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Shezbie shows reverence for the traditions laid down by pioneers like King Buddy Bolden and Tommy Ladnier.



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Martin Luther King, Jr. Special Edition

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Tiger Woods wins

Tiger Woods captures the rain-shortened Mercedes Championships as he nearly aces the one par-3 playoff hole.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Phone Silence

The Metro Crisis Line the state's oldest crisis line, closes after handling thousands of calls for 18 years. A new mental health line will take its place.

King's Observance

Portlanders celebrate the 68th birthday of the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. this month with a mix of soulful revelry and soul-searching solemnity. King's birthday is Wednesday, but the federally recognized Martin Luther King Jr. Day is Monday, Jan 20.

Portland tough on batterers

In recent years, Portland has joined cities that routinely prosecute batterers without the victim's consent. Some defense attorneys criticize the aggressive stance, and some women's advocates have misgivings, but the technique has won convictions and is becoming more common nationwide.

Medical marijuana use approved

Supporters of the Cannabis Buyers' Club of San Francisco rejoice at a court ruling on a voter initiative allowing medical use of the drug, but their legal troubles are far from over.

Bulgaria works toward peace

Faced with the country's bloodiest uprising signaling the end of Stalinist rule, the governing ex-Communists agree to talks with opposition leaders demanding early elections.

Israeli withdrawal prolonged

Jordan's King Hussein has secured a concession from Yasser Arafat to prolong an Israeli withdrawal from West Bank rural areas. Palestinians say. The move could hasten a comprehensive accord on expanding Palestinian autonomy.

Term Limits

A host of veteran Oregon lawmakers begin a legislative session that could well be their last. Oregon's term limit law, approved by voters in 1992, kicks in during the 1998 election season.

Superbowl contenders

In the AFC New England intercepts two passes and recovers a fumble for a touchdown in the last 3:43 to secure a 20-6 victory over Jacksonville to win a berth in the Super Bowl.

In the NFC the Green Bay Packers earn their first trip to the Super Bowl since 1968 with a 30-13 victory over Carolina at frigid Lambeau Field.

US 26 (Sunset Highway)

Motorists can expect a slower speed limit on the newly opened detour in the westbound lanes between the Washington Park Zoo interchange and Sylvan interchange. Drivers are asked to avoid lane changes through the detour. The project to widen the highway is scheduled for completion in fall 1997.

Canyon Court is closed between Highland Parkway westbound to Westgate Drive until October 1997.

Defense rests case

O.J. Simpson's defense rested Tuesday in the wrongful death trial after calling 39 witnesses to build a case that Simpson was victimized by police ineptitude and wrongdoing.

Simpson's final witness was his oldest daughter Arnelle Simpson, who contradicted police detectives' accounts of some of their actions at Simpson's estate the morning after the June 12, 1994, slayings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

Arnelle Simpson also testified about the emotionally wrenching moment when Detective Tom Lange told her about the death of Nicole Brown Simpson.

"He said that she had been killed at her

house and that there was somebody else with her," Arnelle Simpson said.

"How did you react?" asked defense attorney Dan Leonard.

"I was shocked," she said. "I was stunned. I was upset, confused, scared."

Arnelle Simpson said she spoke with Lange after four detectives arrived at her father's estate early on June 13, 1994. She said two of them, Lange and partner Philip Vannatter, knocked on her door and asked her where her father was.

"I told them I didn't know where he was, but that I knew somebody who could get in touch with him," she said, referring to Simpson's personal assistant, Cathy Randa.

