## Oregon Black History in Focus



Oregon has reputably been considered the most racist state west of the Mississippi. Blacks were kept out during the 1800's with the passing of Exclusion Laws. Join us as we take a look at little known Black History in Oregon from the arrival of the first black to the rise of Oregon's rap scene. See Focus section inside.

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#### **President Bush Opens Bombing Memorial**

OKLAHOMA CITY - President Bush dedicated a museum devoted to the Oklahoma City bombing, recalling the horror of the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil and the heroism that rose from the rubble. The memorial is near the site where a powerful truck bomb sliced into the federalbuilding in April 1995, killing 168 people, 19 of them children. Congress approved \$5 million to create the museum. It will be maintained through endowments, membership dues and admission fees.

#### **FBI Agent Charged with** Espionage

WASHINGTON—An FBI agent accused of giving the KGB the names of three Russian intelligence agents working for the United States was arrested and accused of spying for Moscow, the FBI said. The White House called the case disturbing. Robert Philip Hanssen, 56 and a father of six, is only the third FBI agent ever accused of spying. The government charged him with espionage and conspiracy to commit espionage.

#### Earnhardt Killed in Crash at Daytona

DAYTONABEACH, Fla.—Dale Earnhardt Sr.,49, died from injuries in a last-lap crash at the Daytona 500. The seven-time Winston Cup champion had to be cut out of his car after while fighting for position.

#### **Inmates Take Thousands** Hostage in Brazil

SAOPAULO, Brazil—The biggest prison uprising in Brazil's history was winding down, a day after inmates seized control of Latin America's largest jail, took guards hostage and heldnearly 8,000 visitors inside. The rebellion at Carandiru prison touched off similar revolts in 28 other prisons and jails across Sao Paulo state. The state government said most hostages and visitors—many of them family members who stayed voluntarily - had been released and that all but two prisons in the state's interior had been brought back under control.

#### Coalition Planes Attack Sites Near Baghdad

WASHINGTON-U.S. warplanes bombed five Iraqi military command sites south of Baghdad that had threatened American and British patrol aircraft. The Pentagon called the operation a "self-defense measure." White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the attack was "a routine strike" to enforce the no-fly zones in Iraq and protect U.S. personnel. Bush authorized the strike. British and U.S. planes tookpart in the 21/2-hour mission. All returned safely, officials said.

#### Russia Warns Missile Defense could renew Arms Race

MOSCOW - The Russian military testlaunched two ballistic missiles, and a top general accused the Bush administration of "anti-Russia" rhetoric, warning that a proposed U.S. missile defense would stoke a new arms race. Later, a Russian Tu-95 bomber test-fired a strategic missile and a Tu-22 bomber test-fired apair of shorter-range tactical missiles, Russian news agencies reported. Strategic missiles are generally capable of carrying nuclear warheads, as are some tactical missiles.

### China Puts Best Foot Forward

BEIJING-ToChina's leaders, the push to bring the 2008 Olympic Games to Beijing is all about national prestige and redemption for losing the 2000 Games to Sydney. To land the Olympics, Beijing has launched an offensive that includes everything from a plan to replace or improve the city's 6,400 public toilets to a massive environmental makeover. The International Olympic Committee is starting its tour of the five cities vying for the Games, and Beijing is the first stop. Critics say the Games shouldn't go to a country that locks up political dissidents and represses some religious groups.



Peter Slavin, one of the competitors in this year ice sculptors event.

PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON (PORTLAND OBSERVER)

## Let the Games Begin

## Ice Sculptors Compete for the Upcoming Olympics

THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

What began as an art form for refrigerating table food since the 1940's to becoming an international sport, ice sculpting has come a long way. Sculptors nationwide competed on Thursday, Feb. 15 and Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Absolut Winter Festival that was held at the Rose Quarter. They vied for the ultimate prize: qualifying their team for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

Sculptors labored away for three hours over three blocks of ice weighing 900 lbs. They carefully transformed their water medium into masterpieces.

Several teams from Portland and throughout the state were represented. Keith Erickson and Ken Dubane from Portland submitted their work entitled "A Comedy Tragedy" depicting masks symbolically used by theatres. Other Oregon teams were from Milwaukie and Bend. During the Winter

Festival, gargantuan ice sculptures featured the sponsor's ABSOLUT Vodka logo, with some towering over 7 ft. tall. An elegantly carved bridge served as one of the centerpieces for the public to walk through. Even a drinking bar, made entirely out of ice, was built to serve refreshments.

On both evenings of the competition, performing ice sculptors called "Fear No Ice" gave hands-on demonstrations. These world renown champions have been competing and sculpting together since 1989.

They wowed festival-goers by creating sculptures within minutes using basic and specialized tools of their trade. Even audience participation was encouraged for those who wanted to try their hand at ice sculpting.

When asked about how it feels when their masterpiece melts, one of the team members expressed his detached attitude. It serves as a reminder of how temporary so many things in this world are.

