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Loose Screws

Scores of cars and trucks got flat tires Monday along a 15-mile stretch of highway outside of Lebanon Junction, Ky., after an estimated 50,000 screws spilled onto the pavement. Police said no accidents or injuries were reported.

Money to Burn

Talk about dropping some change between the couch cushions. North Shore firefighters found \$10,000 stashed in a piece of furniture they picked up from a curbside and used for a training exercise, authorities said. Fire Chief David Berousek said the fire during the exercise consumed the fabric on the furniture, but the money was discovered undamaged. He said he had no explanation for how the cash survived the flames.

Hostage Holding Bees

The bees showed up suddenly at the front door of Sam's Mini Market in the northern Los Angeles suburb of Chatsworth at about 11 a.m. on Thursday as customers were making last-minute holiday purchases, said store owner Kawaljit Singh. The bees, which had built a hive under the liquor store sign, trapped Singh, two customers and an employee inside the store for about two hours as firefighters repeatedly doused the insects with firefighting foam.

Protesting Peep

Workers at the nation's only unionized peep show in San Francisco, Ca., walked the picket line, arguing that a contract offer by management at the Lusty Lady is too skimpy. Wearing pink T-shirts that read "Bad girls like good contracts," dancers banged on pots Monday and chanted, "Two, four, six, eight, pay me more to gyrate!"

Homewrecking Cat

Many couples divorce because the wife refuses to share her husband with another woman. For one Taiwanese couple, the home wrecker was a cat. A judge said on Monday that he allowed a woman divorce her husband because she refused to share the couple's bed with the man's cat.

Talking Head

Marketed as the perfect Christmas stocking stuffer for the unrepentant political junkie, a talking George W Bush doll has been selling by the thousands, according to its creator. John Warnock, who created the doll with his father-in-law, described the Bush doll as a "political action figure" suitable either as a collectible for adults or a toy for children.

Ousting Bad English

Fed up with restaurants offering "fried pawns" and "bean eurd," Beijing tourism officials are launching a campaign to stamp out mangled English on menus and public signs, a state newspaper reported Friday. Some examples: "Collecting Money Toilet" for a public restroom, and "To take notice of safe, the slippery are very crafty" (warning that roads are

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—Monique Douglass-Andrews, Portland-raised author of 'From Ghetto to Glory'

A STORY TO TELL



Monique Douglass-Andrews, incest abuse survivor and author of 'From Ghetto to Glory' stands in front of her childhood home in northeast Portland. The traumatic experiences of her youth opened the doors for multiple personalities, which she believed to be spirits of girls who had died in the home.

PHOTO BY WYNDE DYER/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Memoir on struggles with childhood abuse hits home

BY WYNDE DYER
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It took 10 years to come to terms with the abuse and another year to write it all down.

Now that 'From Ghetto to Glory' is hot off the presses, Monique Douglass-Andrews is glad to have it off her back.

"I just couldn't die with this story inside of me," she said. "It was burning in my heart trying to get out." The memoir, released to all major bookstores in October, is a deeply private journey through the childhood and young adult years of Sookie, the character Douglass-Andrews based on herself.

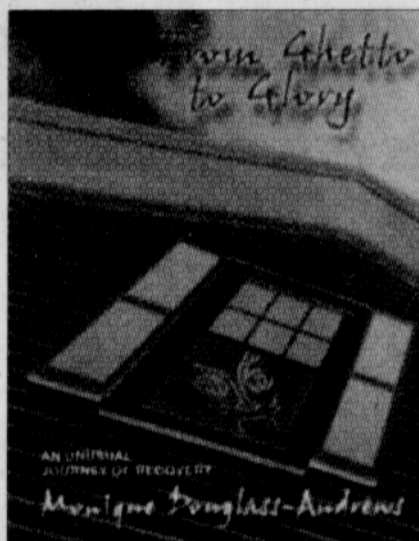
In just short of 160 pages, Douglas-Andrews guides readers along

with fresh narrative during Sookie's painful experience with a father who leaves her, a brother who molests her, multiple personalities that torment her and a loving mother who never knew about any of it.

