

Kaiser Donates \$10,000 To Youth

Students are learning how to measure area as part of a Project Safe Summer math class.



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Better Days Ahead

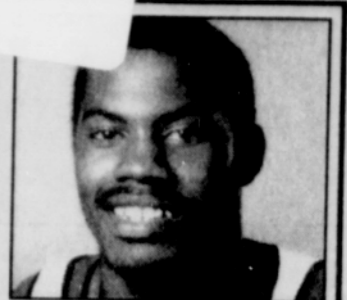
Jazz guitarist, Norman Brown releases a new album promoting a positive outlook.



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Blazers Trade for New Season

Rasheed Wallace is one of The Trail Blazers' new acquisitions as they prepare for next basketball season.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Anti-Cuba Law Conditional

President Clinton, in an election-year pickle over international trade and Cuba, decided today to let a controversial provision of a new law tightening sanctions against Havana take effect. Clinton, who is being squeezed between U.S. allies who trade with Cuba and anti-Castro groups living in key electoral states, found the compromise he had sought for months. The U.S. will not block a law that would allow lawsuits to be filed against foreign companies that do business with Cuba, but the president will reserve the right to do so this fall.

Holbrooke Returns To Balkans

Richard Holbrooke, the American envoy who was the architect of the Dayton peace treaty for Bosnia, has returned to the region to lay down the law. He's pressing for the removal of Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, an indicted war criminal. The United Nations says Serb separatists in a northern Bosnian town have threatened to take U.N. police officers hostage if Western forces try to arrest Karadzic.

Irish Peace Talks Resume

Northern Ireland peace talks resumed today after week-long violence which one politician said had dealt a body blow to democracy in the troubled province. British Northern Ireland Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew and Irish Foreign Minister Dick Spring were due to meet informally today to try to ease sharp strains caused by Dublin's criticism of Britain's handling of the worst unrest for years. A Protestant parade through a Catholic suburb last week unleashed days of Roman Catholic fury. The talks, hamstrung from day one, have barely held one hour of plenary sessions.

Rocky Start For Teamsters

A political dispute between candidates for the presidency of the Teamsters halted the first day of the labor group's convention. It all occurred yesterday when union president Ron Carey blocked attempts by supporters of James Hoffa to buck a longstanding practice by denying convention voting rights to dozens of delegates on the union's senior staff. What followed was a raucous vote on the matter, defeat for Hoffa's people, and an embarrassing moment for the union and its leadership as it tries to shake the longstanding image of corruption.

Japan Rocked By Food Poisoning

The toll of sick children in Japan's worst food poisoning case in 50 years passed the 4,000 mark today as health workers scrambled to find ways to stop its spread. Health officials in Osaka prefecture, western Japan, where the outbreak began Friday, poured extra chlorine into swimming pools in a new attempt to stamp out the spread of the bacteria responsible, and continued to spray disinfectants in classrooms in Sakai, Osaka prefecture's second-largest city, where most of the victims live.

New Thriftway May Be Derailed



Former Thriftway site sits silent while the community debates its merit.

BY LEE PERLMAN

United Grocers' efforts to build a new Thriftway grocery at Northeast 33rd Avenue and Killingsworth Street faces two opponents—immediate neighbors and city officials.

The grocery cooperative officially made their case last week for a zone change for the site before City Hearings Officer Elizabeth Normand. The rezoning includes a satellite parking lot across Northeast Emerson Street from the main site. Both properties were rezoned by the city during the Albina Community Plan process in 1973—the main site for small scale neighborhood commercial activity, the parking lot for residential use. Both must be rezoned to accommodate the proposed 40,000 square foot store, which would replace a 25,000 square foot facility that closed in 1994.

Normand will make a decision on the re-

quest by the end of the month. This decision, positive or negative, will then be forwarded to the Portland City Council for final action.

As has been the case for the last 18 months, the proposed store is favored by the Concordia Neighborhood Association and many nearby neighborhood residents. At an association meeting last summer, a resolution of support for the proposal was adopted by a vote of 64 to four. It is opposed by a number of residents of Northeast 34th Avenue, who fear that it will bring through traffic and street crime to their local street. Those who testified last week, including 34th Street residents Kathleen Rich and Sherri Strayer, said they'd prefer to see a smaller market serving local needs.

