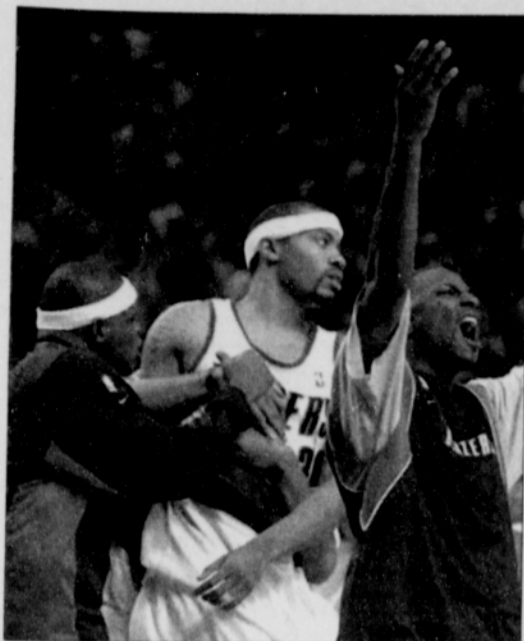


SPORTS

BLAZERS GET BOOST AGAINST LAKERS



Rasheed Wallace is mobbed by jubilant teammates Zach Randolph (left) and Jeff McInnis after sinking a three-point shot with less than a minute to go to put the Blazers in the lead over the Los Angeles Lakers in Portland Sunday. The Lakers missed a final opportunity to score, and the Blazers won 101-99. The Blazers are locked in a race for the fourth spot in the Western Conference playoffs. They will finish the regular season Wednesday against the Clippers in Los Angeles (AP Photo)

Third Straight Masters Eludes Tiger

(AP) — Tiger Woods was miffed. His caddie gave him some bad advice, Woods made it worse with a bad swing, and now his chances of winning a third straight green jacket were all but gone.

He walked alone toward the fourth green staring straight ahead, not even hearing the murmur coming from the bleachers when his double bogey was posted.

Winning another Masters was never going to be easy.

When you're Tiger Woods, though, it's not supposed to be this hard.

"No one has ever done it," Woods said. "Obviously it's proven it's hard to do."

A week filled with mistakes came to a sputtering close Sunday when Woods shot his worst final round in a Masters - a 75 - to finish nine strokes behind winner Mike Weir.

The charge into Amen Corner that both his fans and fellow competitors expected never materialized, leaving Woods a chore he couldn't have relish - putting the green jacket around Weir's shoulders.

He was smiling and philosophical. But even through the words it was hard to hide the disappointment.



Tiger Woods eyes his ball as he blasts out of the trap on the seventh hole during final round play of the 2003 Masters. (AP photo)

"That's sports," Woods said. "It's why we play, to put yourself in position. You're not going to win every time."

Woods was good enough to win the last two times, but it didn't take long in a sun-splashed final round to figure out this was not going to be his day.

It might not have been surprising, given Woods shot 76 in the first round and had to make a par putt on the final hole just to make the cut. But after a third round of 66 that brought him within four strokes entering Sunday's play, other players were nervously eyeing the leaderboard.

Planners Push Growth in St. Johns

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support for apartments up to three stories high on Lombard, and less enthusiasm for tall buildings along the Willamette River.

She said the planners are trying to place too many new residents in the area.

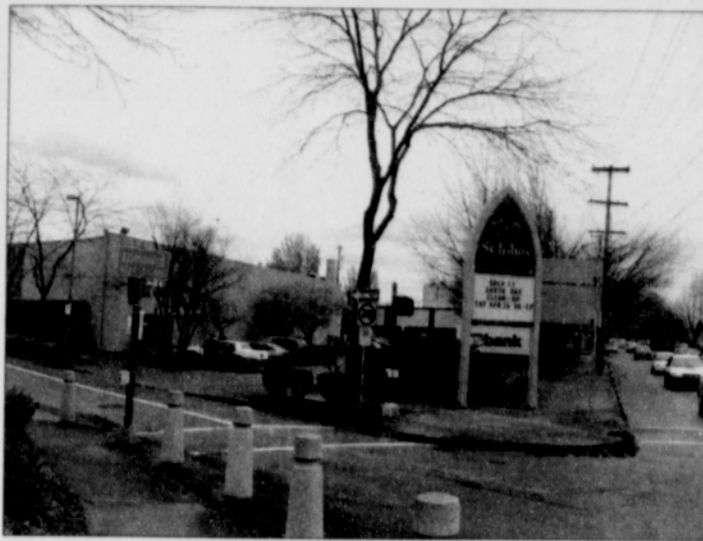
"We can't take another 100,000 people. This is the peninsula; we only have three access roads and they're all at capacity," Bogus said.

