



## African American Health Advocates Supported

Major grant to fund campaign to improve the health of local residents

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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### Poll Reflects Pessimism, Unease on Mideast

Americans are deeply conflicted about the bloodshed between Israelis and Palestinians, a new poll shows. They're also worried that suicide bombers will attack in this country and that U.S. soldiers may have to go to the Middle East.

### Store Can Keep Records From Police

DENVER—In a First Amendment case that could have national implications, the Colorado Supreme Court ruled that a Denver bookstore does not have to give sales records to police seeking information in a drug investigation.

### Saddam Cuts Oil Exports

BAGHDAD, Iraq—Saddam Hussein announced that Iraq would cut oil exports for 30 days, or until Israel withdraws from Palestinian territories. Saddam said all exports would be cut.

### Postal Rates to Increase on June 30

WASHINGTON—Mailing a letter, bill payment or birthday gift will cost more starting June 30. Higher postal rates include a 3-cent boost to 37 cents for first-class mail.

### U.S. Envoy Meets with Arafat

RAMALLAH, West Bank—Renewing a truce mission, a U.S. mediator met with Yasser Arafat at his besieged headquarters as Israel's offensive against Palestinian militants entered its second week despite U.S. demands that troops withdraw from West Bank cities. The meeting lasted 90 minutes.

### 2nd Teen Pleads Guilty in Case of Slain Professors

HAVERTHILL, N.H.—Weeping in the courtroom, one of two teens involved in the brutal slaying of two Dartmouth College professors apologized as he was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison. "I'm sorry," 17-year-old James Parker said, crying and having trouble getting up to speak. "There's not much more I can say than that. I'm just really sorry."

### Postal Service Eyes Rate Increases, Delivery Cutbacks

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Postal Service, which lost \$1.6 billion last year, is looking at overhauling its operations. Possible changes include closing some offices, phased regular price increases and even cutting back on six-day-a-week deliveries.

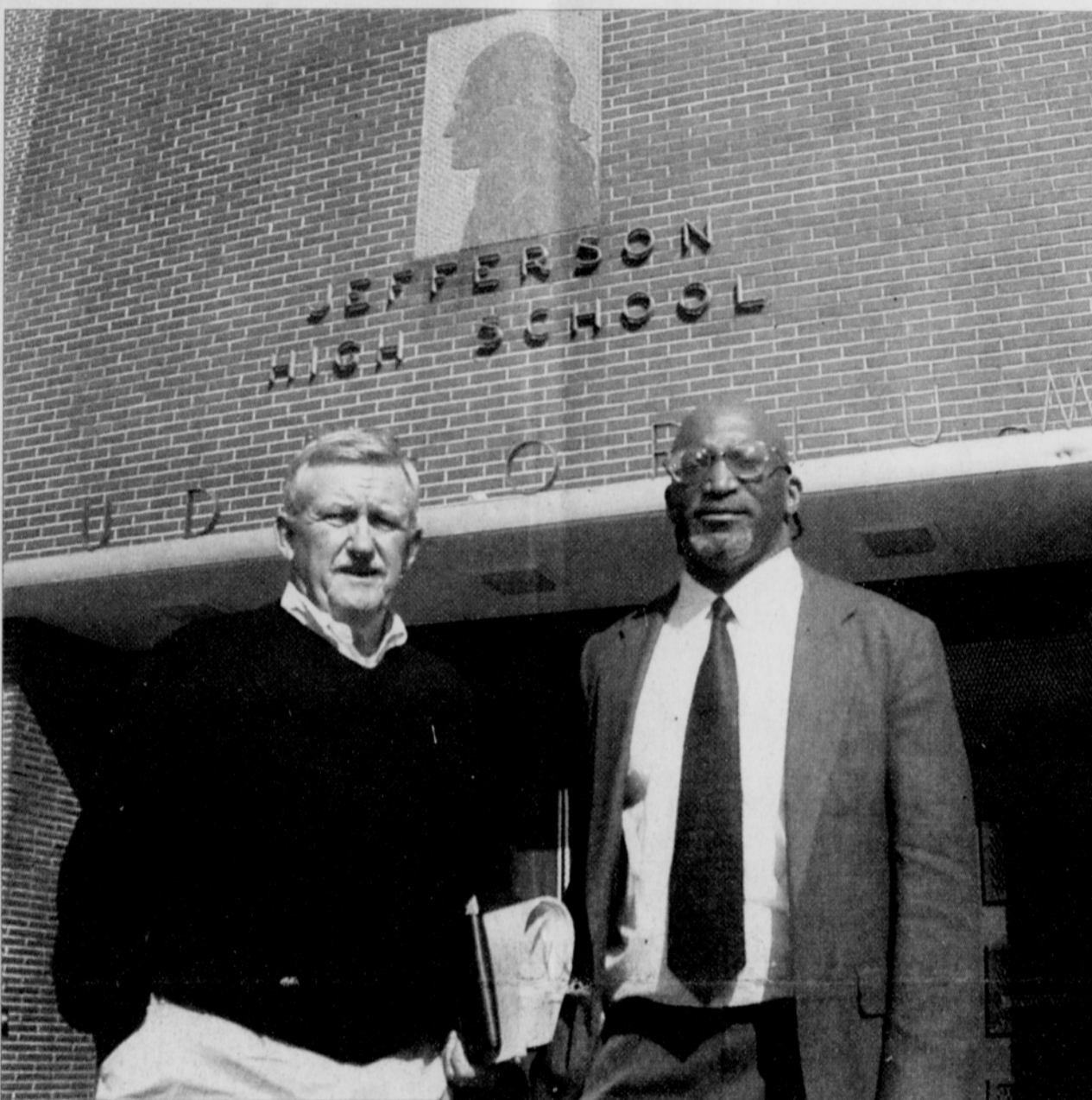
### Genetic Maps of 2 Rice Types 99% Complete

