

The Hot Shot Dancers

The Portland siblings are tapping thier way to the top and into the hearts of many.



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Lewis & Clark to feature John Scofield

Jazz artist John Scofield has been voted in many critics' polls as #1 electric guitarist for five years.



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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Lewinsky Tapes Revealed

Thirty seven tapes of Monica Lewinsky's conversations with Linda Tripp about her affair with President Clinton were released. Mrs. Tripp secretly recorded Lewinsky during their phone sessions and handed the tapes over to Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr. Cable news channels like Fox and CNN will present excerpts of the revealing tapes for television.

Lower Interest Rates

Short-term interest rates will be reduced by one-quarter percentage point by the monetary policy panel of the Federal Reserve Board. The federal funds rate drop is from 5 percent to 4.75 percent. This recent rate cut is due to controls on inflation and the nation's sharply increasing trade deficit.

Meteors In Asia

The biggest meteor storm in decades streaked the skies for spectators throughout Asia. The meteors were from the long tail of the Comet Tempel-Tuttle. Every 33 years, this comet speeds through the inner solar system and sheds swarms of particles as it nears the sun. The historical event gave scientists an opportunity to gather information on the composition of the meteor shower and learn something about the origin of life.

Asian Summit

An Asian Summit will be held next week that involves leaders of 20 Pacific countries and the United States. A major topic of concern will be about the world financial crisis. U.S. officials are offering support in the way of proposals that would help debt-ridden banks and companies.

Breast Cancer Update

A new study reveals that women who eat beef and bacon well done have a four times greater risk of developing breast cancer than those who eat rare or medium rare meat. The body produces heterocyclic amines after digesting burnt meat which causes cancer.

Smaller, Cheaper PCs

Handheld computers will be one of the hottest office products to come. These devices are built for note-taking, sending and receiving e-mail and browsing the Web. Most versions will weigh less than 3 pounds and cost less than \$1,000.

Tobacco Lawsuit

Oregon is close to announcing their decision on whether or not to join the twelve other states in a \$206 billion settlement against the tobacco industry.

President Clinton plans on ending tobacco advertisement on billboards, public transportation and apparel. Any compensation money received through the settlement may not financially cover health costs related to smoking.

Street of Green Tree Planting Project Helps Revitalize M.L.K. Jr. Boulevard



Left to Right: Laura Tegman, George and Brooke Wagerblast, of Dirtworx Company, join in the festivities of the Tree planting on MLK. Dirtworx built the new median in which the trees will grow. (Photo by M. Washington)

Public, private and nonprofit partners planted 27 trees in the median strip of NE Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard on Saturday, November 14, 1998. Pacific Power, Friends of Trees, Portland Office of Transportation, Oregon Department of Transportation and Metro organized this planting which involved volunteers from the Urban League, Tualatin High School Key Club and the MLK Action Committee.

This project represents the beginning of Phase 2 for the MLK Revitalization effort (a three phase project). It is also Pacific Power's "Green Street" program designed to improve business districts by planting trees in partnership with Friends of Trees. The end result will be easier access to local businesses and beautification of the King neighborhood.

More than 50 volunteers from Tualatin High School Key Club, Pacific Power, Friends of Trees

and the King neighborhood together planted trees along the median of N.E. MLK Jr. Boulevard between N.E. Fremont and Shaver. The planting crew included local dignitaries such as City Commissioner Charlie Hales and Metro Councilor Ed Washington.

"This tree planting is symbolic of the City's strong commitment to revitalize businesses and neighborhoods along N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard," said Portland Commissioner Charlie Hales, who oversees the Office of Transportation. "We are planting more than trees along the boulevard. We are planting hope and prosperity."

The MLK Action Committee initiated the revitalization project in the spring of 1997. Tree funding was provided by Pacific Power's "Green Street" program and by the Portland Development Commission and Oregon Department of Transportation.

