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Iraqi Lynch helper given asylum

Mohammed al-Rehaief, an Iraqi lawyer who helped U.S. commandos locate and rescue prisoner of war Jessica Lynch has been granted asylum in the United States along with his family, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said Tuesday. "Mr. al-Rehaief should know Americans are grateful for his bravery and for his compassion," Ridge said.

Ohio residents oppose Army's disposal plans

People who live in a suburban Dayton, Ohio neighborhood where the Army wants to dump hazardous waste say their home should have never been picked because of who lives there. A third of the residents are black and a third are poor - a racial and economic makeup the community hopes will halt the military's plan.

Wireless 911 Service

Wireless industry officials said they will meet federal deadlines for providing enhanced 911 service that lets emergency operators locate cell phone users who call for help. When someone dials 911 on a traditional phone, emergency operators can trace the call to a street address. But creating a system for locating cell phone users who call 911 has been a challenge for wireless companies, regulators and workers at the nation's more than 7,000 emergency dispatch centers.

13 Iraqis killed in protester firefight

U.S. paratroopers fired on anti-American protesters during a nighttime demonstration Fallujah, Iraq, and a hospital reported Tuesday that 13 Iraqis were killed and 75 wounded, including three young boys. Soldiers said armed men had mixed into the crowd and fired at them from nearby buildings.