Concordia President Isham Harris countered, "The neighborhood is growing by leaps and bounds. We don't need more minnows, we need a whale." Concordia has

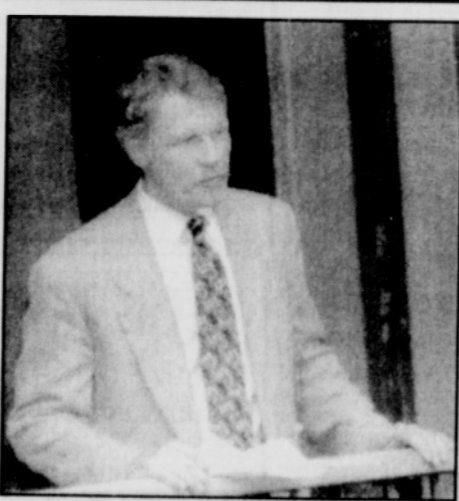
many seniors, many of whom can't drive to other markets, he said, and there is a larger need "to shop in our own place where people can commune; that's the definition of community." To the opponents he said, "I'd like to sympathize with you, but there's not a person in this room that can live without some sacrifices."

A bigger obstacle for United Grocers than the neighbors may be city staff. Planner Susan McKinney has recommended changing to the CS zone rather than the CN2 zone UG wants; this means they'll have to come back and get an adjustment for the 137-space parking lot they say they need. Either way, under the city's No Net Loss Housing strategy, they must replace the potential for housing development represented by the satellite lot and the six homes that could be built there. They hope to do so by linking their own project to a housing development in St. Johns

being carried out by HOST Community Development, which will rezone some land for residential use and increase density. However, the HOST project faces some local opposition, and until it receives final approval, the Thriftway project can't proceed.

Maybe not even then. Equally important is vacating one block of Northeast Emerson Street to create a single unified site. Ken Lindmark of the Office of Transportation indicated last week, as he has before, that his bureau will almost certainly oppose the vacation; it would allow too little access to Northeast 34th Avenue for emergency vehicles and others, he said.

In short, the project remains uncertain. Planner Mike Hayakawa indicated as much to United Grocer representatives last year. He told them their approach might work but warned, "You're rolling the dice on several basic issues."



Governor John Kitzhaber (left) addressing the community at the Albina Corner Dedication Ceremonies on July 3, 1996. The northeast community celebrating Albina Corner Dedication (below) with dancing, food and beverages from area restaurants, and music by the Lenanne Sylvester Trio and Norman Sylvester Band.



Parks' Mother Taught How To Handle Racism

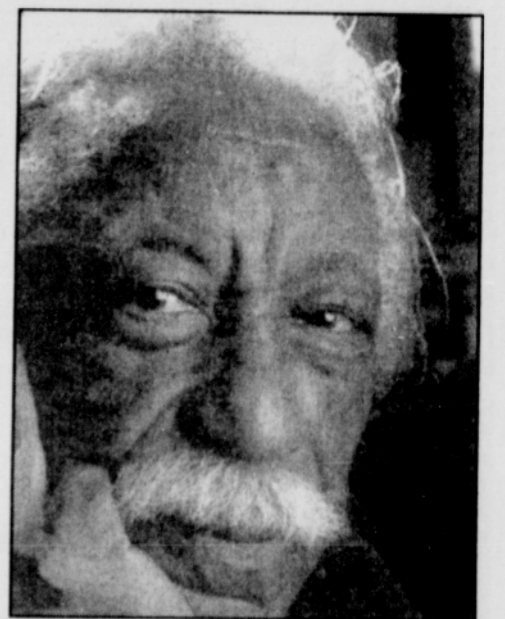
The photographer says it's fine for Black kids to learn where they came from, but they shouldn't stop there...

Photographer Gordon Parks, who has faced racism all his life, learned early on how to handle it from his mother, who would not allow him to use racism as an excuse for failure.

"She did not want me coming home, complaining about being black," Parks recalled in an interview to be published this Sunday in PARADE magazine. "Her motto was, 'If a white boy can do it, you can do it too. And you better do it better.'"

And better Parks has done it—becoming an award-winning photographer, a writer, filmmaker, artist and musician—despite the fact that he was a high school dropout.

"Young people should never accept a limit on their horizons," Parks said. "I tell kids to use their emotions creatively. If you're a musician, let it come out on the piano. If you're a poet, let it flow from your poetry."



Gordon Parks

You just have to choose your weapons. I chose the ones my mother gave me: love, dignity and hard work."

Pole Shows Clinton Ahead of Dole

President Bill Clinton widened his lead over presumptive Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole this month in a CNN/Time public opinion poll released on Friday. It showed Clinton ahead by 15 percentage

points with 53 percent, compared with Dole's 38 percent.

Clinton's lead was greater than it was in June when he led by only six percentage points, at 49 percent.