Two teams of scientists will unveil the genetic maps, or genomes, of two important types of rice. Researchers predict the breakthrough will increase the availability of one of the world's most basic and popular foods.

### Arthritis Pills May Prevent Cancer

BOSTON—Scientists believe Celebrex and Vioxx—the red-hot inflammation pills taken by tens of millions for arthritis—may also help prevent cancer, and may even cure the disease. But experiments are ongoing, and experts caution that the optimists could be dead wrong.

## Changing of the Guard



Larry Dashiell (right), the incoming principal for Jefferson High School, is welcomed back to the north Portland school's campus Monday by Interim Principal Jim Carlile. Dashiell is currently the vice principal at Southridge High School in Beaverton. He previously worked at Jeff as a vice-principal and starts his new job in July.

PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

## Board Dumps McCoy Academy

McCoy Academy's charter school status was revoked by the Portland School Board Monday, just two months before the inner-city school's contract with the school district expires.

McCoy serves inner city neighborhoods as an alternative school for high school dropouts. It was the first charter school in the city.

Supporters tried to save the public financing for the school during Monday's school board meeting, but the pleas failed on a 6-1 vote. Derry Jackson voted to keep the charter, saying the school catches many students who have no other option.

Reasons against continuing the charter were based on an independent evaluation showing that 114 McCoy students earned an average of just 1.6 credits toward graduation and there was poor student attendance.

The school has also not made payments into the state retirement system for employees and was denied a waiver by Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers to exempt payments.

Supporters of McCoy Academy praised the program's low student ratios, offerings of core academic classes and day care for teen parents.

Rebecca Black, founder of McCoy, has vowed to keep the school open. Her challenge is raising \$500,000 from private sources and cutting enrollment to stay afloat.

Currently, the school district is working on finding alternative schooling for the many McCoy students.

## Portsmouth Plan Brings Hope, Zoning Issues

Planners see mixed income Columbia Villa community with new housing and stores

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For Billy Carey, the Portsmouth Neighborhood Plan is a chance to make his Columbia Villa home a better place.

Lisa Home has something else in mind. She wants to advance a larger community revitalization agenda for her Peninsula Community Development Corporation.