Man accused in sex slave case competent for trial

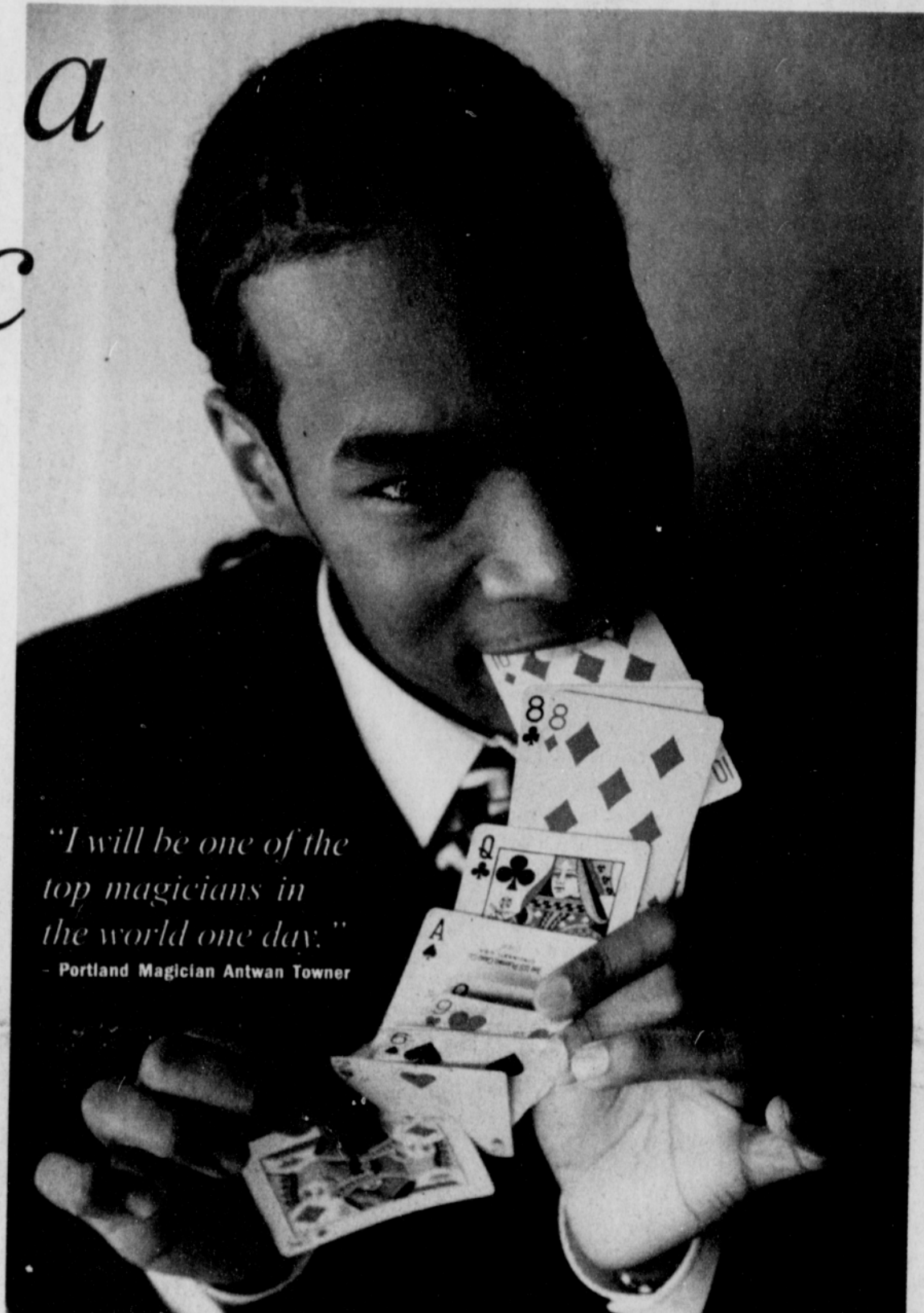
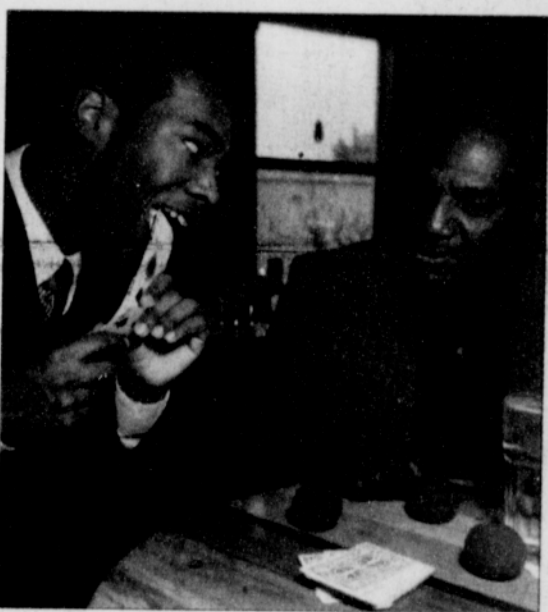
The retired handyman accused of holding at least five women as sex slaves in an underground bunker in Syracuse, N.Y. has been found competent to stand trial, a defense attorney said. John Jamelske, 67, is being held in jail without bail on charges of kidnapping, rape, sodomy and sexual abuse. He was arrested April 7 after a 16-year-old girl told authorities he had held her hostage for nearly seven months in a concrete dungeon he built under his back yard.

Quakes hit Pacific Northwest

An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 4.8 hit deep beneath the Olympic Mountains early last Friday, jolting much of western Washington. No major injuries or damage were reported, but the quake was felt across the Olympic Peninsula and in Seattle, 43 miles to the east. Friday's quake was three times as deep and 30 times more powerful than a 3.9 magnitude quake near Portland on Thursday.

'He's a Magic Man'

Local magician sets sights on Las Vegas stardom



"I will be one of the top magicians in the world one day."

— Portland Magician Antwan Towner

Local magician Antwan Towner dazzles his audience at Billy Reed's. Towner produces a deck of cards from his mouth while Milt Ross (left) puzzles over the foam balls Towner has previously made multiply and disappear.

BY WYNDE DYER
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Antwan Towner started turning magic tricks on the streets of Portland even before he could do algebra. What started as a hobby at age eight has become 20-year-old Towner's main obsession—and his main source of income.

