League representative Ameera Saahir is available to help with education and to schedule informational sessions for individuals or groups and can be reached by calling 280-2620.

Workshop For Kwanzaa Holiday

A free workshop to learn more about the African-American holiday Kwanzaa is being sponsored by the Black Educational Center in northeast Portland.

Topics will include the history of Kwanzaa, its rituals and icons, how to prepare for the holiday and creating a Kwanzaa display.

Kwanzaa is celebrated from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 by more than 20 million African Americans. The workshop will take place Saturday, Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. at the center at 5919 N.E. 17. For more information, contact Kamau Sadiki at 284-9552.

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