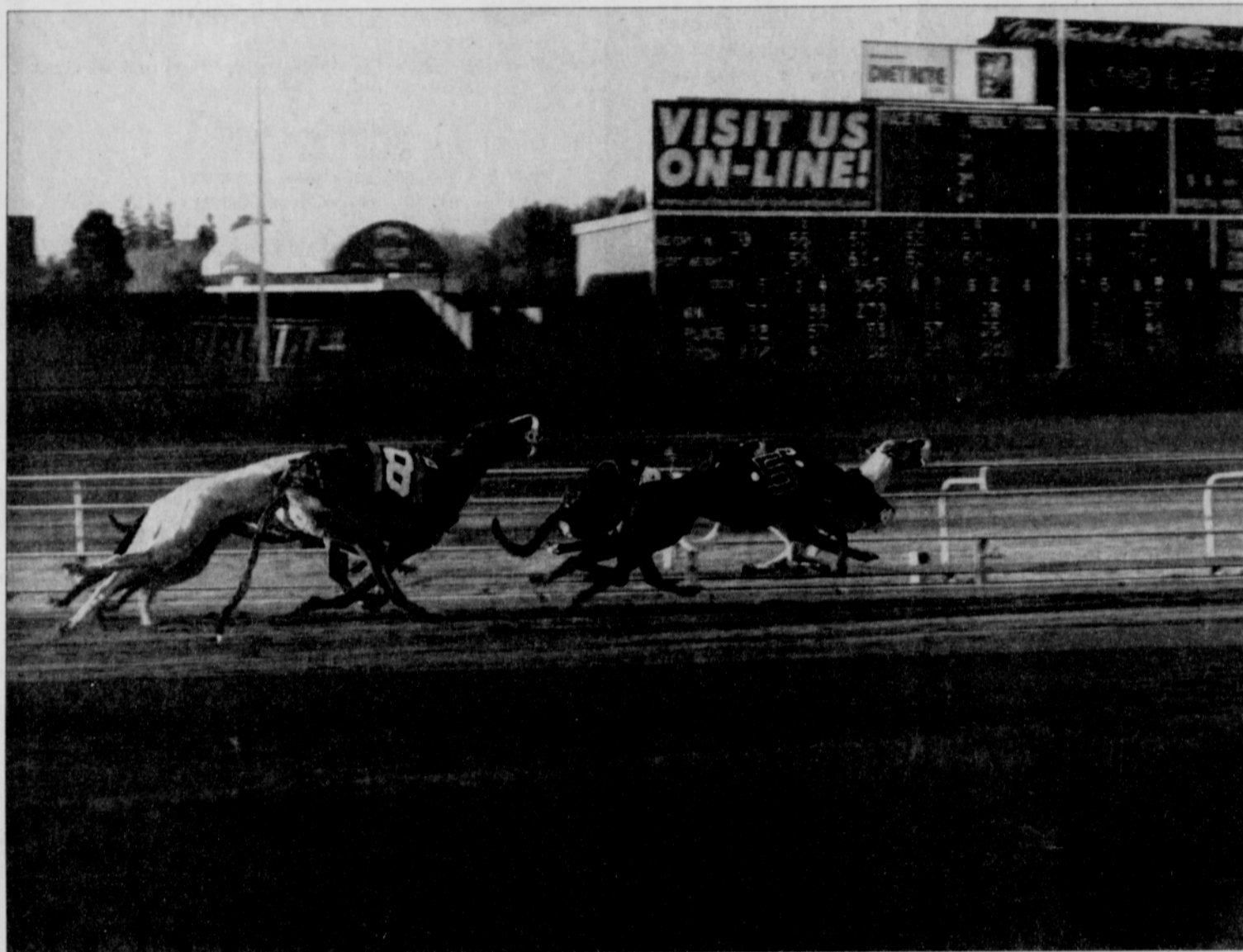




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Dog Racing Season Begins



The dogs are off and running on opening day of racing at the Multnomah Greyhound Park near Gresham. The dog racing seasons runs through Oct. 12. For more information on schedules and dates, call 503-667-7700.

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Griffey Lashes Out at Fans, Media

Injured star says hometown treats him worse than Seattle

(AP)—Ken Griffey Jr. is tired of how he's being treated in his hometown. The injured Cincinnati Reds outfielder lashed out Monday at the way fans and the media have kept him in the spotlight since he came home in a February 2000 trade with the Seattle Mariners.

With Griffey hurt again, some fans are questioning whether the trade was worthwhile.

"I get consistently beat up for no reason," Griffey said, sitting in his locker after batting practice. "It's been happening since the very first day I got here, and I'm tired of it. You try to bend over backward to do the right thing, and it just seems to get thrown in my face."

"I came here to play baseball. I took less money. I didn't whine or anything, and this is the thanks I get? I don't need that."

Griffey tore the patella ten-

don in his right knee on April 7 and is on the disabled list. There's no target date for his return, which is expected sometime in the next few weeks.