This is the fourth year Pacific Power has teamed up with Friends of Trees for a Green Street project. The electric utility's Green Street program funds and administers in cooperation with Friends of Trees tree planting projects in business districts showing an economic need and a strong commitment to bettering the community.



Shelia Holden, Community Business Manager for Pacific Power, Confers with Andre' Baugh, Project Director, for the City of Portland Dept. of Transportation, during the tree planting ceremony for the MLK revitalization effort. (Photo by M. Washington)

Islam and Farrakhan: Two Differing Muslim Paths

BY JOY RAMOS

Many people mistakenly equate Islam orthodoxy with the Nation of Islam (headed by Minister Louis Farrakhan). As a common religious phenomena, there are followers who adhere strictly to their spiritual teachings and others who take from it and digress. This is the case between the two Muslim factions. They openly acknowledge each other's spiritual differences while maintaining that each has their place in waking the consciousness of the masses to Allah (God) and his teachings through the Prophet Muhammad.

Those of the Islamic faith are the single most

powerful body of Orthodox Muslims the world over. Within the United States, "Islam is the fastest growing religion in America," says First Lady, Hillary Clinton. To date, there are about 5 1/2 million Muslims in the United States.

Orthodox Muslim life is grounded in the 'Five Pillars' of Islam that includes a testimony of faith to one God and one prophet being Muhammad, prayer, giving zakat (support of the needy), fasting during the month of Ramadan in December and taking a pilgrimage to Mecca once in a lifetime for those who are able.

Another leading Muslim group within this

country is the Nation of Islam which has widespread appeal to African Americans.

Through Minister Louis Farrakhan as a charismatic, controversial leader and master tactician of the media, he has and still continues to win converts to his Nation of Islam. Their ideologies are a wayward digression from Islamic Orthodoxy.

Minister Louis Farrakhan (born Louis Eugene Wolcott) combines the practices and beliefs of Islam with a philosophy of Black separatism, a mistrust of White society and anti-Semitic thought. His extremist views stem from passages in the Qur'an (Muslim Holy Book) and Bible that clearly defines the

historical struggle of Pharaoh's opposition to Moses and Aaron in the delivery of Israel from bondage in Egypt.

Criticism of Farrakhan's ideologies come from fellow Muslims as well. Many query his personal belief that Allah (God) appeared in the person of Master W. Fard Muhammad as the long awaited 'Messiah' of the Christians and the 'Mahdi' of the Muslims. As for his allegiance to the Honorable Elijah Muhammad as the 'Messenger of Allah', it challenges the traditional Islamic belief in Muhammad ibnu Abdillah (born in the year 569 C.E.) as the last prophet of God.

