



Portland's All-Star Picks

Top prep student-athletes Reshawn Lewis and David Jackson are among the young men and women proudly named to the Portland Observer All-City Basketball Teams.



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Diversity At Ashland

Oregon Shakespearian Festival opens a season featuring a diverse cast of actors and an African-American playwright.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Westside Rail, 42 Percent Done

The 18-mile westside light rail project from downtown Portland to Beaverton is 42 percent complete and will begin operating in September 1998, Tri-Met announced last week. The project, including two 3-mile tunnels under the West Hills, is now within a \$944 million budget.

Defeated Smith To Run Again

Oregon Sen. Gordon Smith, who narrowly lost to Democrat Ron Wyden in the recent election for U.S. Senate will now seek the U.S. Senate seat held retiring Sen. Mark Hatfield. Smith, a Pendleton Republican, made the announcement Friday at the Washington Park Rose Garden.

Scouts Help People In Need

Area Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts collected clothing in Portland neighborhoods Saturday for the annual Goodwill Good Turn Day to help people with disabilities. Last year over 31,000 bags of clothing were collected in the statewide door-to-door drive.

Damaged Boat Landing Opens

Repairs and flood debris clean-up has allowed officials to re-open Chinook Landing Marine Park at Northeast Marine Drive and 223rd Avenue. The boat ramps and Northeast 43rd and Marine Drive and Sauvie Island, however, remain closed because of the February flooding.

Job Help For Flood Victims

Workers laid-off from their jobs due to the impact of extensive flooding are getting assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor and the Private Industry Council. Temporary jobs are available for flood-related cleanup and restoration of public facilities, including parks, roads and schools. For more information call 241-4600.

Alliance Hears Police Complaints

People who have complaints against Portland Police can try to resolve the problem by making an appointment with the Albina Ministerial Alliance. The alliance will help residents file the necessary forms to forward complaints to the police bureau's internal affairs division. Call 285-0493 for more information.

Truckers Bring Disaster Relief

A five-truck convoy from California brought more than 300,000 pounds of food and supplies to Oregon Saturday to restock shelves at the Oregon Food Bank. The food bank has been hard hit because of flood relief efforts.

Expect Delays On Sunset Highway

Motorists heading inbound on the Sunset Highway can expect delays for the next two weeks. Emergency repairs are being made to a slide just west of the zoo interchange.

Housing Trend Troubles Locals

BY PROMISE KING

Many residents cheered when experts predicted a surge in homeowners and a buoyant real estate market in northeast Portland.

And Richard Brown of Black United Funds was one of them.

Brown had hoped that this growth would usher in revitalization of the neighborhood.

But as it turns out, Brown says those who are benefiting from this change are not local residents.

"What is troubling is that people are coming outside the state to buy properties here. We have got to get our people to buy homes," said Brown.

He fears that this gentrification will displace long-time residents and adversely affect the unity of the community.

Many residents are complaining that they are being systematically squeezed out of the area. According to affordable housing pundits this could mean homelessness for some.

In his recent reports on managing the future of growth in the Portland tri-county area, Metro Councilor Don Morrisette expressed fears that as residents continue opposition to building multi-family housing units in various neighborhoods, the resultant squeeze on available rental space will exacerbate the problems of homelessness in the area.

Morrisette said north Portland serves as a

perfect example of the economics of gentrification where wealthier residents are moving in by the lure of getting a bargain on housing.

Morrisette reports that with the recent rise in housing costs, gentrification threatens to be increasingly destructive for lower income residents. Already, homeless service providers in Multnomah County report a growing inability to serve the increasing numbers of homeless families and individuals who request services.

The northeast neighborhoods contain about 6 percent of the population of the city of Portland. The community is about 47 percent black and 47 percent white. Within this community, the Boise, King and Vernon neighborhoods are predominantly black while the Sabin and Irvington are predominantly white. The King neighborhood is worst hit by this gentrification.

Overall, there are 11,054 households in these communities.

About 5,155 of them are homeowners while over 6,058 others rent.

There are 4,424 households with incomes below \$15,000, representing 40 percent of all household in the neighborhoods. Out of the 2,932 children under 5 years in the region, about 1,087 live in poverty. There are an estimated 8,092 teenagers that live in the area and 2,813 of them also live in poverty.