With regard to the process she says, "I feel we're being pushed pretty hard pretty quickly."

Bud Logan of the St. Johns Boosters sees some merit to re-examining zoning along some parts of North Lombard. However, on the whole, he said the most recent land use plan commissioned in 1980 is "perfectly adequate" today.

Gerry Howard of Albina Community Bank, a member of the plan's citizen advisory committee, disputed complaints about a lack of local input in the latest planning process.

He also supported increasing the population density around the St. Johns town



Traffic files down an intersection at N. Lombard in St. Johns.

single-family residential areas and the "village" atmosphere in St. Johns.

Traditionally a blue-collar neighborhood and home of shipyard and Rivergate industry workers, St. Johns has been changing demographically.

It is becoming more ethnically diverse. The neighborhood's Latino population, in particular, is now 14 percent of the total, twice the proportion of the city as a whole.

At the same time, more young professionals are buying homes.

"The neighborhood could use some gentrification, and it's happening," Logan says. "But it's still one of the cheapest places in town to buy a home."

Updyke says that in looking to revitalize the area, "We still have to be sensitive to the need to keep family-wage jobs."

Howard notes that the neighborhood has gone through planning processes in the past with little to show for them.

"Folks have begun to think that nothing ever happens here, and that (planning) projects are a waste of time," he says.

An open house on the draft St. Johns and Lombard Plan is set for 9:30 a.m. May 17 at the St. Johns Community Center, 8427 N. Central Ave.

A Voice in Writing

continued from Metro

An older woman reads her essay about a lack of medicine because of the failure of Ballot Measure 28 that results in demons telling her "to do terrible things."

Welcome to Write Around Portland, an event that encourages traditionally disenfranchised people - like those in poverty or with mental illnesses - to "find their own voice" through writing.

Area residents are learning more about the non-profit group during a series of workshops this spring and summer with a mass reading set for July 26 at Dawson Park in north Portland.

Some participants in this neighborhood endeavor have some creative writing experience, but it's not a pre-requisite, according to Write Around Portland founder Liza Halley

Last week, "alumnae" from the non-profit group held a workshop at Broadway Books in northeast Portland.

Jack Babcock, one of the night's readers, who once was an English major at the University of Oregon, began writing again after attending a Write Around Portland workshop.

"There are a lot of people who are interested in writing, but they need people to encourage them," Babcock said. Halley originally began doing writing workshops - for the elderly and children - in New Hampshire.

"In order for racial, gender and other inequities to be eliminated, people must find their own voice, and it is incumbent on others to listen to that voice," Halley says

Those wishing to participate or seeking more information, can call the group at 503-796-9224.

A Dynamic Duo

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"People don't see the good side of Roosevelt," Omar said. "I think Portland Public Schools is a great school system - provided that you work hard. It's what you do, not where you go to school."

Roosevelt High School Principal Andy Kelly said the school is the only one in the district to have a full multi-cultural center. The three staff members who run the center are funded by a special grant to support the school's high immigrant makeup and ethnically diverse student body.

"I think this is the first of many more to come, evidenced by the great work that teachers at Roosevelt High School are doing with kids," he said, commenting on the Abdullahs' success. "One of the things to understand about the low-performing schools designation is that it's only based on one thing - test scores administered in 10th grade."

Not only have the Abdullahs achieved academic success in

their college preparatory course load, but they've also joined Roosevelt's cross-country, track and soccer teams and made an effort to serve their community. The brothers research leukemia with the High School Apprenticeship Cancer Cure Project at Oregon Health & Science University, Omar is active with the Health Occupation Students of America, a medical terminology competition, and Abdulhamid volunteers as a tour guide at the Oregon Zoo.

"I just want to help my community," Abdulhamid said.

While Abdulhamid says returning to Ethiopia holds little draw for him, Omar says he plans to "go back and give service" to his native country when he becomes a physician.

"These are the kinds of kids teachers and principals love to have in their school," Kelly said. "They are role models to other kids, showing that you can overcome any amount of adversity if you commit to achieving your dreams."

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