

District 18 welcomes Gonzales
Over one hundred people showed support for Martin Gonzales at the All People Court Convention.



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The dazzling Michel'le is back with a new album
The much long-awaited *Death Row Records* release, *Hung Jury*.



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Businesses Team Up To Create Summer Jobs For Teens

Thirty local businesses led by Nike and the Urban League of Portland joined forces to create summer jobs for 35 teenagers from N/NE Portland

For seven years the Summer Youth Employment Program has provided teenagers from low-income families with jobs and training during an era when publicly funded summer programs have declined.

A record number of 35 youth were hired to provide free yard and landscaping work on homes occupied by senior citizens living on fixed incomes. Many seniors have difficulty keeping up with yard work during hot summer months. The youth provided yard work and landscaping for more than 100 homes, including many that had deferred maintenance for several years.

The program's primary sponsor, Nike, made a cash contribution of \$18,000 and provided in-kind support including clothing, printing, and an awards banquet. Other major sponsors included Baugh Construction, Gunderson, Legacy Health System, Doubletree Hotels and Associated General Contractors.

"We are happy to partner again this summer with the Urban League to provide Portland youth with the opportunity to gain employment experience, earn money, and provide a valuable service to our community's senior citizens," said Doug Stamm, Director, Global Community Affairs for Nike, Inc.

"The number of youth crews is up to five this year. We thank the many local companies that responded to our challenge and we hope that even more companies will join us next year."

Urban League President Lawrence J. Dark believes the program continues to have a positive impact on youth, even after their summer job ends. "Over the years we have seen many youth go on to do bigger and better things, such as gain a university education or take on a more challenging job. Clearly, this program helps put young people on the right path at a critical time in their development."

Cash contributions to this year's program totalled \$57,548. Unfortunately, fund raising efforts fell short of the full cost to support the eight-week program.

The Urban League continues to seek donations from companies and individuals. Interested parties can contact Kacey Huffman at (503) 280-2621 for more information.

Construction Begins On Oregon's Monument

HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Construction for "The Dream," Oregon's monument to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. began on Monday, August 10, 1998. Masons began pouring the concrete at 1:30 PM before a host of participants including the artist, Michael Florin Dente, and members of the Board of the Martin Luther



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King Jr. Statue Foundation.

"I'm excited and nervous at the same time," exclaimed John Jenkins chairman of the Foundation's board, when asked how he felt. "We have just been working at this for so long, it's fabulous to see it all coming together."

Kirk Larsen from Baugh Construction is acting as the general contractor for the base that was designed by Lacey Maginnis Byrne from Group Mackenzie Architects. Norm Beachy and Pacific Northwest Iron Workers and Employers Apprenticeship and Training Trust worked on the forms and ironwork. Ross Island Sand and Gravel donated the concrete and the Oregon and Southwest Washington Cement Mason Apprenticeship Program donated their masonry skills.

Planning for the monument began more than nine years ago. The original idea came from the Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School under the guidance of Doshie Clark, Laverne Davis, and Dr. Harriet

Adair. Oregon State Senator Bill McCoy took the project under his wing and made sure there was a site for the statue in the original plans for the Oregon Convention Center. After the sudden death of Senator McCoy, the project wavered for a while. Last summer with new energy and volunteers, a fundraising effort was initiated when the Foundation approached former U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield and asked him to give the keynote address at a fundraising breakfast. Since that breakfast, more than 800 businesses and individuals have donated in excess of \$175,000 to the project.

The Foundation will be accepting additional contributions through August 28, 1998. Contributions may be made at the sculpture's dedication or by sending a check or money order to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Statue Foundation, PO Box 1762, Portland, OR 97207. All contributors to "The Dream" will be permanently identified at the monument's site.



Workers pour the foundation for Martin Luther King monument.

"I'm really excited that it is being pieced back together," artist Michael Dente said about his multi-piece sculpture.

"I can see the tremendous amount of potential in the individual pieces and am excited that it is so near its conclusion." In order to create a bronze statue of this magnitude, the foundry must pour each section individually, then weld the pieces back together under the artist's supervision.

The dedication of "The Dream" will be held on August 28, 1998 from

6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Oregon Convention Center (777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.). The ceremony will take place thirty-five years to the day of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech. The public is invited to share in the celebration with dignitaries including: Houston Mayor Lee Brown, Portland Mayor Vera Katz, Metro Executive Mike Burton, Portland Parks and Recreation Director Charles Jordan, Bishop A.A. Wells, and the artist, Michael Florin Dente.



U.S. West & Employees at Odds

US West proposes wage & benefit package viewed by U.S. West employees as unacceptable. Management is hopeful of a quick negotiated settlement.

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Clinton's Speech

President Clinton went before the public by addressing the issue of his sexual affair with Monica Lewinsky. He admitted to an "inappropriate relationship" and is now facing the challenge of repairing the damage to his family. Clinton got mixed reactions from Americans throughout the country.

Ruble Plan

Russian President, Boris Yeltsin decided to devalue the ruble by 34 percent. This has resulted in mass protests and requests for Yeltsin's resignation. The decision is expected to cause hardship for Russian consumers and shake up international markets.

California Earthquake

The U.S. Geological Survey said that an earthquake with a magnitude of 5.3 happened at 7:10 AM on August 12th, swayed buildings and halted commuter trains. The quake opened at least three cracks in Highway 101 in San Benito County.

Holocaust Reparations

The Swiss Banks agreed to pay \$1.25 billion to Holocaust survivors. This amount will be paid out over three years. In return, the plaintiffs will release all claims against Swiss banks, the Swiss government and Swiss industry.

Tyson's Boxing License

Nevada boxing officials withdrew Mike Tyson's application for a New Jersey boxing license. Tyson's license was revoked after biting Evander Holyfield's ears in a rematch last year. Tyson was fined \$3 million for that offense.

World Series Tickets

World Series tickets have doubled this year. The cost is now \$150 a game for the best box seats and \$100 a night for its top reserved tickets. Baseball also increased prices for the league championship series.

Moratorium On Murals

The City Council approved a temporary

moratorium on all new painted murals and wall signs throughout the city. A permanent ban is being considered.

The city's Planning Bureau is proposing in October that all painted images be prohibited on all building walls above the first story.

Pendleton Inmates

This fall, men and women inmates will be housed in the same Oregon prison for the first time because of delays in settling on a Wilsonville site for a 1,300-bed prison and inmate center. The state has been renting out-of-state beds for women inmates these last two years.