

**Phil Jackson Calls It Quits**

Chicago say's good-bye to one of the NBA's most respected coaches.



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**A Weekend To Celebrate Freedom**

Juneteenth was celebrated in Portland this weekend with pride. Come see how Portland Celebrated!



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Lawrence J. Dark

**UO Presents Urban League President With Distinguished Service Award**

The University of Oregon faculty honored the leader of the Urban League of Portland and two other Oregonians with distinguished Service Awards at the 1998 commencement ceremony on June 13. Lawrence J. Dark of the Urban League of Portland was selected along with University of Washington law professor Ralph Johnson and Hope Hughes Pressmand of Eugene, and influential advocate for higher education and the arts.

The award is one of the highest honors the University of Oregon faculty conveys. Honorees are selected "who by their knowledge and skill have made a significant contribution to the cultural development of Oregon or society as a whole."

UO President Dave Frohnmayer said that the 1998 honorees, "in their passionate and successful pursuit of causes to benefit ultimately all Oregonians, lead lives that should serve as a model for all of us."

Speaking of Lawrence Dark, Frohnmayer noted that he "brought with him to this state an impressive record of professional and community work in economic and social justice, education, health and equity issues and has applied that experience to implementing solid programs that address issues faced by our urban citizens and to inspiring new levels of cooperation and involvement that are enriching the lives and opportunities for all Oregonians."

Dark, who arrived in Oregon in 1994, was executive assistant to the president for equal opportunity programs and a research fellow at the Institute of Public Affairs at the University of South Carolina before he accepted the leadership post of the Urban League of Portland.

During his four years in Portland, Dark has reorganized and refocused the Urban League around advocacy, research, and service. During his tenure the agency's budget has grown from \$1.6 million to more than \$3 million. Under his direction the agency developed programs to address environmental problems that disproportionately affect inner city residents and launched a campaign to spotlight African American achievement and challenge negative media stereotypes of African Americans.

Dark helped make Portland one of eight cities nationally sponsored by the Mattel Foundation to increase and enhance parental and community involvement in local schools. In response to passage of Measure 11 establishing mandatory minimum juvenile sentences, he developed the Legal Education & Empowerment Project to work with youth of color and their families.

## Portland Embraces The Entry Of American Family Insurance To It's Community



American Family, "sends more family," to it's ribbon cutting ceremony in celebration of their new Portland office and the introduction of it's "A-Team in charge." (Center: Rhonda K. Smith, Eddy K. Hauff, Allen Fowler). Celebrating with them (from left to right), Don Mathis, CEO; Jeff Burke, State Director; Jay Rodney Jones, District Manager; Al Meyers, V.P. Marketing; Jeffery M. Campos, Regional Marketing Manager.

(Photo by Larry J. Jackson Sr.)