## Supreme Court Hears Oregon Marijuana Case

ByKATHERINEPFLEGER THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Oregon man says narcotics agents invaded his privacy and trampled on his Fourth Amendment rights when they used a device to detect excessive heat coming from his house - without a search warrant. The "thermal imager," a camera-like device that depicts infrared radiation, gave law enforcement officials a piece of evidence that led to a search warrant for Danny Lee Kyllo's home in Florence, Ore. Inside, agents found

Kyllo has appealed his case to the Supreme Court, which on Tuesday was scheduled to

juana plants, and arrested him.

drug paraphernalia and more than 100 mari-

consider whether law enforcement officials violated a constitutional begon unreasonable searches when they used the heat-sensing device. The nine-year-old case pits technology against personal privacy.

"Technology that exploits invisible, subsensory phenomena ultimately fails to respect the traditional boundaries of society, and therefore leaves the population defenseless against such surveillance," Kyllo's lawyer Kenneth Lerner wrote in court papers. Lerner said the government downplays the fact that an experienced operator of the device can glean a wealth of information from the thermal imaging scans, including "fairly precise" images through some glass windows.

The government argues that law enforcement officials were within constitutional limitations when they utilized the scan, which sensed heat patterns emanating from Kyllo's home indicative of lights used to grow marijuana. They used the images — along with a tip from an informant and electricity records - to obtain a search warrant. In court papers, government lawyers compared the thermal imaging scan to an officer observing someone's home. They argued that the scan does not penetrate the house and reveal private activities, and is not a constitutional violation.

The "government investigator stationed in a public place used a thermal imager to observe an area exposed to the public - the roof and

exterior walls of a house - and did not observe private activities," they wrote.

In 1991, a narcotics task force was investigating whether Kyllo's neighbors were growing marijuana at a triplex house.

But when officers used a thermal imager on Kyllo's residence, they found unusual amounts of heat coming from his home's side wall and garage roof. After obtaining a warrant and searching the house in January 1992, Kyllo was arrested. He faces only a month in jail for producing marijuana if the Supreme Court rules against him. But the decision could lead to important new guidelines on how law enforcement officials use technology while conduct-

## **Piedmont Place' Finds Major Supporters**

BY LEE PERLMAN

PORTLAND OBSERVER

Local residents, developers and bureaucrats have proposed a new public and private development with retail and housing on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Called Piedmont Place, the site would be bounded by Portland Boulevard, Garfield Avenue and Highland Street.

The Portland Development Commission and the Piedmont Neighborhood Association are the major supporters behind the project.

The proposed site has been vacant for 10 years. Part of it was acquired by PDC last year from developer Chad Debnum. The other part is owned by Scott Espedal and Richard Probasco, who had planned to build row houses upon it.

"It's our role to maximize community par-

Dorsey told the Portland Observer. "Whenever someone can bring something to the project and is willing to work with community goals, we work with them."

Probasco, pastor of New Song Church, told a recent community meeting, "The city had already approved our original plans to build row houses here, but PDC said, 'Let's do something better."

Probasco addressed a group of neighbors to the site who, with the aid of PDC and consultants from SERA Architects, are designing the project. So far they have put together a set of principles to guide the process. Chief among these are that the project be small-scale and respect the Piedmont neighborhood's character, especially with regard to the western edge along Garfield facing a block of vintage single family homes.

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Retail and housing would replace this lot between Garfield and Martin Luther King Jr. at Portland Boulevard. PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON (PORTLAND OBSERVER)



Rufus Dean, the community concierge for the Safeway Shuttle, along with Raz Transportation Driver Tony Parker, welcome seniors on board a free "trolley" for patrons of Safeway and the Renaissance Market.

(PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/PORTLAND OBSERVER)

## Safeway Shuttles Seniors

By MICHAEL LEIGHTON PORTLAND OBSERVER

Senior citizens in north and northeast Portland are welcoming a free lift to the grocery store.

A Raz Transportation "trolley" bus has started twice-a-month service to the Safeway Food and Drug on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Ainsworth and the Renaissance Market at 900 N. Killingsworth.

Seniors are transported between the stores and adjacent neighborhoods at various times around the 3rd and 15th of each month. The exact times and locations for pick-ups are subject to change as promoters work out the best routes for maximum ridership. Current schedules are available at both stores. Seniors can also call Rufus Dean at 503-572-0812 for more information. Dean is the Safeway community concierge onboard the shuttle. The complimentary transportation is paid for by Safeway, thanks to a partnership between Safeway, the Renaissance Market and the African American Chamber of Commerce.

Northeast Portland resident Helen Washington said she found the shuttle very convenient on her trip to Safeway last Thursday She said she usually is dependent on friends and family to take her grocery shopping. Safeway spokeswoman Bridgette Flannagan said the service is a great opportunity for Safeway to support their senior customers and maintain the Renaissance Market as a community store that is vital to its north/ northeast Portland neighborhood.