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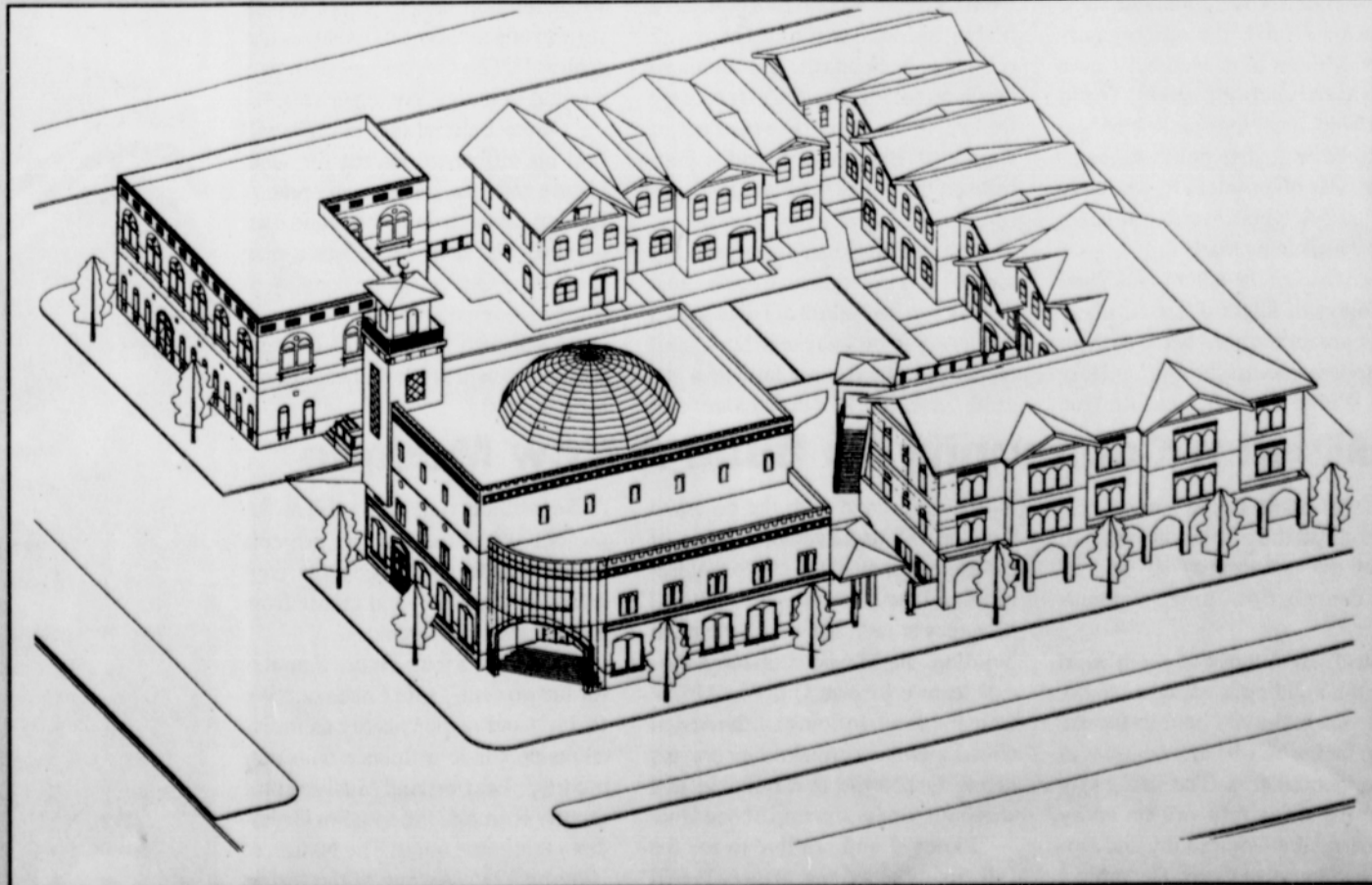
Muslim Community To Build A New Mosque

BY YEMA MEASHO

A new building complex is about to grace the ever-growing Northeast Portland neighborhood. The Portland Muslim Community Center purchased a property at the corner of Bryant and Martin Luther King Jr. to build a Masjid for its members and a community center for the general public. The building will include a child development center, housing units with underground parking lots and a community space for meetings and classes as well as a retail complex.

"This is an extension plan of people who have gone to their graves," said Mikhail Hamed Shabazz, the Spiritual leader of the community. "We are here to fulfill our parent's dream."

Both the apartment units and the child care development center will be open to members and non-members. The housing project is a family-friendly effort with spacious units intended to accommodate tenants with children. The child development center will have a day care facility for after school activities and a place for social functions. The community will also hold events specifically geared for Muslim children. Functions will be held for members and separate ones exclusively for non-members. The comprehensive plan is also designed to provide facilities for community meetings and other activities. According to Shabazz, the center will be a boost to community



businesses and neighborhood developments as long as they are constructive to the community as a whole.

"What we are trying to do with our property is to set up a model," said Shabazz, "a model that's not just an isolated model where

Muslims are all in their herds together and everybody else outside. The idea is to have

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