## Renaissance Market Receives \$70,000 From The Governor's Strategic Reserve Fund

*Dear Bishop Wells:*

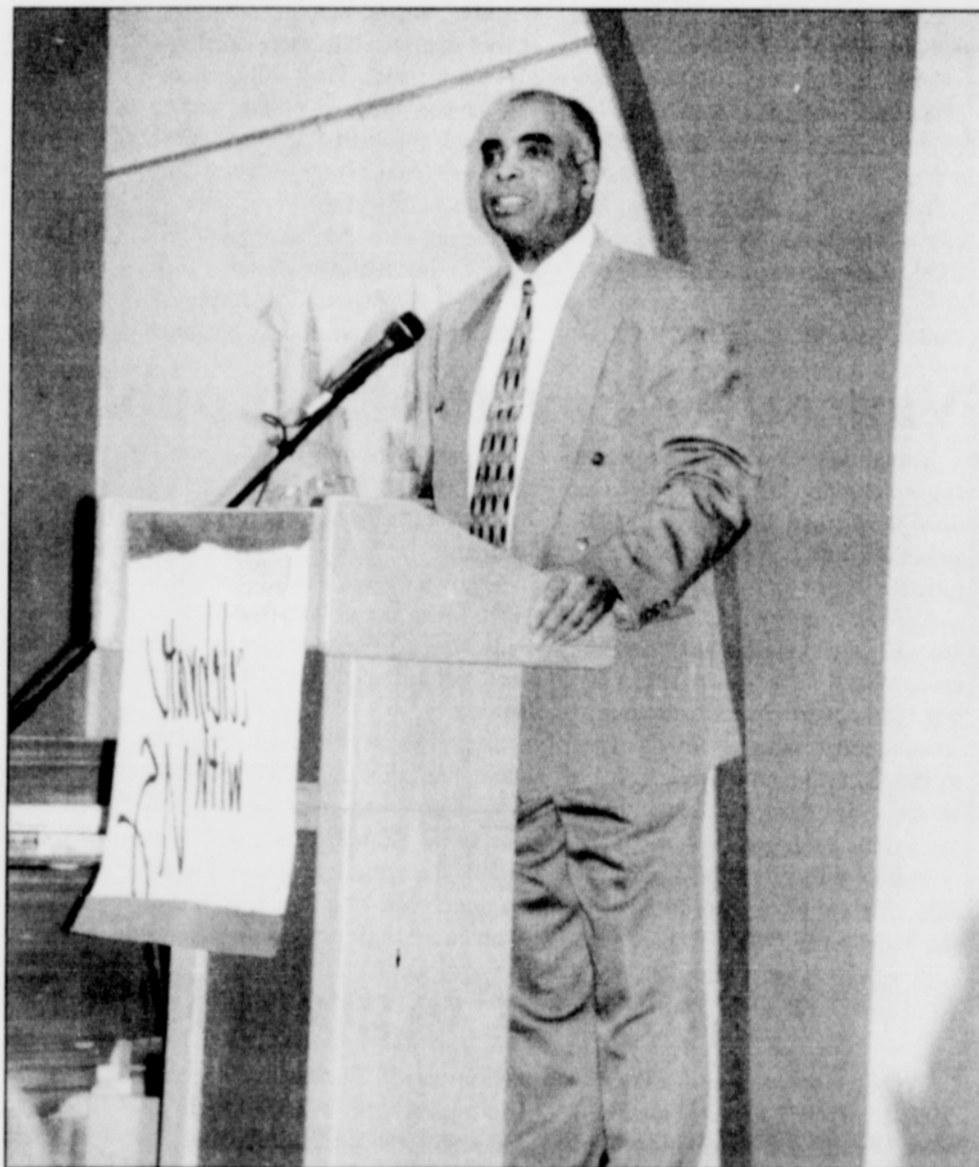
I have followed, with appreciation, the community effort to support the Renaissance Market as a business which is critical to the health of the community.

It is my pleasure to provide up to \$70,000 from the Governor's Strategic Reserve Fund to reimburse itemized expenses for establishment of a delicatessen at the Renaissance Market. Please consider this funding as a "challenge amount" that should be used to raise matching private funding to continue other valuable improvements at the market.

This funding demonstrates, in a tangible way, my commitment to the continued success of this project.

The Economic Development Department will also continue to provide marketing and financing consulting services to the Renaissance Market. Specifically, the consultant will assist the market in completing a business plan for the delicatessen, as well as monitor the overall market performance and provide marketing and financial counsel.

Sincerely,  
John a. Kitzhaber, M.D.



## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

**Aids Virus**

Scientists have deciphered the three-dimensional structure of a key protein used by the AIDS virus to infiltrate human cells. They were able to observe how the virus which causes AIDS is able to change shape and hide one of its most vulnerable parts so it can dodge the body's natural defenses. They now have specific target sites on which to focus in developing new drugs and vaccines.

**U.S. Bolsters Yen**

The United States stepped in to help stabilize Japan's ailing economy. The Federal Reserve announced that it had sold dollars to support the yen which

slid into an eight-year low against the U.S. currency. This helped boost the value of the yen by 3.5 percent.

**Juneteenth Celebration**

Juneteenth, a cultural celebration noting the death of slavery 133 years ago was celebrated nationwide. For many, Juneteenth is African American Independence Day. It's now a state holiday in Texas and Oklahoma and is observed in 130 cities and towns in the United States and Canada.

**Redevelopment Site**

The Portland Development Commission has approved a city purchase of six

lots near the east end of the Burnside Bridge. The development commission approved a price of \$650,000 for the 19,900-square-foot property. This industrial area would serve as a catalyst for future private investment into the district.

**South-North Rail**

Portland City Council made some final routing decisions for the proposed south-north light rail project. The route is a \$2.3 billion project and officials hope to complete the multiphase project in 12 years.

**Pension Ruling**

Oregonians are forced to repay hundreds of millions in taxes collected on

pension benefits. The Oregon Supreme Court said that the state illegally gave its retired employees a tax break it didn't give to federal employees. The state will pay \$320 million or more to the estimated 50,000 federal retirees in Oregon.

**DisneyQuest**

Disney opened its doors to its first DisneyQuest, a scaled-down version of its theme parks, that is a part of the entertainment company's plan to expand around the world. The first 100,000-square-foot DisneyQuest opened at Walt Disney World and will open up its second one in Chicago next year.