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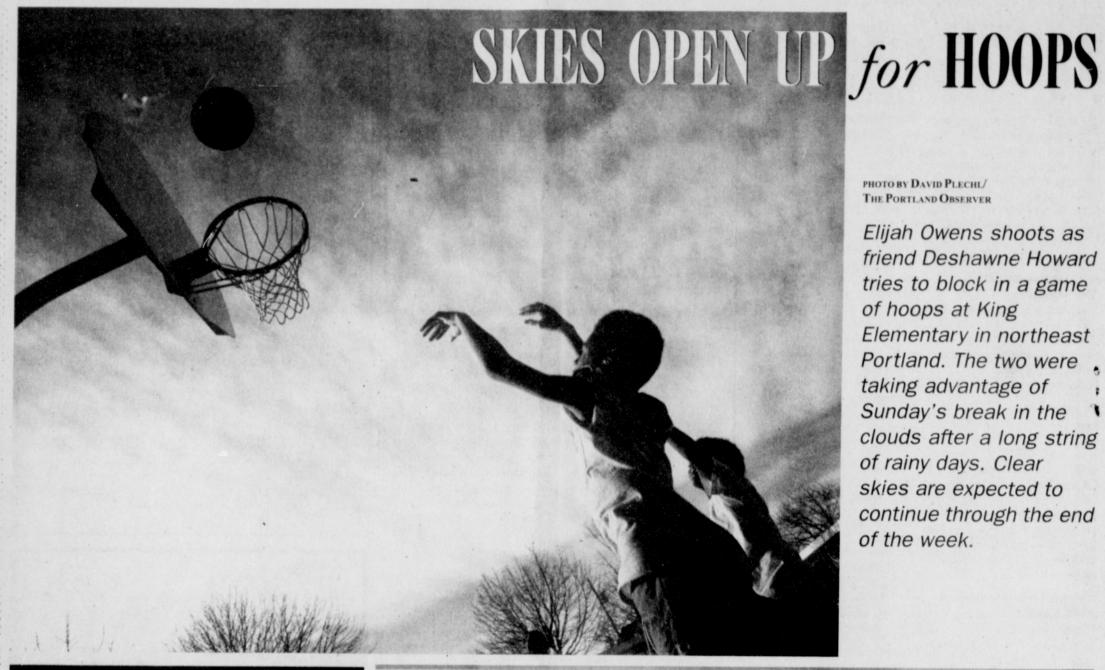


PHOTO BY DAVID PLECHL/ THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Elijah Owens shoots as friend Deshawne Howard tries to block in a game of hoops at King Elementary in northeast Portland. The two were taking advantage of Sunday's break in the clouds after a long string of rainy days. Clear skies are expected to continue through the end of the week.

MLK Holiday Invitational

presented by G.I. Joe's and Albina Community Bank

at Jefferson High School, 5210 N. Kerby

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10TH

Grant vs. Mt. Tahoma at 6:00pm Battle Ground vs. Mt. Zion at 7:30pm

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH

Lake Oswego vs. Prairie at 5:00pm Battle Ground vs. Mt. Tahoma at 6:30pm Jefferson vs. Mt. Zion at 8:00pm

Tickets available January 5th - January 9th at the Delta Park G.I. Joe's Ticketmaster 1140 N. Hayden Meadows Dr., Portland, exit 3068 off I-5 Phone: (503)283-0318

Adult. Students/youth (18 and under)..... Tickets at the Game Students/youth (18 and under) \$6.00



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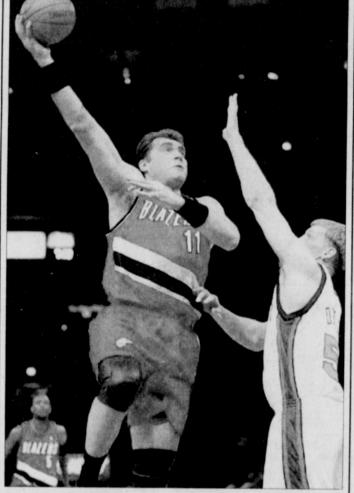
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SABONIS PROPELS BLAZERS IN WINS

Portland Trail Blazers' Arvydas Sabonis shoots over New York Knicks' Michael Doleac during first half action at Madison Square Garden in New York on Sunday. Portland won the game 92-89, with Sabonis' play being instrumental to the team's 10th victory in the last 11 games. (AP photo)

Stoudamire Benched; Blames Whitsitt

dent Bob Whitsitt.

He's sure even though Coach Maurice Cheeks says the decision Knicks, a fan yelled to Stoudamire, was made by him and him alone.

Whitsitt, too, says he would stay at my house." never tell his coach who should

But Stoudamire says he's fed

(AP) - Damon Stoudamire's up, so much so that he says he certain that he's warming the bench wants to play for any other team, at the behest of Blazers' team presias long as Whitsitt's not in

> At Sunday's game against the "You've got to get traded. You can

> The disgruntled Stoudamire replied, "I'd live in your dog house to

get out of this." A two-floor exhibit at the Muhammad Ali Center in Louis-

Museum to Tell Story of ville, Ken. will tell the story of the boxing great - from childhood Muhammad Ali globe-trotting humanitarian.

The center is expected to to heavyweight champion to complete, said Mike Fox, presi- confidence, dedication, spiritudent of the center.

open in downtown Louisville in native will feature six "portals," late 2004. Design work on the each spotlighting a trait the deexhibits is about 40 percent signers attribute to Ali: charity,

The tribute to the Louisville ality, respect and conviction.

Jeff Hoopsters to **Host Nation's Best**

play the other top

Marshall Haskins, Jefferson

High School basketball coach

Invitational pays tribute to Martin Luther King Jr.

BY DAVID PLECHL

THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Jefferson High School in north Portland will host the first ever Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Invita-

tional basketball tournament Friday and Saturday, featuring teams from around the coun-

Jefferson Basketball Coach and Athletic Director Marshall Haskins said similar tourna-

ments have sprung up across the the MLK holiday in a spirit of camaraderie and brotherhood.

"Basketball is a perfect opportunity

The invitational pits Grant against Mt. Tahoma at 6 p.m. Friday. Battle

Groundtakes on Mt. Zion at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's action has Lake Oswego taking on Prairie at 5 p.m.; Battle Ground playing Mt. Tahoma at 6:30 p.m.; Battle Ground up against Mt. Tahoma at 6:30 p.m.; and

Jefferson playing Mt. Zion at 8 p.m. Mt. Zion has consistently been ranked in the top five nationally and has produced such greats as NBA superstar Tracv McGrady. Haskins

sees the game as If you're trying to an opportunity for be a top team in the his guys to match skills. country, you try and

"Ifyou're trying to be a top team in the country, you try and play the other top teams," he said.

and athletic director. Proceeds from the event will benefit Jefferson country as a positive activity to honor High, Cisco Kids and the Portland Interscholastic League. Haskins said the tournament was made pos-"We're doing our part to realize sible by generous donations from Dr. King's dream," said Haskins. G I Joes and Albina Community

> "Albina Bank and GI Joes are doing something very positive in the community here," said Haskins.

Rose Bowl Victory



Oklahoma Sooners pose for a group photo after their 34-14 win over Washington State in the Rose Bowl in Pasadena on New Year's Day. Signaling number one in the center is coach Bob Stoops and to his left is quarterback Nate Hybl (8), the game's most valuable player. (AP Photo)