

**Don King profiled on HBO**

He went from a life on the streets to become the world's most successful and vilified boxing promoter.

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**It's a first-hand account on tobacco perils**

Area kids get an inside look at smoking deceptions.

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**Citizens giving back**

Linda Wright is among those honored by Garlington Center for Behavioral Health Care.

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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

**Clinton recalls sacrifices**

President Clinton told people honoring the country's war dead today that they can honor them by advancing the cause of peace around the world. Speaking at a Veterans Day observance at Arlington National Cemetery, Clinton also decried efforts by Iraq to build "weapons of mass destruction" and called for all nations to unite against the scourges of organized crime, drug trafficking and terrorism. He also placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, a monument to unidentified soldiers who perished in the nation's wars.

**Iraq condemnation sought from UN**

The United States expressed confidence today that the Security Council would condemn Iraq for not cooperating with American arms inspectors. Washington appeared willing to hold off on military action for now. U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson acknowledged today that "some wrinkles" in the proposed resolution need to be ironed out with France and Russia. Iraq was also busy at the United Nations. Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz met privately with the council president, Ambassador Qian Qiusun of China. And Iraq's foreign minister, Mohammed Said al-Sahhaf, invited the Security Council to send its own mission to Baghdad to look into Iraqi charges that the United States is manipulating the U.N. weapons inspection team to keep economic sanctions in place.

**Iraq turns away team**

Iraq Tuesday turned back a team of weapons inspectors that included Americans for the eighth time in nine days. "We don't mind you doing your inspection, but without Americans," an Iraqi official standing outside the site in Baghdad told the U.N. inspectors. "We will cooperate with you." The inspectors refused the condition and returned to their headquarters. Monday, the United Nations did not attempt to send inspectors.

**Poll show split on au pair**

A majority of Americans agree with a judge's decision to reduce the second-degree murder conviction of English au pair Louise Woodward to manslaughter, but fewer approve of her immediate release, polls found. In fact, a USA Today-CNN-Gallup poll found the same percentage backing the reduced sentence as opposed her immediate release - 52 percent in each case. Woodward was released after being sentenced to a penalty of time served when Judge Hiller Zobel reduced her conviction from second degree murder to involuntary manslaughter. But the prosecution plans an appeal, and the judge has ordered her to remain in Massachusetts.

**Rather signs new deal**

Dan Rather is staying at CBS. The veteran anchorman has signed a contract extension that will reportedly keep him at CBS News until 2002, ending a public flirtation with CNN. No details of the contract were given. Rather has anchored the "CBS Evening News" since Walter Cronkite's retirement in 1981.

**Microsoft asks judge to toss suit**

Microsoft has asked a federal judge to dismiss a suit accusing the computer giant of trying to corner the market on Internet browsers. In a response to the Justice Department suit, Microsoft lawyers argued that the government has known since before Windows 95 went on the market that the company intended to include Internet software as a component of the computer operating system.

## Portland opens dialogue on slavery

**Compensation and apology are discussed as means to repair centuries of oppression**

By NEIL HEILPERN

Should African-Americans receive reparations from the United States for centuries of oppression in this country's slavery system?

That question has been asked at forums throughout the country lately, the latest including a dozen people at the Dishman Community Center last Friday. The group included six African-Americans, four Caucasians and one Chinese-Hawaiian.

They explored how much money or other types of reparations would be appropriate and reviewed the plights of other "oppressed minorities" and racism in general.

The dialogue was facilitated by Victor Propes, of Oregon Commission on Black Affairs, and Linda Hunter of the Metropolitan Human Rights Center.

"There was a huge amount of profitable wealth out of slavery," said Propes.

"We also lost our language, our names, our relationships and more," said Derry Jackson

Reparation should include both compensation and an official apology, said Rev. Dr. LeRoy



Rev. Dr. LeRoy Haynes Jr. makes a point during a discussion on reparations for slavery, while facilitator Linda Hunter of the Metropolitan Human Rights Commission listens. (Photo by Neil Heilpern)

Haynes, Jr., of Allen Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. He noted that "Both defacto and de jure laws have focused on the black man and women."

"Whites and blacks were singled out in the Constitution for disparate treatment," agreed Margaret Deirdon O'Hartigan, noting the "moral and economic debt this country owes" to African-Americans.

"Even though slavery ended in the mid 1800s, a lot of us are still enslaved and have to go to the opposite race for our needs," said Balinda Beltra. She wondered how long the discussion about reparations would continue before it becomes a reality.

Propes suggested that each person at the various forums would gain new information, seeds would be planted and the dialogue would continue.

Hunter said information from the forums would be forwarded to area city and county officials.

Forms of suggested reparations included money, land or homes, a "Marshall Plan" for oppressed minorities, a "GI Bill" with low interest loans and a free college education.

Jackson said land would be "appreciable" and provide financial growth potential. Willie Williams, a visitor from Michigan, argued that "White folks can get money and land back from you, so give us something no one can take away -- education."

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Tri-Met's Margarie Harris and Tom Walsh listen to concerns.

### Young women want bus safety improved

Teenage women expressed their safety concerns with Tri-Met officials during a community forum last week. The group Sisters in Portland Impacting Real Issues Together (SPIRIT) say sexual harassment, domestic violence, racist, sexist and homophobic attacks are seen as more of a problem than guns and gang violence.



Young women who find sexual harassment and relationship violence on Tri-Met document their concerns at a community forum. Photos by M. Washington

## Hate crime fight escalates

Oregon officials, including Charles Moose lend support to President Clinton

President Clinton wants to toughen U.S. laws against hate crimes, and proposes adding gays, the disabled and women to the list of people covered by them.

Portland Police Chief Charles Moose added his support for the legislation, appearing in Washington Monday for the president's announcement.

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., is also co-sponsor of the proposal, along with Democratic Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts and Republican Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania.

"Our laws already punish some crimes committed against people on the basis of race or religion or national origin," Clinton said at a day-long conference on hate crimes.

"But we should do more. We should make our current laws tougher to include all hate crimes that cause physical harm. We must prohibit crimes committed because of the victim's sexual orientation, gender or disability," Clinton said.

He said he would support legislation being introduced in Congress that would extend the federal law on hate crimes to include violence against homosexuals, gender-motivated attacks and attacks on the disabled.

The new measure also targets adults who recruit juveniles to commit hate crimes and authorizes more money and law enforcement personnel to fight this type of crime.

In addition to backing the hate crimes bill in Congress, Clinton set up a national net-

work through all U.S. attorneys to coordinate the handling of these crimes.

Speaking extemporaneously as part of a panel discussion on the subject at George Washington University, Clinton said there were three reasons that people commit hate

### Portland students speak out on campus hate incidents

African American Students and their families at Warner Pacific College are concerned about racial hate crimes occurring on campus.

Threatening letters with racial and sexually explicit content were sent to a minority staff member beginning Oct. 14, the students said. Harassing phone calls and a racial epitaph written on the office door of the targeted staff member have followed.

crimes.

"One is just ignorance and the fear it breeds," Clinton said. "We see that a lot with the gay and lesbian issues now, where people are at least unaware that they have ever had a family member or friend or someone who is homosexual and they are literally terrified."

Beyond ignorance, Clinton said some people commit such acts because of "an almost pathological need to look down on somebody else" and others who have been brutalized themselves "return brutality with brutality."