

Let's Play Ball

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Despite the costs and difficulties of building such a stadium, the economic, community development and civic pride payback is one Flipper believes would be realized long into the future.

"We're looking at Major League baseball having partnerships with schools and parks and having a significant impact on employment in the surrounding areas. We know what's happening in other communities and those impacts have in many cases, been very formidable, very positive," Flipper said.

Despite the optimism, others are more skeptical. One of them is African-American Chamber of Commerce of Oregon President and Chief Executive Officer Roy Jay.

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Jay wants minorities to benefit over the long haul of having a stadium here, not just in the short term. He also is concerned about how such a project would be sold to the public.

"The concept of having a Major League team in Portland would be an added benefit for the community if we know how to market it to the community effectively. It has to be so exciting that people will want to come from out of town to watch the teams play," he said.

* Jay also wants to see African-Americans involved in all phases of the business, from stadium construction to the management and employees once the project is finished.

Flipper also wants to provide this kind of benefit from the stadium if it is located here. What will happen remains to be seen.

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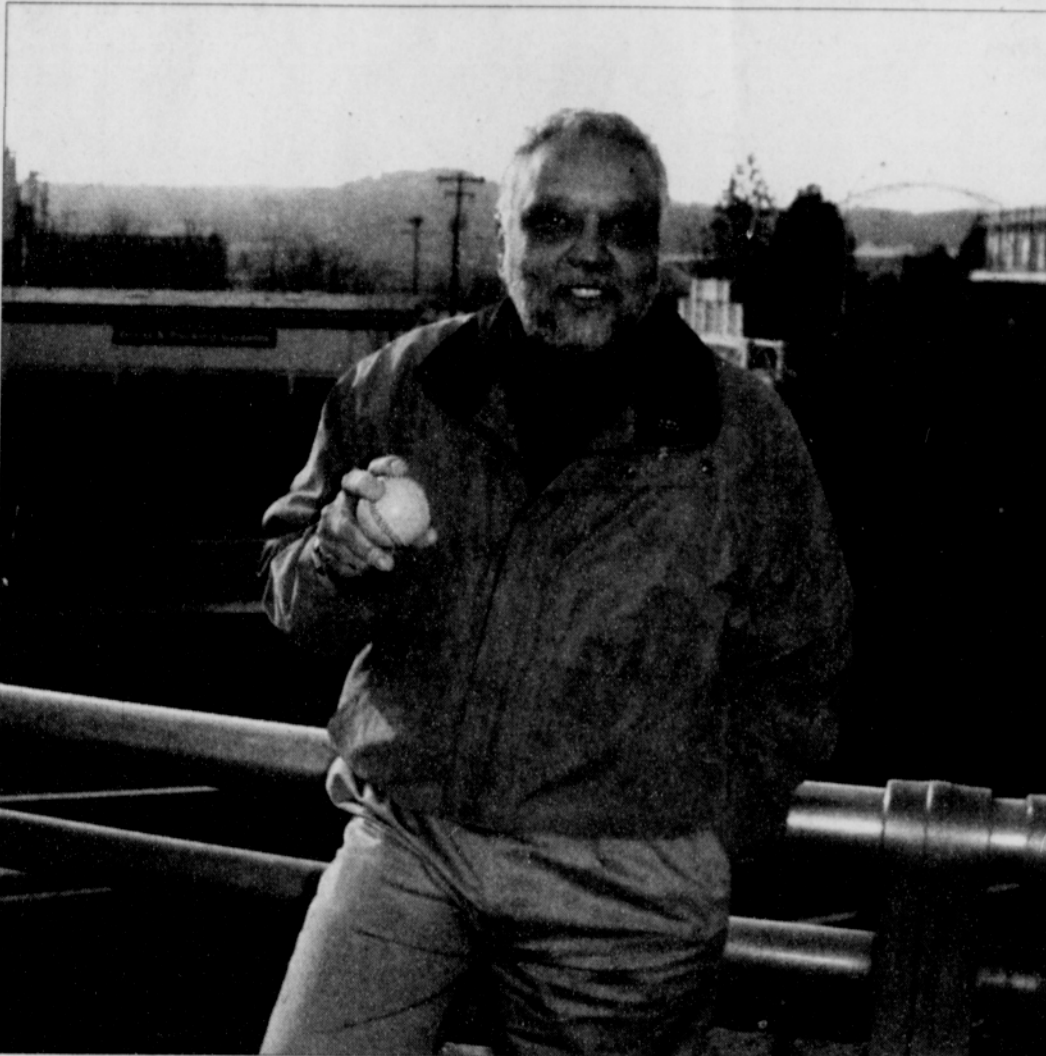


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Portland community advocate Carl Flipper stands near the proposed site of a new stadium for Major League baseball in north Portland and points to the west where three other stadium sites have been identified. The placement of a team here is contingent on the awarding of a franchise by Baseball owners and funding for the stadium.