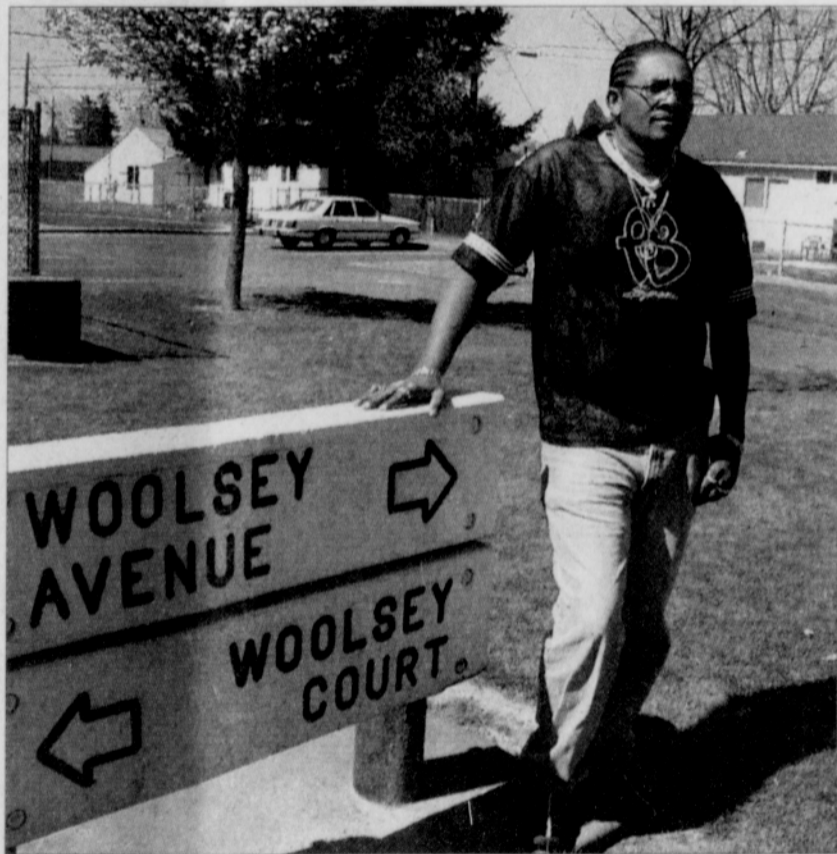
Yet another view comes from Richard Ellmyer who sees the plan as a potential sidetrack for community betterment.

The plan sets a policy and a "vision" for the 600-acre neighborhood, bordered by North Lombard, Columbia Boulevard, Chataqua and the Burlington-Northern railroad tracks.

Based on the theme "walking together," it also sets out an "action agenda" of projects under the headings of Neighborhood Identity, Parks and Open Space, Public Safety, Neighborhood Livability, Human Development and Social Services, Business Growth and Development, Transportation and Housing.

The Portland Planning Commission approved the plan last month. It is expected to reach the Portland City Council for adoption in May or June.

A major component of the plan is the pending Hope VI project for the redevelop-



Billy Carey, a long-time Columbia Villa resident, likes the idea of bringing in more commercial and retail services around his home.

ment of the Housing Authority of Portland's Columbia Villa as a mixed-income community of 2,500 residents, double its current size. As part of this, the plan proposes to rezone a few acres from low-density apartments to storefront commercial. This would allow for the creation of a "village square" of social and retail services serving not only the Villa, but the surrounding community as well.

This proposal caused more critical testimony at a public hearing and more scrutiny from the commission afterward, than all other parts of the plan combined. The commission ultimately approved the document after reducing the size of the rezoned area, on the eastern edge of the Villa, from the original ten acres to 7.3, and the assurance that part of this will be used for social services that now occupy empty rental units as conditional uses. Part of the problem, planner Julia Gisler said, was that the Housing Authority of Portland, operator of the Villa, has decided they want a Village Square, but not exactly where it should be.

"When you rezone something, it stays that way for a long time, long after you've

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## Racism Investigated at Oregon State Hospital

Probe looks into state hospital's treatment of Sen. Avel Gordly's son and other black patients

(AP)—The state will review management practices at Oregon State Hospital after employees allegedly made racist comments about a black psychiatric patient who is the son of state Sen. Avel Gordly of northeast Portland.

An inquiry by the Oregon Depart-

ment of Justice will seek to determine whether management practices have led to racial harassment, discrimination and other civil rights violations.

Gov. John Kitzhaber's office called for the probe at Gordly's request after she received an anonymous letter March 6 from a person claiming to be a hospital employee.

Eight employees, including a supervi-

sor, have been reassigned during the investigation into the treatment of Tyrone Wayne Waters, 36, and other black patients at the state hospital in Salem.

The Oregon Office of Investigations and Training is also looking at whether its investigation spurred a recent change in Waters' psychiatric diagnosis, which caused him to be transferred from the hospital back to jail two weeks ago.

Waters, who has been diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia since 1994, was a patient from Oct. 5, 2001, until March 21, when a state hospital doctor deemed him mentally capable to stand trial. A judge has since ordered an independent review of Waters' mental competency.

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