Since he agreed to a nine-year, \$116.5 million contract to play in his hometown, Griffey has repeatedly bristled at all of the attention he gets. He had been in more of an upbeat mood this season - until Monday.

Part of his anger resulted from a television station poll asking which player should sit the bench when Griffey is able to play again. Griffey was one of the four choices, and 74 percent of the fans picked him.

The Reds went on a winning streak and moved into first place in the NL Central after Griffey got hurt, but had lost four in a row heading into Monday's game against Milwaukee.

Griffey considered the television poll just another example of



Ken Griffey Jr. says he is unhappy with the way he has been treated by fans and the media since returning to his hometown in a trade from Seattle.

how he's mistreated in Cincinnati.

"I don't think anybody has even given me a chance to know who I am and my personality," Griffey said. "I'm the person that

gets beat up the most - for what? For no reason."

Griffey said he's been treated worse in Cincinnati than he was in Seattle.

Carlisle Wins NBA Coach of Year

(AP) Rick Carlisle won the NBA Coach of the Year award on Tuesday after leading the Detroit Pistons to the Central Division title in his first year with the team.

Carlisle led Detroit to 50 wins — 18 more than last season — and its first division title since 1990.

He played in the league for five seasons and was an assistant coach for 11 before getting his first head coaching job this season.

"This isn't an award for me. This is an award for our franchise," Carlisle said. "I'm humbled to win this and be among this type of basketball royalty, but I couldn't have done it without the players and the staff and their hard work."

The Pistons lead the Boston Celtics 1-0 in their best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinal series. Game 2 is Wednesday.

Detroit started 14-6, then lost 13 of 16 games, before bouncing back and finishing the sea-



Rick Carlisle

son with a 33-13 run.

His honor is the latest for the Pistons. Ben Wallace was the Defensive Player of the Year and a third-team All-NBA choice, while Corliss Williamson was the top sixth man. Cliff Robinson was voted to the second-team All-Defense team, and Zeljko Rebraca made the second-team All-Rookie team.

The last Pistons coach to win the award was Ray Scott in the 1973-74 season.

Front Office Likes Trailblazer Core

(AP) - What will the Portland Trail Blazers look like next year?

It's anybody's guess, but team officials say they are happy with the core of this year's roster. One big question is whether they'll keep guard Bonzi Wells.

Wells becomes a restricted free agent soon. This year he

averaged career highs in points, rebounds, steals and minutes played. So re-signing Wells is a top Blazers priority.

Bonzi says he wants to stay in Portland. Portland must now come up with an offer, and other teams will be able to make offers too. Portland says it will match any other offer made.

PSU Defense Dominates

The defense dominated as the Viking football team put on a short, 40-play scrimmage Saturday at Stott Community Field. It was the second formal scrimmage of the spring for Portland State as it prepares for the annual Spring Game on May 11. Safety Benjamin Tucker, a junior-to-be, picked off a tipped pass on the third play of the scrimmage and returned it 35 yards for a touchdown. The Spring Game will take place next Saturday at Lake Oswego High School. Kickoff is at noon and admission is free.



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College Exam Practice Tests

Kaplan Test Prep will be holding a free PSAT and SAT Practice Test event for prospective college applicants. The event will be from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Saturday, May 18 at the Portland Kaplan Center, located in the Galleria Building, 600 S.W. 10th Ave. Ste. 402.

King Neighborhood Association

Grants for \$30,000 to \$50,000 are now available to low and moderate income renters to buy homes. Renters must currently live in the following neighborhoods: Portsmouth, Kenton, Arbor Lodge, Bridgeton, Piedmont, Overlook, Humboldt, King, Boise, and Eliot. Call the Portland Community Land Trust for more information at 503-493-0293.

Annual PCC Plant Sale

Wondering to get mom for Mother's Day? Purchase some plants for the occasion at the annual PCC Plant Sale at the Rock Creek Campus greenhouse, 17705 N.W. Springville Road, from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, May 9 - 11. Call 503-614-7255.

Lead Awareness Forum

A Community Lead Awareness Forum will be held on Thursday, May 30 at the King Elementary School, 4906 N.E. 6th Ave., from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. For more information, call Janice Lewis at 503-823-2354.

Radical Women Meeting

Radical Women hosts Birgit Nielsen, writer and translator, who traveled to Mexico's border region and visited a maquiadora and Factor X, a women's rights organization. Nielsen will report on the impact of NAFTA and the impending FTAA on women laborers and their organizing against inhuman working conditions. The meeting will be on Wednesday, May 8, 7 p.m. at the Bread and Roses Center, 810 N. Killingsworth. The meeting is free and open to the public. Call 503-240-4462.

Mallory Ave. Christian Church

Dr. Francis Cress Welsing, author of the psychology book "The Isis Papers" will be in Portland at the Mallory Ave. Christian Church, 126 N.E. Alberta, on May 18 at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Welsing will be speaking on black mental health, black inferiority concepts, the white supremacy system and the color concept of God. To purchase tickets, call Jerome or Schawna Tanner at 503-288-5331 or 503-289-3490.

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