

King Writes From Jail

Martin Luther King Jr. responds to a group of white religious leaders from his Birmingham jail cell.

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Call Them Pure Soul

New sounds echo back to the golden era of soul and R&B.

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Wilson Soars To State

Tyrone Manlove leads the Wilson Trojans to the state tournament with a win over Benson.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Hill Opens Campaign Effort

State treasurer Jim Hill has announced plans to seek another term. Hill, a former state lawmaker from Salem, promised to abide by voluntary limits on campaign spending. He also said although no opponents have surfaced in his race, he does not expect a free ride to re-election. Hill is currently forming a task force to explore solutions to improve retirement savings for all Oregonians.

Flood Closes River Locks

The Willamette Falls locks at Oregon City will be closed to river traffic and visitors for at least three months while flood damages are assessed and repairs made. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said floodwaters did extensive damage to the shipping channel's wiring, but structurally the locks appear to have escaped any significant damage.

Dams Prevent More Damage

An incredible amount of private property and public facilities were spared during February's big flood because of flood control on dams on the Columbia and Willamette rivers, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. However, persistent rains have put a lot of water into the system and it's taking a long time to lower the reservoirs, Corps officials said.

Blazers Turn On Ad Pylons

The Portland Trail Blazers this week unveiled the latest advertising concept at the Rose Quarter. BP Pylons, varying in height from 30 to 40 feet, are the newest landmarks to offer information on upcoming events at both the Rose Garden and Memorial Coliseum. The pylons will use animation, illumination and electronics to display messages.

Nordstrom Trades With Minorities

Nordstrom has spent \$1 billion with minority and women-owned firms since 1989, the fashion retailer has announced. "This is an exciting milestone for Nordstrom's Supplier Diversity Program," said Charles Dudley, Nordstrom vice president for human resources.

No Time For An Earthquake

With the ground in western Oregon as wet as it is right now, a major earthquake could cause cataclysmic damage, according to University of Oregon geology professor William Orr. In usual circumstances, an earthquake of 5 to 7 of the Richter scale simply shakes what is essentially solid ground, said Orr. But when the ground is saturated, a major earthquake will liquefy the soil, he said.

Big Money Goes To Light Rail

In a special ceremony, a \$158 million check from the U.S. Department of Transportation was presented last week to Oregon public officials for the Westside light rail project. "The benefits of light rail, clean air, conservation and less congestion are well worth the investment," said Sen. Mark Hatfield.

Northeast Development Faces Hurdles



Ronald D. Jackson (above) is director of professional services for the Portland Development Commission.

University Park (left) is a Portland Development Commission project that brought new middle income housing to the heart of downtown and the South Park blocks.

BY PROMISE KING
When Ronald D. Jackson of the Portland Development Commission talks about revitalizing inner northeast Portland, he spills solutions with ease and brims at strategies.

On paper, Jackson's five-year business plan for the economic salvation of the area through the development commission, shows genuine intention and prospect of effecting real growth.

But intricate problems in the community, beyond the scope of the commission, may pose too much of a punch that could knock life out of these economic development ef-

orts. In its plan, the development agency wants to create wealth through local ownership and employment, preserve and create middle class incomes and bring affordable ownership and rental housing opportunities. The strategy also seeks to satisfy community needs for goods and services.

Realistically, successful implementation of this job creation effort would require that those who hope to gain benefit from the plan, have access to transportation and child care. The commission does not provide such services and that could also dash hopes for success.

"It's a problem that is not exclusively PDC," admitted Jackson.

The agency's economic growth plans may also run into a collision with the concrete median on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Critics have continuously blamed the streetscape as a constraint to business expansion in the area.

The agency is hoping that other agencies will provide a remedy to transportation issues.

PDC plans call for the development of a mix of retail and service businesses to fully serve neighborhoods throughout northeast Portland. The projects and activities would be carried out in close consultation with

neighborhood associations and residents.

The commission, for several years, has focused its activities on neighborhood revitalization and redevelopment and even critics are beginning to point to PDC for a job well done.

And because of this success, it has been able to initiate new finances and development activities.

Such projects are Northeast Economic Development planning, Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) Emerging Small Business Program, Martin Luther

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Black Journalists Meet In Portland

The Western Regional Conference for the National Association of Black Journalists will be held Saturday, March 9 at the Holiday Inn-Downtown. The theme is "The Changing Media: Where We Are, Where We're Going."

The day will include panel discussions that explore the technological revolution and its impact on journalists and the community.

The conference is for all members of the community. Some of the program participants include Leah Hope, reporter/anchorwoman for KATU-TV; Andrea Ford, court reporter for the Los Angeles Times and lead reporter in the O.J. Simpson trial; Peter Bhatia, managing editor for The Oregonian; Ken Boddie, reporter/anchorman for KOIN-TV; Larry Akin-Adeyemi, publisher of the African Forum News and Angela Wilson, news editor for the Skanner Newspapers.

George E. Curry, editor-and-chief of Emerge magazine and weekly guest on Black Entertainment Television's "Lead Story," will give the conference's luncheon keynote address.

Dole Visits Oregon

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole made a campaign swing through Oregon Friday saying the race for the Republican presidential nomination was between his own "mainstream" views and the "extreme" positions of commentator Pat Buchanan.

"There are two viable Republican candidates — Dole and Buchanan," he told workers at a Tektronix plant in Wilsonville. "I think there's a difference between mainstream and being extreme. I'm not going to play on

your fears," he said.

Voting already has begun in Oregon, where registered voters received ballots late last week in the state's vote-by-mail presidential primary, which ends on March 12. In past Oregon vote-by-mail elections, up to half of those who vote have mailed back their ballots within the first week.

After touring the Tektronix factory, Dole was introduced by Republican Sen. Mark Hatfield, who described the majority leader as "a very good trusted friend."



Charlotte Lewis (left) and Adriene Cruz, designers for the Kwanzaa Quilt exhibit of the Interstate Firehouse Community Center, stand proudly in front of the IMANI quilt. Men, women and children from seven area community groups created the quilt's textile designs that were then printed and stitched together. Five completed quilts from the exhibit are on display during Black History Month at Walnut Park branch of First Interstate Bank, Key Bank at Lloyd Center and the new Marie Smith Center at 4616 N. Albina.

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