She toys with juvenile lesbian tendencies, pushes away her family, numbs the pain of abuse with promiscuity, has a daughter she almost kills, joins a cult and is seduced by her trusted employer.

A self-described 'imaginative creative-type,' Douglass-Andrews said she started writing when she was eight. She would write stories and try to drop hints about the abuse by leaving journals around

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Monique Douglass-Andrews memoir, 'From Ghetto to Glory,' can be found in the self help and recovery sections at all major bookstores as well as Reflections Bookstore, 446 NE Killingsworth.

BOOK REVIEW: From Ghetto to Glory

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Told on the streets of northeast Portland, Sookie's story begins with her picturesque family—a mother, father, and three brothers she calls her 'daddys'. They spent their days eating cookies under the Reading Tree in Irving Park and nights watching Bruce Lee flicks at the Alberta Street Theater. Mama cooked up chitlins and greens in a pink-flamingo colored kitchen and Daddy took the boys on weekend fishing trips.

But soon the life they knew falls apart when Sookie's father leaves the home into the arms of another woman.

Daddy Tee, the eldest brother, starts pimping and rolling around in Cadillacs. Daddy Chaz, the

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Police, Leaders Beg for Information

Silence after three deadly shootings leave investigators in the dark

BY WYNDE DYER
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Police, community leaders and victims advocacy groups gathered for a news conference at the King Facility last Friday to address public concerns about the recent shootings and homicides in north and northeast Portland.

Portland Mayor Vera Katz, Police Chief Mark Kroeker, community leaders, gang outreach workers and representatives of the Portland Police Bureau of Tactical Operations and Detective Divisions offered an update on the investigations and recent trends in violence.

They begged the community to come forward with any information that may help three ongoing homicide investigations in the shooting deaths of Deaustin Vondale ett, 20, on Nov. 15, Domingo Lee Gonzalez, 25, on Nov. 17, and Asia Rene Bell, 21, on Nov. 20.

"We know there are people out there who have information and we cannot emphasize enough the need for them to step forward," said Sergeant Ed Brumfield of the Homicide

Duckett was found on Nov. 15 when he responded to a 'check welfare' call. The 10-year-old was slumped over in a plum-



Rev. Rob Richardson and Pastor Roy Tate urge area residents to step forward with information about the recent killings of Deaustin Duckett, Domingo Gonzalez and Asia Bell. "If you can't talk to the police—talk to the pastors," Tate said.

PHOTO BY WYNDE DYER/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

colored Honda Accord LX in the parking lot of an apartment complex at 508 N.E. Graham. Police believe the gunshot victim had been in his car for at least 24 hours.

Gonzales, a victim of multiple gunshot wounds, was found dead in the early morn-

ing of Nov. 17 outside a home used as an after hours club near the intersection of Northeast 22nd Avenue and Lombard. Police believe between 30 and 50 people were at the

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School Board Walks Out

All but one member of the Portland School District's Board of Directors walked out of its Monday night meeting after a crowd of angry teachers jeered, booed and yelled as board president Karla Wenzel read a proposal to cut teacher salaries and benefits.

African American board member Derry Jackson called the walkout "very inconsiderate," and was the only director to stay behind to let teachers air their complaints.

The board's contract proposal would reduce teacher benefits and places caps on insurance and wages. In addition, the district is looking at finding another \$4 million in cuts from this year's budget.

The school board is looking at the possibility of cutting funding for high school spring sports, a cut that would erase \$400,000 worth of funding for golf, baseball, softball, tennis, and track and field.

Superintendent Jim Scherzinger warned that it may get worse in next year's budget.

He said the board will consider cutting more school days, closing additional schools and making mass layoffs.



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