The Portland native, who spent part of his childhood

in area foster homes, now performs roaming magic acts for Billy Reed's customers on Sunday and Monday nights.

But catch him while you still can, Towner might disappear—to the Las Vegas magic spotlight, that is.

"I will be one of the top magicians in the world one day," he said. "If I stay on the ball, in 10 years I'll have my own show in Vegas."

Towner's fascination with magic started around about the age of five. He was living in a foster home with a woman he fondly remembers as 'Miss Elsie.' She let him watch the magic acts of world famous David Copperfield, David Blaine and Lance Burton on television and Towner was hooked.

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Housing Agents Fight Displacement

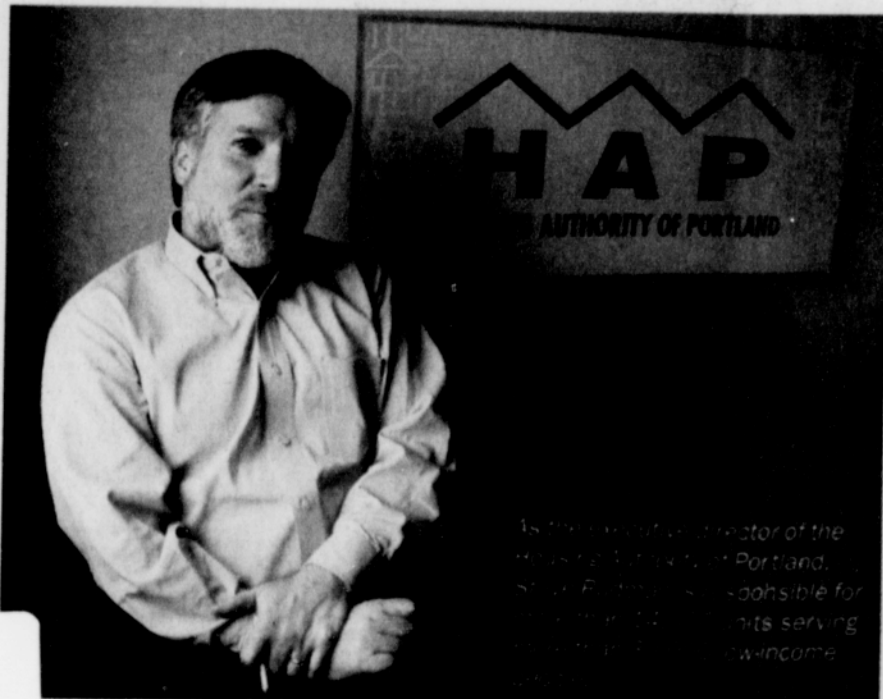


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AP tenants pay only 30 percent of their incomes

BY WYNDE DYER
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Steve Rudman is the man in charge of the largest provider of affordable housing options in Oregon. As Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Portland, Rudman has a personal attachment to the slogan "Portland -

The City That Works."

With a background in urban policy planning, Rudman said he knew Portland was the place he wanted to be when he moved to the Rose City from Pennsylvania in 1978 to take

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PCRI offers rental housing well below market rate

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The gentrification of north and northeast Portland is something of a double-edged sword for PCRI Director Maxine Fitzpatrick, who never anticipated the role she would play in pushing low-income residents out of inner city areas as a result of her efforts to help them.

Fitzpatrick moved to Portland in 1993 to take over PCRI, a non-profit community development corporation that had recently purchased 272 rental properties in north and northeast Portland with the plans of turning the derelict properties into affordable housing units.

The goal was one with good intentions and some positive outcomes, but Fitzpatrick said PCRI's renovation of the units caused many longtime inner north and northeast Portland residents to be forced out by an



PCRI Director Maxine Fitzpatrick played a major role in the revitalization of north and northeast Portland.

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influx of new residents to the area.

"We helped a few people out, but not nearly as many as were forced to relocate," Fitzpatrick said. "Some gentrification is good,

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