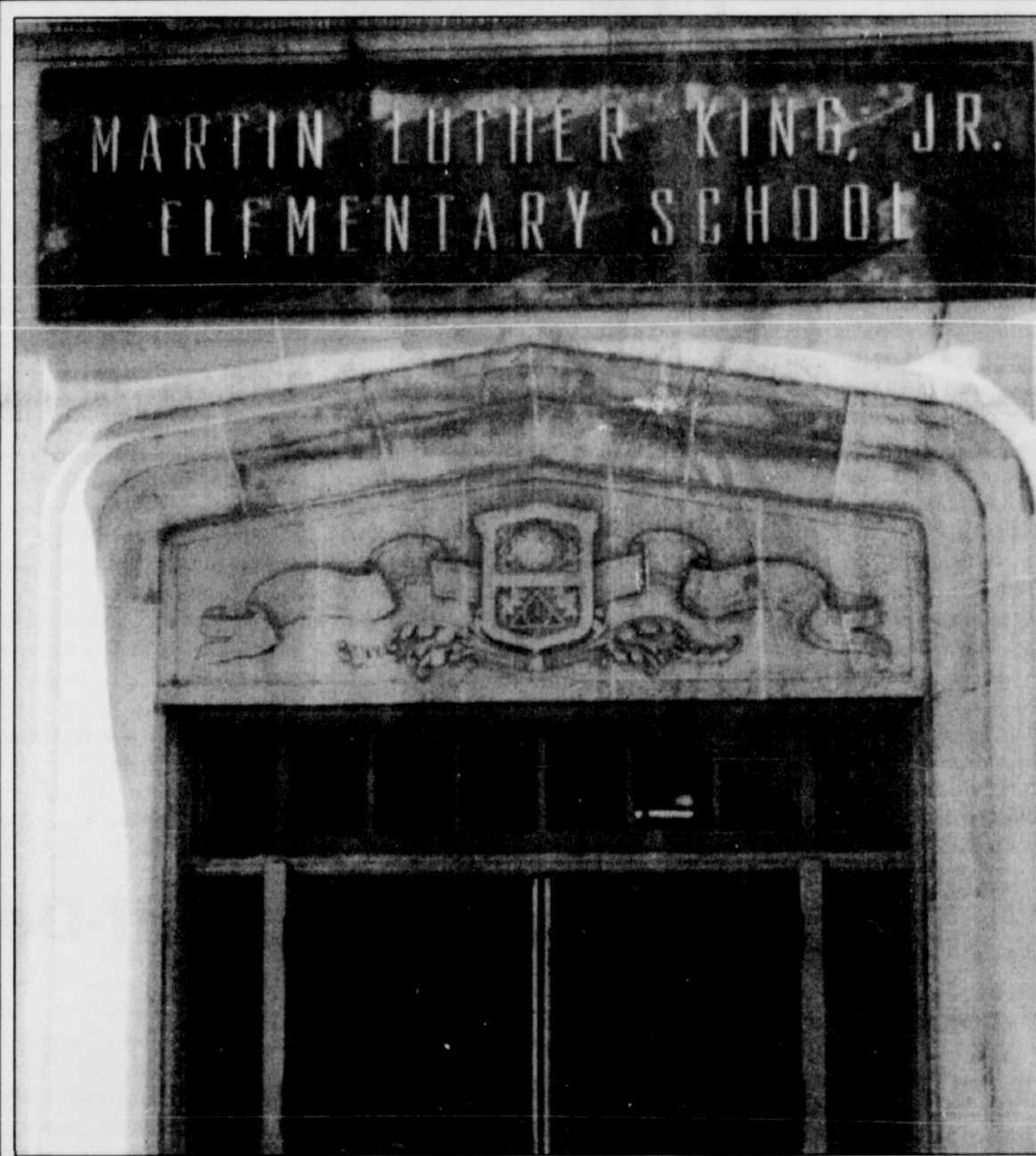
Arnelle Simpson said she then led the

detectives from the back area where she lived in a guest house around to the front of her father's home and let them in.

That testimony contradicts the account of Lange and other detectives who said Arnelle Simpson let them in through a back door. Arnelle Simpson said she didn't let them in that way because she assumed the back door was locked from the inside and it can't be opened with a key when it is locked.

Earlier, the defense re-called plaintiff witness Officer Donald Thompson to describe how under orders from Vannatter he handcuffed Simpson when Simpson arrived at his home after flying back from Chicago the day after the killings.

Vannatter denied giving such an order.



In 1969, Highland Grade School, grades 1 thru 8, honored the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. by being the first school in Oregon to be renamed in his honor.

Photo by M. Washington

Schools failing minorities

BY VLADIMIRE HERARD
All 50 states in the United States fail to provide African-American and Latino children with adequate schooling, stunting their readiness for future job markets, revealed a study recently released by the Education Trust.

The Education Trust is a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit think tank, pushing for high academic standards for students from preschool to college with a primary focus on African American and Latino students. Its 250-page report ranks different states by achievement levels. Using 17 indicators to determine educational quality in those states, the study, Education Watch: The 1996 Education Trust State and National Data Book, reported a widening gulf between students.

