

NBA LOCKOUT!!!

NBA announces lockout until further notice.



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Out With Old In With The New
Portland welcomes Dr. Benjamin O. Canada to the position of Superintendent for Portland Public Schools.



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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.

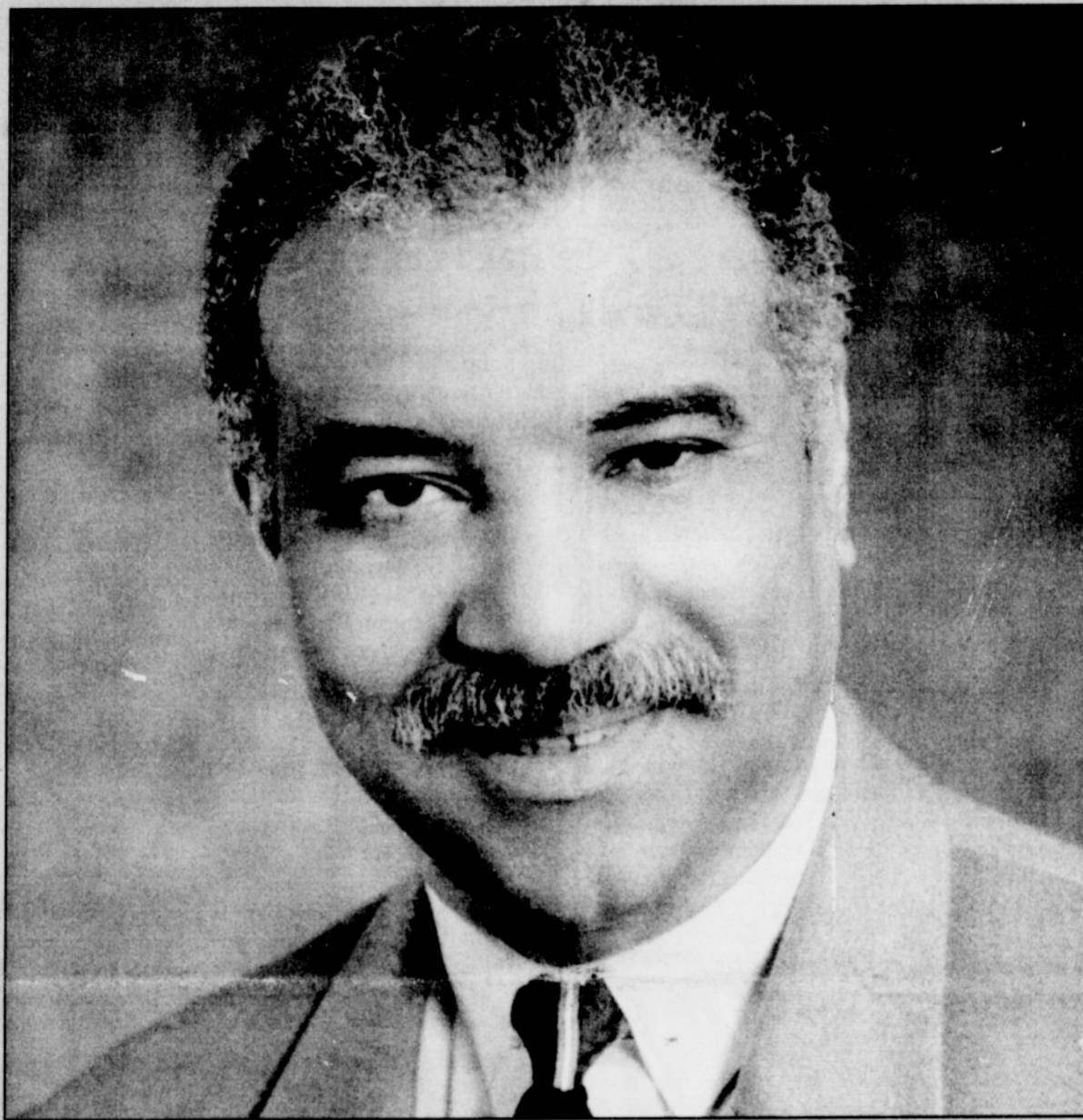
DisneyQuest

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.

Theme Park

The project to build a theme park entitled "Discoverers of the Northwest" was put on hold. The project developers had to regroup and consider other land options after a recent falling out with local officials. Their indoor attraction would take visitors on a canoe ride with Lewis and Clark and through a turn-of-the-century logging camp.

Carl Talton Joins PGE



Carl B. Talton

Carl B. Talton is the new Director of Economic Development for Portland General Electric. Talton is responsible for directing economic development activities in PGE's service territory which covers 3,170 square miles, contains 44 percent of the state's population and includes 60 percent of the state's economic base with nearly 690,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in Oregon.

Recently hired by PGE, Talton comes from Pacific Power where he held several management positions during his 25 year tenure. He has also served on the Portland Development Commission Board for four years and is currently in his third term as chair of Commission.

A Vancouver, Washington native with a business management degree from Marylhurst, Talton lives with his family in Northeast Portland.

