



One Way Plan For Burnside

West Burnside (above) and East Burnside on both sides of the Willamette River would change drastically under a plan to make the thoroughfare a one-way street. Proponents want to push half the street's traffic onto Couch Street for a more pedestrian friendly environment on Burnside. The Burnside Bridge would remain two-way. The project is set to be implemented within the next five years, if \$40 million in funding becomes available.

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Bank Accused of Racial Profiling

(AP) — A Portland businessman has filed a lawsuit against U.S. Bank, claiming he was refused service because he was wearing sunglasses, looked suspicious and is black.

Xavier Allen, 38, seeks unspecified monetary damages for "embarrassment, humiliation, anxiety and pain."

On Aug. 30, 2001, Allen was wearing sunglasses and a Panama-style hat as he waited to deposit money from his catering business at an east Portland branch.

U.S. Bancorp officials say a supervisor asked Allen to remove the glasses as a security precaution. He removed them, but by the time he reached the teller, she refused to serve him and told him to go to another line.

A white customer in the bank at the same time as Allen was allowed to do business while wearing sunglasses, the complaint says.

Allen, owner of Hot Dog Extraordinaire and Extraordinaire Catering, said he later sent two of his white employees into the bank wearing the same sunglasses and hat. Both times, the men made their deposits without a word from bank officials, according to the complaint.

Moore Street Offers Free Haircuts

The Salvation Army Moore Street Corps and Community Center at 5325 N. Williams will offer free haircuts for boys and girls on Monday, Dec. 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The annual event is a Christmas gift to children ages 16 and under on a first come, first serve basis.

The haircuts are done by professional haircutters. To volunteer, call Mike Verbout at 503-286-4381 or Linda Houston at 503-285-1884.

TriMet Free on New Year's Eve

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A New Year's Eve Celebration at Pioneer Courthouse Square will bring minor impacts on TriMet service. Bus and train stops near the square will close during the event.

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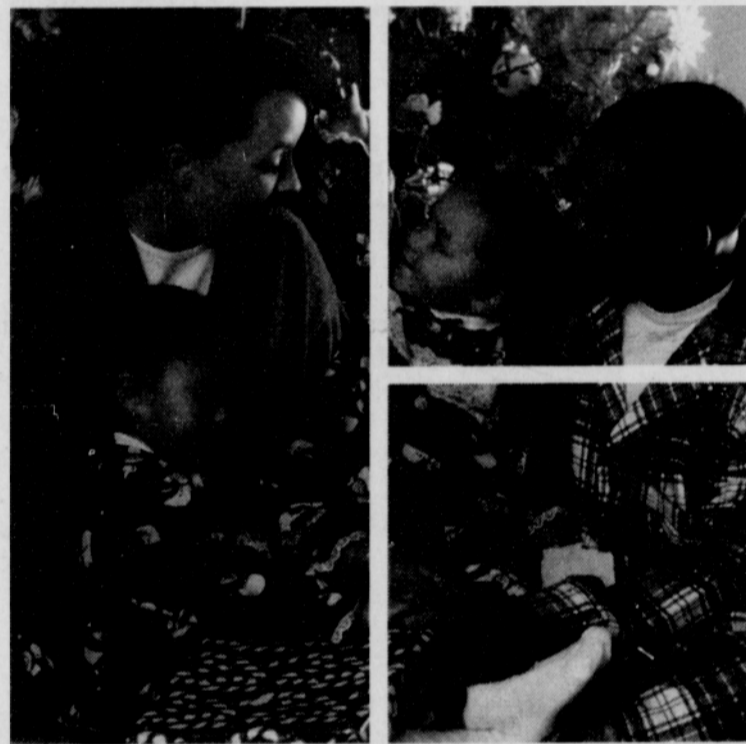
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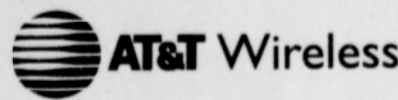
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