After two decades of what appeared to be progress in educational parity among classmates of various income brackets and races, those advances have come to a halt. Now, the study's authors warned, the gap between the "haves" and the "have-nots" is growing again.

When asked how state superintendents could reverse the slide, group executives said officials must hold African-American and

Latino youth to the same learning standards as white students, adequately prepare teachers and use challenging instructional tools.

"We support a common-sense approach to these problems," said Amy Wilkins, senior associate with the Trust.

"There are three steps that we advocate. One is to set high standards for all students, no matter what their background or income level. The second is to properly prepare teachers for the classrooms. The third is to carefully pick curriculum for students."

In New York, the study showed, more than one in three classes in cash-poor high schools are taught by instructors with less than a college minor in the subject they are teaching. By comparison, more than one in 10 classes in the state's most financially equipped high schools are taught by such ill-prepared teachers, the study continued.

Less than 20 percent of California fourth-graders could read at the proper level, the study showed. For minority students, the scores worsened: One out of 12 African American fourth-graders and one out of 16 Latino fourth-graders were "competent readers."

Additionally, the study pointed out that

Minnesota ranked dead last in reading among African fourth-graders; while Nevada had the lowest number of college-bound minority students.

In the last two years government officials in Colorado spent three times as much money on their criminal justice system as they did on elementary and secondary education, the study stated. Expenditures on the penal system exceeded spending on higher education by up to 40 times in the state.

In Pennsylvania, 30 percent of white eighth grade students had solid math skills compared to merely eight of their Latino and six percent of their African-American classmates.

"We need to stop tracking our students in the dumb classes and put more of them on a challenging course. We need to train them hard in subjects like physics, English and math. These students need materials like microscopes and books," Wilkins said.

She further suggested that while government officials should give the majority of aid to schools, local entities must pick up the slack for students of color. "If we push the government, the assistance won't be that much different, we need to hold everyone accountable," she said.

E&M seeks new name

The new owners of E&M Community Market, Emmanuel ECGS, will rename the store, as part of its efforts to reorganize the company. ECGS seeks a name more reflective of the markets new focus and philosophy.

The contest to rename the market kicks-off January 15, 1997 on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday. Bishop Wells, Pastor Emmanuel Temple Church, said, "E&M is a model of what Dr. King dreamed about and fought for. It is in the best tradition of self-help and brotherhood—encouraging all people to work together to build a better community."

E&M will select two entries to compete for the first and second place prizes—a \$1,200 and \$300 shopping spree. Local residents can pick up an entry form must be received by close of business January 29 to be eligible.

ECGS, a supporter in the effort to revitalize North/Northeast Portland, re-opened E&M Market November 5, 1996 after more than five months of renovation and restructuring. In anticipation of the opening, ECGS took some bold steps to ensure customer satisfaction and community development.

A Business Development Committee has been established to ensure community involvement. The committee, which is comprised of neighborhood residents and community leaders, will assist E&M in identifying opportunities for partnerships with organizations and businesses that stimulate neighborhood revitalization. The committee will also determine the organizations to receive assistance through E&M's charitable contributions program. E&M has committed to investing as much as 10% of its net profits in community-based human service agencies.

E&M's commitment to customer service and community development also prompted the decision not to sell alcoholic beverages or cigarette's. Paul Marshall, Board Chairman, ECGS, states "not only do African-Americans and other minorities have much higher rates of cancer and alcoholism but the cost to our communities in terms of the health risk, medical treatment and lost productivity have been astronomical. ECGS is not only committed to business growth and development but to the health and well being of the communities we serve."

These steps, and others taken by ECGS, reflect its commitment to working with neighborhood residents to solve community problems. According to Benjamin Priestly, Executive Director, NE Coalition of neighborhoods, "the market is significant in that it serves as a training ground for youth and others interested in learning business management, marketing, and the grocery industry. It also serves as a model for business development and corporate responsibility. E&M Market has the potential of making a significant contribution to the social and economic vitality of N/NE Portland."

Raleigh Lewis, Vice Chair, Coalition of Black Men stated that "E&M is the only business that has embraced a philosophy that addresses customer satisfaction, promotes their well being, ensures community involvement and reinvests its dollars back into the community."

E&M Community Market prides itself on providing quality food and good service in a clean and safe environment. E&M is open seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Individuals may call, Robert Malone, Operations Manager, at 289-3885.