NIKE: Notar named as Vice President

Beaverton, Oregon- Nike, Inc. recently named John Notar as vice president of its United States apparel division. Notar succeeds Larry Miller who was named last week as president of the Jordan brand.

"John Notar is a long-term Nike apparel veteran who has been an important player in the success of our apparel business in the U.S. and Europe," said Matt Wolff, global vice president of apparel. "He has a tremendous amount of experience in apparel merchandising and product design and development. This appointment is well-earned and well-deserved."

Notar, 41, was born in Schenectady, New York, and is a thirteen-year Nike veteran. From 1985-88, he was a product line manager for men's running apparel. He was director of apparel and accessories product merchandising. He was European product director from 1995-96 and general manager of Nike's European apparel operations from 1996-98.

Prior to joining Nike, Notar was a sales associate with Bill Rodgers & Co. in Boston. He is a 1979 graduate of Babson College in Wellesley, Mass., and an avid runner and outdoor enthusiast.

Nike's global apparel business has grown to a \$3 billion over the past five years, \$1.4 billion in the U.S., alone. Working with top athletes, Nike designs and markets apparel for kids, men and women in a wide variety of sport categories ranging from the uniforms worn by the Brazilian national soccer team at the 1998 World Cup in France to the tennis apparel worn by Monica Seles and Pete Sampras at Wimbledon.

Nike Inc., based in Beaverton, Oregon, creates authentic athletic footwear, apparel, equipment and accessories for sports and fitness enthusiasts. Wholly owned Nike subsidiaries include Cole Haan, which designs and sells a line of high-quality men's and women's dress and casual shoes and accessories; and Sports Specialties Corporation, which markets licensed headwear.

S.E. I. gives one thousand dollars to grass roots cycling program



Bicycles and Ideas for Kids Empowerment (B.I.K.E.) was recognized with several grass roots organizations by Self Enhancement's "Level 7 Small Grant" program.

"Funds were set aside by Multnomah County to help smaller programs help children in the community," said Gerald Deloney, Contract and Grants Manager at the Center for Self Enhancement.

B.I.K.E. recently used some of their money to purchase children's entrance fees in the Road Cycling State Championships held south of Oregon City, Sunday June 14th. Children on the B.I.K.E. team made a veritable sweep of the children's event by winning five medals, three of them gold.

Jasmine Britt donned the blue

and gold jersey of "State Champion" in the 8-11 yr. old Girls division. DeAndre Perry now wears The Jersey, having won in the 8-11 yr. old Boys. Alene Andre and Farah Bertrand won Bronze and Silver respectively in the 11-14 yr. old division. Madre Stocker won on the road in the 11-14 yr. old boys' division.

Madre currently wears The Jersey of "1997 Oregon State Track Champion" for his performance at the Alpenrose Velodrome last Fall. Madre attends Ockley Green in the 7th grade.

"I am so very proud of them. The children work hard. They practice 3 days a week at 6:15 in the morning.

You'd best believe they've earned it," said John Benenate, Director, B.I.K.E.

Something bad into something good for public safety

By LEE PERLMAN THE PORTLAND OBSERVER STAFF

Northeast Precinct is trying to turn what had been something bad into something good for public safety.

The bureau is in the process of setting up a mini-precinct at a former barber shop at 638 N. Killingsworth St., and a contact office within the Dawson Park Apartments, 101 N. Morris St., according to precinct commander Derrick Foxworth and lieutenant Rod Beard.

The mini-precinct will be equipped with phones and computers, will be staffed regularly and could be headquarters for an area

bike patrol, Beard says. "We hope to have a lot of activity there," Beard says. The bike patrol "won't be ongoing, but we'll do it as much as manpower permits," he says.

The area in the past has been the scene of considerable gang activity, drug dealing and violence, including two shootings last November, Beard says. "Things are getting better, but they're still not what we want them to be," he says.

John Frazier of the Neil Kelly company, which is leasing the space to the police, was preparing the office for occupancy "and glad to be doing it." In the recent past people were "dealing and smoking crack right out in the open," and those responsible would

"hang out at that building. It infected the whole area. I live three blocks from here, and I had to run people out of my back yard."

The new mini-precinct will "provide greater police visibility in the area," he says. "Other businesses will be glad to know it's going in there."

The Dawson Park contact office, where space is being donated, will not be staffed full-time, Foxworth says, but officers will be in to take breaks, type reports and possibly meet with citizens "three or four days a week."

In past years Dawson Park has been the scene of chronic drug dealing, so much so that at one point dealers took to pruning the

shrubbery to prevent police officers from sneaking up on them. The situation has improved considerably since then, but Beard says, "When you've historically had drug problems with a place, dealers tend to move back when you put pressure on them elsewhere."

There have also been problems with drug dealing in the apartments too but, manager Marie Ooten says, "We're starting to see an improvement" as those responsible are weeded out and evicted. Of the new contact office she says, "I'm really excited about it. I think it's a good thing not only for the apartments but for the whole neighborhood."