

**Protesters Rally in Downtown Portland**  
*Hundreds rallied at the Justice Center in support of the Pueblo Steelworkers.*



See Metro, inside.

**Black History Month Is Here**  
*Come share the history of Black American's this month with The Portland Observer.*



See Black History, Section C.

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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### Lewinsky Agrees to a Polygraph

Monica Lewinsky, the former intern at the White House, has agreed to take a polygraph test in exchange for immunity from prosecution. Lewinsky's lawyer, William Ginsberg, has said that Lewinsky will take the test as positive proof of her truth that she had a sexual relationship with Clinton. Ginsberg prophesizes that President Clinton would emerge virtually unscathed from the frenzy.

### The U.S. Will Take Military Action

The U.S. will plan on taking military action against Iraq at the cost of being set back diplomatically. This is to reassert U.N. authority and destroy military targets in Iraq. The Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright has told Yasser Arafat that the United States will still try to resolve matters using diplomacy. The expectations by many American leaders is for Hussein to back down.

### Russian Presidential Election

The Russian country's next presidential election is set for July 9, 2000. A spokeswoman for Russia's Central Election Commission explained that the scheduled election is based on Russian law. The election must be held the first Sunday after President Boris Yeltsin's second term expires. Yeltsin has hinted at trying to extend his term by using loopholes to bypass the law.

### Investigation on Bloody Sunday

British prime Minister Tony Blair is planning an investigation on the killing of 14 unarmed civil rights demonstrators in Londonderry on Bloody Sunday in 1972. Blair will announce his inquiry on the anniversary of the incident. His decision is in response to requests by the victim's families and the Irish government for an investigation.

### 6 Accused in 1989 Jet Bombing

Six suspects were accused by France's top terrorism judge for the 1989 bombing of a French passenger jet that killed 170 people. On September 19, 1989, UTA Flight 772 exploded over the Niger desert, killing everyone on board. One of the terrorist suspects is the brother-in-law of Moammar Ghadafi. A special terrorism court will try the suspects in absentia.

### Gunshot Wounds are an Epidemic

In a survey by the Annals of Internal Medicine, a majority of surgeons and internists in the study consider gunshot wounds a public health epidemic. The survey involved 915 doctors who answered 55 questions.

Some of the questions asked were, Do you have a gun in the house? Is it loaded? And did you know suicide can go up fivefold when you have one around that is loaded?

### No More Underage Smoking

Utah judges are proposing special tobacco courts for adolescents who are repeat offenders of underage smoking.

The plan is to send teens to the proposed tobacco court for their fourth smoking offense and for these youths to complete a rigorous treatment program or pay a fine of as much as \$250.



City of Portland in Concert with the Regional Arts and Cultural Council Celebrate the revitalization of the MLK Corridor by the unveiling of 160 New Street banners significant of the City's participation and support of the revitalization effort and the celebration of Black History Month in Northeast Portland.

(Photo By M. Washington)

## Black History (Quotes From the Community)

*"There is no comparison to their strengths, caring and enthusiasm because the Black woman's plight is the same as mine, to uplift Self. I have the greatest admiration for all Black women."*  
 (Charles Tatum, Portland Sculptor)

*"Strong. Power. Independence. Those are the things I think of when I think of Black Women. In a surpassing, I don't see the pain."*  
 (Annett Stanton, Educator and Entrepreneur)

*"We should pull together as Black Sisters to provide that support for each other's children. That's what true Sisterhood means to me."*  
 (Grace Kuto, Portland author of Harambee! African Family Circle Cookbook)

*"It is incumbent upon Black women to feel and infiltrate the economic, political and societal gap that African American men don't have much access to."*  
 (Margaret Carter, State Representative)

## Housing project design approved

By LEE PEARLMAN  
 The Sabin Community Development Corporation won city approval for its proposed housing project on Northeast 27th Avenue and Killingsworth Street, while discussions with neighbors continued. Residents living near the project have objected that it is too dense, will contribute to curb parking congestion, and that it will be low-income rental housing for an area that already has too much of it. Last month they received support from the Concordia Neighborhood Association, which had previously endorsed the project.

Out of consideration for such concerns Sabin CDC, a non-profit corporation, postponed its January 22nd hearing before the Portland Design Commission. They later reduced the project from seven units to six, increased off-street parking from five spaces to six, and withdrew a request for a sideyard setback adjustment that would have taken it closer to a neighbor's house. The modified design won unanimous approval from the Design Commission last week. Members asked only that Sabin CDC try to preserve a large tree on the lot, and to add more windows on some walls. Kenneth Bello, a spokesperson

for the opposition, said that based on Sabin's concessions his group would not officially oppose the design. Meanwhile the two sides met to discuss the biggest issue: owner-occupancy versus rental units. Residents said they would look for an alternative site for rental housing, and financing to make the current project owner-occupied. Jane Ediger, Sabin CDC's housing development manager, did not categorically reject this approach, but did indicate it was unlikely to succeed. Much of the project's financing comes from the Portland Development Commission, which ear-

marks most low-income housing development funds for rental housing. "PDC allocated money for 50 units of owner-occupied housing last year, and Sabin CDC received 10 of them," she said. It is uncertain whether the city will fund even this many owner-occupied units next year, she added. Sabin is prepared to form advisory council for the project that will include neighbors, and to draw up a good neighbor agreement, Ediger says. Bello says he is disappointed that Sabin CDC is not more flexible on the owner-occupancy provision, but happy for the concessions that they have made.