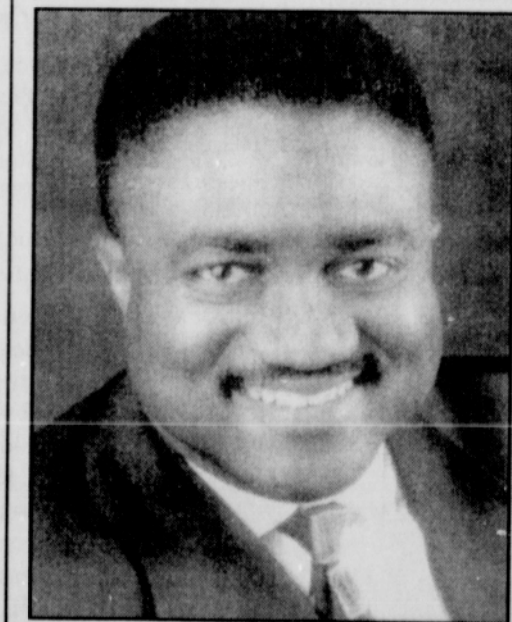
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Richard Brown



The Port of Portland served as the unloading point for Oregon Steel Mill's new \$190 million reversing mill. The world's second biggest truck-mounted crane was used to lift the cargo from the Elizabeth Clipper, a ship that set sail in December from Immington, England.



George E. Curry, editor-in-chief of Emerge magazine and weekly guest on Black Entertainment Television's "Lead Story," will be the keynote speaker Saturday for the National Association of Black Journalists conference at the Holiday Inn, downtown.



Is a 50 unit apartment the future for this lot on Northeast Shaver and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard?

Boulevard Housing Draws Nods

BY LEE PERLMAN

Northeast Community Development Corp. is trying a new kind of development and is looking for advice on how it should be done.

Proposed is a 50 to 60 unit apartment complex on the east side of Northeast Martin Luther King Boulevard between Skidmore and Going streets.

The construction would be NECDC's first multi-family housing project, first in partnership with an outside corporation and possibly, the first to include retail space.

The non-profit Portland agency plans to join the ONE Corp. of Los Angeles in the development.

Still undetermined are the design of the

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Presidential Candidate Keyes Arrested

Police detained Republican presidential candidate Alan Keyes Sunday night when he tried to enter a television station for a candidates' debate he had not been invited to take part in.

"I am exercising my constitutional right to free speech, get your hands off me," Keyes cried out as police handcuffed and hustled him into a patrol car.

Police said he would be arrested on criminal trespass charges, but no charges were filed and he was later released and greeted by a chagrined and apologetic Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell.

"He told me he hoped it didn't ruin my impression of Atlanta," Keyes later told a local television station.

A former Reagan administration diplomat and a very conservative candidate who has won rave reviews as an orator but few votes in early primaries.

Keyes, who is black, cried out, "This is like Martin Luther King," the slain civil rights leader who preached in Atlanta.

Keyes' supporters, some of whom had pitched tents on the television station lawn and set up "Camp Keyes" to protest his exclusion in the candidates' forum, chanted

"Let him speak. Let him speak."

Keyes harshly criticized the television station for trying to determine who the voters could hear.

"My crime is being qualified to be president," he said.

Station officials later released a terse statement that they thought inviting the top four vote-getters would produce the most substantive debate and they were sorry that Keyes "did not agree with our selection process."

Several hours later Keyes returned to the "camp" to join his supporters, who are attracted largely by his fervent opposition to abortion and his stress on traditional moral values.

He said police had driven him around Atlanta for about 20 minutes, until a sergeant drove up to them and ordered them to let him out in a parking lot in East Atlanta.

Keyes said he found a pay telephone and was calling his staff, when the same sergeant returned and announced that Mayor Campbell was on his way to give him a ride back.

WSB-TV had invited the four top candidates to the one-hour debate. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, who is ahead in the polls in Georgia, declined and was campaigning in Maryland on Sunday.

Publisher In Nursing Care

Joyce Washington, 59, publisher of the Portland Observer is receiving skilled nursing care at St. Joseph Care Center in southeast Portland.

Washington had been hospitalized in the intensive care unit at Legacy Emanuel Hospital since suffering a heart attack Feb. 6. She has made progress, but has not regained full consciousness. On the advice of physicians, she was transferred to St. Joseph's last Monday.

Family members are praying for her continued recovery and express their deepest appreciation for all the support they have received.

Washington has served as publisher of the Portland Observer since 1989.



Joyce Washington

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