Hispanics Now Outnumber Blacks

(AP) — Hispanics have surpassed blacks as the nation's largest minority group, according to the Census Bureau.

The Latino population grew to 37 million in July 2001, up 4.7 percent from April 2000. The black population increased 2 percent during the same period, to 36.1 million.

The estimates are the Census Bureau's first statistics on race and

ethnicity since results from the 2000 census were released two years ago.

Census Bureau demographer Roberto Ramirez said it has long been expected that Hispanics would someday surpass blacks because their birth and immigration rates are higher.

"And the trend shows it will clearly be increasing more in the future," Ramirez said.

Hispanics now comprise nearly 13 percent of the U.S. population. Blacks make up 12.7 percent of the nation's population. Whites remained the largest single population group at 70 percent of all U.S. residents.

Asians are the next largest minority group after blacks and Hispanics, at about 12.1 million, or 4 percent of the population.

The 2000 census, for the first

time, allowed people to check off more than one racial category, increasing the number of possible choices for racial origin from five in 1990 to 63.

A separate question also asks if someone is of Hispanic ethnicity. The federal government considers "Hispanic" an ethnicity instead of a race, so people of Hispanic ethnicity can be of any race.

Students Make Video on Vanport

A video detailing the construction of Vanport and the flood that devastated the Portland community will be produced beginning this month thanks to School to Work teams and classes at Portland public high schools.

The venture will detail the lives of Vanport residents and the destruction of the city by the flood of 1948, thanks to support from the Sabin Community Development Corp., the Black United Fund, the Urban League of Portland and Portland Cable Access.

Students will be involved in three teams: historical research, film production, and community involvement.

Local film producer Ira Flowers and Portland Cable Access will mentor students on the making of the film. A 56-minute documentary will be completed with a 10-minute promotional video for this year's 55th anniversary of

the flood.

Youth are training at Portland Cable Access and will begin filming in February. The community involvement team is crafting a Vanport questionnaire, which will help solicit information from local citizens. The team is looking for anyone who helped to build Vanport, was an area shipbuilder in the 1940s, a Vanport resident or a relative of someone with a Vanport experience.

Those interested in completing the questionnaire may call the school district's PACT Center at 503-281-0668.

Respondents may be contacted to determine possible film opportunities or to collect, photograph or record artifacts, memorabilia and souvenirs.

Sabin Community Development Corporation hopes to showcase the film with the Time Warner and the George Lucas

website, which seeks film submissions from students. A local showing of the film is planned in order to raise funds for a perma-

nent marker on Alberta Street. For more information, contact the PACT Center at 503-281-0668.

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Chamber to Open Civil Rights Unit

The African American Chamber of Commerce plans to officially establish a civil rights investigations unit sometime in 2003, according to Roy Jay, president and chief executive officer of the local chapter.

The office will look at employment, housing, law enforcement, education, health and business discrimination matters. For the past 5 years,

the chamber has been a guiding force on major economic issues in the area.

"We're just getting ready to expand our role" says Jay.

He said funding for the civil rights unit will come from grants and other revenue.

For more information, call the chamber at 503-796-8667 or email at BlackChamber@Mail.Com or BlackChamber@USA.NET.

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Reading Group Open to All

All kids can learn to read and learn to read well. That is the motto of Reading Works! — a local church-sponsored reading group open to both kids and adults.

An open house to introduce the program to the community will be held on Monday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. at the Portland Metro Assembly of God Church, located at Northeast 6th and Alberta.

Reading Works! begins a new class term on Monday, Feb. 10,

with classes held Monday and Wednesday nights, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the church.

Katy Libke, an experienced teacher, leads the instruction. Her focus is on reading and verbalization skills in a structured but fun environment. Students practice at individual levels.

Anyone interested in signing up or becoming an adult volunteer can call Angie Saunders at 503-288-1174 (daytime) or Katy Libke at 503-281-8121.

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